

MINUTES
IFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 8, 2006
NRCS OFFICE, CHAMPAIGN

The meeting began at 10 a.m. with a review of the agenda. Two items were added:
Address the urban forestry issue and carbon credits.

Present were Ray Herman, J. B. Gates, Bob Sloan, and David Gillespie.

Position Statements

- Ray said he talked to a Farm Bureau member from Clark County who is on the Farm Bureau resolutions committee. This person said as far as he was concerned the Forestry Development Act (FDA) could be repealed and a new act written since Clark County has not received any FDA funds.
- All three position statements were reviewed. The committee concentrated on the Position and Recommendations sections of the documents. Changes were made in these sections.
- Dave will incorporate all the changes made into the documents and send these changes to the Executive Committee for review.
- Ray will work on a summary of Issue and Background sections of the three position statements.

Urban Task Group

- The committee reviewed the draft charges to this task group as prepared by Ray.
- The committee agreed with the charges to this task group, and agreed Ray should proceed with the document and the list of names of potential members of the task group (see attached Urban Task Group paper).

Invitation to Wisconsin Workshop

- The Executive Committee agreed to accept the invitation of the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association to attend a regional workshop on enhancing the communication and organizational skills of woodland association board members. IFA will send a minimum of two (2), a maximum of five (5) IFA Board of Directors members to the workshop, and will reimburse the Board Members attending their actual travel, lodging, and meal expenses. (See attached invitation)

EQIP

- The committee reviewed the e-mail from Ivan Dozier on the subject of the EQIP special project for writing forest management plans by private consulting foresters (See attached copy of the e-mail.)
- Ray reported he had met with the IFA Technical Advisors Kurt Bobsin, Kathy McTighe, and Jay Hayek regarding the data put together by IDNR on the demand for forest management plans on the District Foresters. The IFA Technical Advisors are meeting with the Illinois Consulting Foresters Association today to discuss with them the proposed EQIP special project.
- As to the questions raised by Ivan in the second paragraph of his e-mail, the Executive Committee's answers are: work statewide based on the demand for

service; there should be no maximum acreage, set a minimum of 10 acres; there should be no restrictions on forest type; there should be no restrictions on soil type; participants should be serviced on a first-come-first-serve basis; we agreed to recommend the use of the 4.2 million forest land acres in Illinois; and the IFA Technical Advisors will recommend the amount of the incentive per acre to be paid.

After a discussion, the Executive Committee agreed to reimburse IFA Board of Directors \$.14 per mile to attend Board meetings.

The Executive Committee agreed to meet monthly either by conference call or face-to-face meetings, with at least one of the meetings being a face-to-face meeting.

Ray and Dave will meet with Rich Nichols at the AISWCD office on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 to discuss using their part-time secretary for IFA business, sharing office space, and the possible use of their conference call system.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be by conference call at 9:15 a.m. on October 10, 2006.

J. B. has a copy of Roberts Rule of Order and will bring it to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

David A. Gillespie
IFA Secretary