



Illinois Association of Drainage Districts
Improving land and water management by sharing information and ideas

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Dear Drainage District Commissioner:

Over recent legislative years, IADD has seen many attempts to erode away the Illinois landowners' drainage rights. In fact in this past Spring Legislative session, Legislators passed a historical bill spearheaded by Metro East Legislators that added new legislation to the Illinois Drainage Code. While currently, the new legislation only pertains to the Metro East Counties, IADD strongly believes this legislation sets a dangerous precedent for years to come. In order to be successful in halting any further attempts to remove the local control of drainage, IADD must have the support of all drainage and levee districts in Illinois. IADD is asking all non-member districts to consider becoming a member of this valuable association. Please bring this matter up at your next district meeting.

IADD has accomplished more than the Board ever anticipated. Compared to our opposition, our budget is small. We have succeeded because we are honest, sincere, hands-on people working for the "right things". We personally invite you to become a part of this active organization. Your membership will add to our influence and respect. We feel the drainage districts and landowners are best served if they use their own resources to fund the IADD. This has been proven true: we can stand on the tough issues and not be indebted to outside interests.

Your response to this invitation to join IADD will ensure that you are represented in issues that could greatly affect your right to manage your business without undue regulations.

Sincerely,

Harry Mogged, President
Illinois Association of Drainage Districts

IADD Works for You

In January 1995, the Illinois Association of Drainage Districts was organized as a Not-for-Profit Service Corporation in the State of Illinois. Over the past thirteen years, IADD has been working diligently to protect the local control of drainage. Our list of new experiences and accomplishments continues to grow, as shown by these noteworthy efforts:

- IADD has created awareness throughout the state that drainage districts are alive and working and will fight for their very existence when other governing bodies or agencies attempt to assume drainage district authority.
- IADD has influenced stormwater legislation so that farmland and farm runoff was excluded from control and a tax that could have cost millions of dollars. This effort included opposing and defeating the stormwater legislation many times in the state legislature. Our members filled the Committee Hearing Room in Springfield to show our opposition.
- Hundreds of bills are proposed in the Legislature each year. IADD must monitor legislation that would interfere with property rights and drainage law.

Please consider joining the only statewide association solely focused on protecting the integrity of the drainage and levee district.

IADD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual Membership Fee is based \$0.03 per acres (\$50 if less than 1700 acres)

Drainage District Name _____
Total number of assessed acres _____ X \$0.03 acre (\$50 if 1700 acres or less) = Membership Fee
Membership fee submitted \$ _____ Payment Enclosed Please Invoice
Attorney Name _____

Please list each commissioner /newsletter recipient

Commissioner #1 _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Commissioner #2 _____
Address _____
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Phone _____ Email _____

Commissioner #3 _____
Address _____
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Thank you for joining IADD. Please check the appropriate box for payment enclosed or invoice and send the completed form to the IADD State Office PO Box 44 Cerro Gordo, IL 61818 or fax to 217-763-6010.