

IPM Voice Executive Committee Conference Call
Thursday, July 22 2:30 CT/3:30 ET

Participants: Tom Green, Scott Hutchins, Carrie Koplinka-Loehr, Norm Leppla, Leigh Presley, Jim Van Kirk

Minutes:

1. Advocacy
 - a. Update on funding status.
 - i. Bev Paul expects continuing resolution, could postpone problem long enough for something to be done.
 - b. NRDC letter
 - i. Carrie spoke with Diane Miller.
 - Suggested that we contact HUD supporters to raise voice.
 - ii. They will go ahead and send letter to Senate and House ag approps.
 - c. Next steps
 - i. Will proceed with getting signatories for our letter; send out to Senate and House.
 - ii. Jim Cubie involvement.
 - Has served as Chief Council to senate ag committee, now retired.
 - May be interested in working for IPM Voice part time; knows ropes of Washington.
 - Important to get commodity groups to contact legislators.
 - iii. Leigh will continue working on spreadsheet listing legislators and key contacts, update with suggestions mentioned in call, send out email to S.C. asking for ideas/additions.
2. Planning for meeting in D.C. – October 4
 - a. Should determine if we need a facilitator once agenda is firmed up.
 - b. Agenda items
 - i. Governance
 - ii. Work on next Farm Bill.
 - Need resourcing about this...where to start, how to be useful.
 - Could use input from Jim Cubie. Get him to meeting; see what he could put together.
 - c. Meeting time 8 am – 5 pm.
 - d. Executive committee to meet night of October 3rd to go over agenda.
3. Advisory committee slate
 - a. Member interest in D.C. meeting.
 - i. Carrie informing current members of meeting details.