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June 2013 Quarterly Board Meeting Packet

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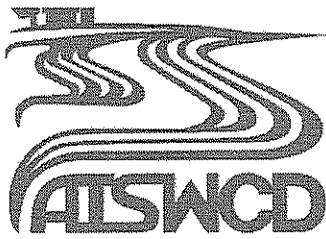
**June Quarterly Board Meeting
June 10 & 11, 2013
Northfield Inn & Suites**

Monday – June 10th

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| 9:00-11:45 a.m. | Executive Committee | Crystal |
| 12:00-1:00 p.m. | Lunch | Onyx |
| 1:00-2:00 p.m. | Auxiliary Committee Meeting | Jade |
| 1:00-3:00 p.m. | Round One Focus Area Committees | |
| | ▪ Communication: Steve Stierwalt, Chairman | Crystal |
| | ▪ Education: Jerry Snodgrass, Chairman | Diamond |
| | ▪ Planning: Van Bitner, Chairman | Emerald |
| 2:00-3:00 p.m. | Forestry Committee: David McCormick, Chairman | Jade |
| 3:00-5:00 p.m. | Round Two Focus Area Committees | |
| | ▪ Financial Management: Kenny Vosholler, Chairman | Crystal |
| | ▪ Legislative: Tom Beyers, Chairman | Diamond |
| | ▪ Urban Community & Conservation: Jerry Snodgrass & Gerard Fabrizio, Chairmen | Emerald |

Tuesday – June 11th

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| 7:15 a.m. | Board Member Breakfast | Ruby |
| 8:15 a.m. | Foundation & Board Meeting | Onyx/Opal |



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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 13, 2013

To: All AISWCD Board Members, Committee Members & Advisors

From: Lonnie Wilson, President

Re: June 2013 Quarterly Board Meeting

Please be advised the next meeting of the Board of Director's and Focus Area Committees of the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts has been scheduled. Specific information regarding the meeting is noted below:

Dates: June 10 and 11, 2013

Time: See Agenda (page 2)

Location: **Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center**
3280 Northfield Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62703
(217) 523-7900

If you should have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact the AISWCD office at (217) 744-3414. I look forward to seeing you in June.

Please make sure to contact Sherry Finn, at the AISWCD office, to make any room reservations for the Northfield Inn and to CONFIRM your meeting attendance by Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

*****Note: only meal expenses at the Northfield Inn are covered by the AISWCD.**



AISWCD Foundation Agenda

Lonnie Wilson, President

June 11, 2013 @ 8:15 a.m.

Onyx/Opal Rooms - Northfield Conference Center, Springfield, Illinois

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve March 2013 Minutes (Pages 5-6)
5. Old Business
 - McKibben Scholarship Review Committee Report (Applications)
6. New Business
 - Henderson County SWCD/Monsanto Fund "Grow America" Award
 - Approval FY 2012 AISWCD/Foundation Audit Summary (see Handout)
 - Questions on Financial Reports (Pages 34-35 & see handout)
7. Adjournment

AISWCD Foundation Meeting Minutes
AISWCD Quarterly Board
Northfield Inn, Springfield, IL
March 12, 2013

Members Present:

Lonnie Wilson
Tom Beyers
Van Bitner
Kenny Vosholler
Jerry Snodgrass
David McCormick
Steve Stierwalt
Carlyn Light
Barb Klinger
Terry Bogner
Lee Bunting
Terry Davis
Dan Duval
Randy Molitoris
Darrell Roegge
Daniel Doedtman
Steve Fulling
Don Beisiegel
Roger Johnson
Dale Shumaker
Gerard Fabrizius
Jim Todd, Past President

Members Absent:

Joe Rothermel
Mark Roth
Tom Anderson

Others Absent:

Mike Hoffman

Others Present:

Marie Bunting
Betty Buckert
Kara Downin

AISWCD Staff Present:

Rich Nichols
Sherry Finn
Kelly Thompson
Gina Bean

Chairman Lonnie Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Van Bitner did the Roll Call.

Approve the Agenda-A motion was made by Terry Davis and seconded by Steve Stierwalt to approve the agenda as presented, motion carried.

Approve the December 11, 2012 Minutes- **A motion was made by Jerry Snodgrass and seconded by Gerard Fabrizius to approve the December 11, 2012 meeting minutes as presented, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

George McKibben Scholarship Update- Sherry Finn stated that there is \$500 available for this year's scholarship. The scholarship form has been posted to the AISWCD website and sent to the four State schools to inform students about the scholarship.

NEW BUSINESS

McKibben Scholarship Review Committee Assignment- The Education Committee will continue to review the Scholarship applications.

Questions on Financial Reports –There were no questions.

Approve Financial Reports submitted- **A motion was made by Randy Molitoris and seconded by Terry Davis to approve the Financial Reports as submitted, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Darrell Roegge and seconded by Dan Duval to adjourn, motion carried.

Minutes taken by: Sue Davis, AC at Christian County SWCD

Approved by:

Signature

Date



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AISWCD Board of Directors Agenda

Lonnie Wilson, President

June 11, 2013 @ 8:30 a.m.

Onyx/Opal Rooms - Northfield Inn & Suites, Springfield, Illinois

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Partner Reports: 5 minute restriction (written reports attached if submitted)
 - IDOA: Steve Chard (Page 57)
 - NRCS: Ivan Dozier
 - FSA: (Page 58)
 - IEPA: Dick Breckenridge
 - IDNR: CREP (see handout)
 - ISWCDEA: Betty Buckert & Kara Downin (Page 56)
 - SWCD Insurance: Melissa Cauble (Pages 39-41 & see handout)
 - NCDEA: Cindy Moon
 - NACD North Central Report
 - NACD Delegate/Alternate: Lonnie Wilson/Tom Beyers
5. Committee Reports
 - Executive: Lonnie Wilson
 - Forestry: David McCormick
 - Auxiliary: Marie Bunting
 - Illinois Rivers Coordinating Council: Lee Bunting & Rich Nichols
 - Nominations: Terry Davis
6. Focus Committee Reports
 - Communications: Steve Stierwalt
 - Education: Jerry Snodgrass
 - Financial Management: Kenny Vosholler
 - Legislative & Resolutions: Tom Beyers
 - Planning: Van Bitner
 - Urban Community & Conservation: Jerry Snodgrass & Gerard Fabrizius
 - Executive Director's Report: Rich Nichols (see Hand out)

7. Area V.P. Reports
 - Area 1: Jerry Snodgrass
 - Area 2: David McCormick
 - Area 3: Steve Stierwalt
 - Area 4: Carlyn Light
8. Approve Minutes: March 2013 Board Meeting (Pages 9-14) & Dot Point Highlights (Pages 15-18)
9. Old Business
 - SWCD Dues Update
 - FY 2013 EPA 319 Grants-IGIG-IUM-CREP update-Rich Nichols
 - FY 2013 State Budget update-Rich Nichols
 - Memorandum of Understanding/Outreach Update-Lonnie Wilson
 - Friends of AISWCD (Affiliate Memberships) Update-Rich Nichols
 - Certainty Update-Lonnie Wilson
 - 2013 Farm Progress Show Update -Rich Nichols
- New Business
 - NACD Legislative Conference-Washington, D.C.
 - NACD-North Central Region-Legislative and Annual Meeting Conference Scholarships
 - FY 2014 Quarterly Board Meeting Date(s)/Location/Expenses
 - FY 2013 AISWCD Resolutions (see hand out)
 - FY 2012 AISWCD/Foundation Audit Summary Approval (see Handout)
 - Questions on Reports submitted in packet (See Handout)
 - Accept written reports
 - Questions on Financials submitted in packet
 - Accept financials (Pages 36-38)
10. Adjournment

**AISWCD Board meeting
March Quarterly Board
March 12, 2013
Northfield Inn & Suites**

Present

Lonnie Wilson, President
Tom Beyers, Vice President
Van Bitner, Secretary
Kenny Vosholler, Treasurer
Jerry Snodgrass, Area I VP
David McCormick, Area II VP
Steve Stierwalt, Area III VP
Carlyn Light, Area IV AP
Barb Klinger, Council 1
Terry Bogner, Council 2
Lee Bunting, Council 3
Terry Davis, Council 4
Dan Duval, Council 5
Randy Molitoris, Council 6
Darrell Roegge, Council 8
Daniel Doedtman, Council 10
Steve Fulling, Council 11
Don Beisiegel, Council 12
Roger Jackson, Council 13
Dale Shumaker, Council 15
Gerard Fabrizius, Council 16
Jim Todd, Past President
Marie Bunting, Auxiliary President
Betty Buckert, ISWCDEA AC Co-Chair
Kara Downin, ISWCDEA RC Co-Chair
Rich Nichols, AISWCD
Sherry Finn, AISWCD
Kelly Thompson, AISWCD
Gina Bean, AISWCD

Absent

Joe Rothermel, Council 7
Mark Roth, Council 9
Tom Anderson, Council 14
Mike Hoffman, Lobbyist

Call to Order

Lonnie Wilson, AISWCD President called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Secretary Van Bitner.

Approve Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. Lonnie Wilson would like to NACD North Central Report, and NACD Delegate/Alternate Report from Partner Reports on the agenda, and to discuss the letter sent out to districts by Carroll County listed under New Business. **Motion to approve agenda with above additions made by Dan Duval, seconded by Don Beisiegel. MCVV.**

Minutes

Motion to approve the December 2012 Quarterly Board Meeting minutes with the following corrections was made by Gerard Fabrizius, seconded by Lee Bunting. MCVV. Corrections: On page 11, under planning, for Annual Meeting. The date should be listed as July 22-23, not June.

Partner Reports

IDOA (Steve Chard) – Second and third quarter operations and cost-share funds have been released and should have been deposited in all the SWCD's bank accounts. Please see written report from IDOA attached to these minutes for more information.

NRCS (Eric Gerth) – See written report attached to minutes.

FSA – A written report was included in the packet, but Rick Braden and Jamie Diebal gave an oral report also. Rick discussed the fact they are working under a continuing resolution. He touched on staffing in Illinois, and the hard hiring freeze.

IEPA - No Report

DNR - No Report.

ISWCDEA - Betty Buckert, and Kara Downin, ISWCDEA Co-Chairs, gave the report. Written report is in March QB packet.

NCDEA - Written report attached.

NACD & NACD North Central - Lonnie Wilson gave a brief report. Included in the minutes is a written NACD report, along with Communications Committee highlights, North Central NACD Report, and a letter from Gene Schmidt, regarding District Official Training Program Recognition.

Committee Reports:

Executive - Lonnie Wilson reported the Executive Committee talked about items and programs that would be covered later in the different committee reports. Tasks were assigned to different committees.

Forestry - David McCormick gave the report. The committee has picked Rollie Spaniol for the Outstanding Forestry Award. A couple of the committee members have applied for grants through the Illinois Development Forestry Council, one has been accepted. A brochure will be put together and be ready for Summer Conference. Inserts from other partners and forest groups will be included. Two thousand will be printed, and it is called "Before you Cut." Timber Tax funds the Governor has been sweeping was discussed in regard to a resolution from 2012 Annual Meeting. **A motion was made by Dave McCormick that a letter is sent to the Governor, asking that Timber Tax Funds be restored, Lee Bunting seconded the motion; MCVV.**

AISWCD Auxiliary - Marie Bunting gave the report. Marie thanked everyone for their support in buying the NACD Quilt tickets that was raffled off at the NACD Annual Meeting. The winner was from Montana. Marie went over Auxiliary plans for Summer Conference. They will also provide an auction item.

SWCD Insurance - Melissa Cauble, Insurance Administrator, gave the insurance report for February, which was provided in the handouts (attached to minutes). Melissa has registered for the HPR seminar, which is put on by Central Management Services which is on April 23, at the Northfield Inn in Springfield. Open enrollment begins May 1 - June 15, 2013. Annual Payroll audit will be conducted at the end of the fiscal year.

Mississippi and IL River Coordinating Councils - Lee Bunting gave the report. The council met the 27th of February. It was a combined meeting with the Mississippi, Illinois, and Wabash councils in Springfield at DNR. Sand mining was discussed.

Focus Committee Reports

Communications - Steve Stierwalt gave the report. Steve touched on the importance of communicating with legislators and reported Gina Bean had been working on a map that will hopefully be interactive so you can point on your area of the state, and your legislators will show up. He thinks that will be a valuable resource. Social media and ways to use that were discussed in the committee. Kelly has asked Rich to send her a list of the bills that legislature is reviewing, and she puts some of those on the Associations Face book page. Kelly reported they are generating a lot more interest than the other things she posts. Steve thanked Sherry for getting the dot points out in a timely manner right after Quarterly Board. Steve reported the committee talked about getting information out to directors in a timelier manner. Everyone has the opportunity to get on il.all@aiswcd.org but there are a lot of people who are not taking the opportunity to get on this list. The committee recommended creating a list serve for directors to provide information that is targeted to them to include the dot points, action alerts for legislators, Rich's reports. The AISWCD would ask district staff to collect email addresses of their directors if the directors are willing and send to AISWCD. **Steve Stierwalt made a motion to create a list serve for directors, seconded by Jerry Snodgrass; MCVV.** Steve reported that at the last Quarterly Board meeting it was discussed that if AISWCD had a proposal or resolution they would really like to get passed, it would be prudent to try to get the idea into every county's Farm Bureau's hands, and try to get them support from them. The leadership is working on viable funding alternatives at this point, and Steve wanted to keep people thinking about this idea. **Motion to approve the Communications Committee report was made by Dan Doedtmann, seconded by Dale Shumaker; MCVV.**

Education - Jerry Snodgrass gave the report. Jerry reported they had promoted the Teacher of the Year Award thru DNR teacher data base. Jerry suggested that perhaps an excellent candidate for the award might be the Envirothon coaches. The Envirothon was discussed during the committee meeting. Jerry announced this would be the last year Canon would be sponsoring the Envirothon. This year they have cut back the funding for just the host state. Ideas have been kicked around about how to fund the Envirothon in the future at the national level. One of the ideas that came out of the North Central NACD Region was to charge \$1.00 per student that participates in an Envirothon. The Envirothon reaches approximately 500,000 students nationwide. Lonnie, as NACD delegate will take this on to the North Central to possibly draw up a resolution, or take to the committee who is working on it nationally.

Education (continued): Jerry made a motion that AISWCD support the idea of charging \$1.00 per student who participates in the Envirothon, starting at the local level, and would like this to be in the form of a letter to the North Central Region, and to NACD. Motion was seconded by Lee Bunting. MCVV. The Education Committee also discussed educating district directors at the Annual Meeting. Lee Bunting and Jerry Snodgrass will conduct the training this year. The committee re-affirmed the idea from the Communications Committee to create the list serve for directors, and especially the chairman. **Motion to approve the Education Committee report was made by Barb Klinger, seconded by Darrell Roegge. MCVV.**

Financial – Kenny Vosholler gave the report. Kenny reported he had received a letter from informing him the AISWCD had been drawn by the IRS to have an audit on 2010 finances. The committee recommended giving Kelly Thompson a 4% raise, as was discussed at December Quarterly Board. **Kenny Vosholler made a motion to give Kelly a 4% raise, seconded by Terry Davis. MCVV. A motion to approve the Financial Committee report was made by Don Beisiegel, seconded by Randy Molitoris. MCVV.**

Legislative & Resolutions – Tom Beyers gave the report. Mike Hoffman attended the committee meeting and went over legislative items that is occurring, or has occurred. The gaming bill that was submitted by Senator Cullerton was vetoed almost immediately by the Governor. Since that time, the Governor has proposed or written his own gaming bill. The Governor's interest is that most or maybe all that money be dedicated to education, so Soil & Water has been wiped out of that bill. Tom indicated Mike said it wasn't over yet, so "stay tuned." In the Governor's budget, we are down for a 600,000 increase, so that is positive. Lonnie passed around the budget as it stands now for directors to look at. The committee discussed the MOU task force. Legislative Day was discussed. Tom thanked the employees, AISWCD staff, and Lonnie Wilson for coordinating it. The committee thinks it would be prudent to be aware of changes in closing of FSA offices. Prevailing wage legislation was discussed. Tom reiterated that at the last Quarterly Board it was discussed whether Farm Bureau was on the side of SWCDs. In December, it was discussed if Farm Bureau was supportive of SWCD's stand on legislative issues. Tom Beyers visited with his local Farm Bureau Director about getting a resolution of support put together, and ask where they stand. Gary Kennedy, his local Director, told Tom there was written policy, and the Farm Bureau sits down annually and determines their priorities based on current issues. Tom secured a copy of the State of Illinois Farm Bureau's stand on support of soil and water and their issues. There are fourteen items of support on conservation. A copy of the Farm Bureau 2013 State Legislative Priorities is included in the minutes. Tom felt Farm Bureau is basically on the same page as AISWCD. Recently Rich sent out a testimony link for bills in committee. Tom urged everyone to take advantage of this, and get a testimony in on important pieces of legislation. The numbers count. Gerald Fabrizio made a comment on HB2243, which definitely would have made an impact on his area, regarding NRI's, and it was a very good success story on what we can do as a group. Tom reiterated Mike Hoffman was definitely doing his job in letting the AISWCD know about bills that might affect districts. **Resolutions – Prevailing Wage** – still working on this exemption, more development this year than last year. **Centralia Diagnostic Lab** – Has been closed. Resolution is dead. **Feral Hog** – AISWCD has contacted IDNR, in which they are going to make a presentation at the Summer Conference. **Illinois Forestry Association attempt at sweeping of Forestry Tax** – Illinois Forestry Association will be at Summer Conference to make a presentation. **Invasive Species** – Encouraging update of list – Ongoing. Tom touched on resolutions made at the NACD Convention in San Antonio. Recommendation to the board from Legislative Committee – Wind Energy Facility Construction, SB1469, would like to support. It requires measures to be put in place not only to make sure they are properly constructed, and natural resources protected, but if the facility is abandoned, that funds are there to deconstruct and put land back the way it was. **Motion by Tom Beyers moved to take support action on SB1469, seconded by Steve Fulling.** A question was raised by Lee Bunting if this would include Wind Facilities that are already on the ground. **Lee Bunting made a motion to amend the motion to included support structures that already exist also. Terry Bogner seconded the motion. MCVV. Vote on the original motion. MCVV.** Tom reported on recommendations by the Legislative Committee on Legislator of the Year, and Friend of Conservation Award nominees. **Motion by Tom Beyers to award Senator Jason Barickman as Legislator of the Year, and award Friend of Conservation Award to Caterpillar. Roger Johnson seconded the motion. MCVV. Motion made by Gerard Fabrizio to approve the Legislative Committee Report, seconded by Don Beisiegel; MCVV.**

Planning – Van Bitner gave the report. Upcoming Summer Conference/Annual Meeting details were discussed in the committee. Things are coming along well; a lot of details have been filled in. Last year's auctioneer cannot participate, but Van thinks we can fill the slot without a problem. The committee is also going to take a look at the Farm Family application. Hopefully it can be streamlined for upcoming years.
Motion to accept the Planning Meeting Report was made by Steve Fulling, seconded by Darrell Roegge; MCVV.

Urban Community & Conservation – Gerard Fabrizio gave the report. IDOA gave a report, and reported about Stream bank project deadline of May 1. The IUM is proceeding well; a few standards are being updated. A newsletter is being put together, and they hope to have an IUM display at Summer Conference. Gerard brought a display of his property that he put together for his district's Annual Meeting. He is going to leave it in Springfield, and Kelly Thompson is going to use it in a few areas. NACD is putting together webinars that are going to happen monthly. Kelly and Candace Jacob, an employee from Kendall County, and an employee from North Cook, are going to be featured in the webinar. CPESC session will be held at Summer Conference, and 5 credit hours are available for those attending. Gerald touched on a Legislative Luncheon and Tour that is going to be held in Peoria County sometime the middle of August. **Motion to accept the Urban Community and Conservation Committee was made by Randy Molitoris, seconded by Don Beisiegel; MCVV.**

Executive Directors Report – Attached to the packet for the boards review. **Motion to accept report was made by Jerry Snodgrass, seconded by Tom Beyers; MCVV.**

Area VP Reports:

Area 1 – Jerry Snodgrass – Jerry brought up the fax from Carroll County. They talked at the LUC meeting last Thursday. Jerry reported Carroll County was not mad at anyone, and was not out to hang anyone, they just wanted some answers. Jerry felt some of the problem was lack of communication, and that district directors were not getting information. Carroll County is continuing with the survey.

Area 2 – Carroll County was discussed at LUC meeting. The council voted to support. They felt some of the questions should be asked.

Area 3 – No Report

Area 4 – No Report

Old Business

SWCD Dues Update – Sherry Finn gave an update. For FY 2013 – there are nine districts out of 97 who have not paid their first quarter dues. They are: Adams, Carroll, Clinton, Gallatin, Greene, Jefferson, Pope-Hardin, Randolph, and Scott. Total for delinquent dues is \$3,251.17. Since 2nd & 3rd quarter allocation has been sent out, invoices for dues for 2nd and 3rd quarter will be sent out in the next week or ten days. Lonnie directed Sherry to send a notice out to all districts explaining deadline and variance in not paying dues. Lonnie also asked directors to talk to districts that are not paying dues and ask them why, and report to him at the next Quarterly Board Meeting.

FY2012 – 2013 EPA Grant and CREP Staffing Update – Sherry Finn reported there are six (6) CREP Resource Specialists. Five (5) were hired November 1; One (1) was hired January 1. They are housed in the Illinois River Basin Area. They have taken training from DNR on two separate occasions. They are also trained in pesticides. They are helping with monitoring in districts. There will be a report sent out on duties of the CREP Resource Specialists as per a request coming out of the Executive Meeting on Monday. That report will be presented at the June Board Meeting.

FY 2011-2014 IUM Grant Update – Kelly Thompson reported there will be a Steering Committee meeting scheduled for May, and a Technical Review Committee meeting scheduled for April. Currently the Technical Review Committee is working on updating three wetland standards, porous and pervious pavement standards, the rain garden standards, soil bio engineering. A contract has just been entered into with Tetra Tech of Collinsville to develop five new post development standards that include wetland retention, and some other retention basins. They are working on developing a Field Manual and Inspection Guide, and that should be done in September. There is money in the grant to produce copies of this, so each district will receive copies of the guide. They are also working on an urban newsletter, but Kelly does not have a date when that will be complete. Hopefully advertising space can be sold in the newsletter. Kelly is suggesting the committee have a booth at Summer Conference. Kelly is also taking suggestions on how to re-organize the IUM Website. Bylaws will be addressed at the May Steering Committee meeting.

FY2011-2013 IGIG Grant Update – Rich Nichols reported IGIG is proceeding slowly. A construction was set for last fall. LICA contractors were set up to volunteer. The Union shut them down. They did not want any volunteers on State property, and wanted to shut the whole project down. Marc Miller sat down with them and had a discussion. It ended up the State Union is going to volunteer to do the work. They are waiting for more favorable weather; then the project should be done fairly quickly.

AISWCD Website Bids – Kelly Thompson reported she had met with Julie West on February 18th; they discussed options for updating website. Kelly had made a layout of things they wanted included on the website, and how they would like it to be more user friendly. Julie sent back a couple backgrounds, and she and Rich have settled on three of them. Julie is going to start developing a proposed site this week or next week, and Kelly and Rich should have something to look at and evaluate before the end of the month.

AISWCD Driveway Update – Rich Nichols reported the driveway is deteriorating in a couple of spots. The Concrete Association was contacted; they came out and looked at it. They suggested Rich get in touch with the original contractor.

AISWCD New Money/Revenue Stream Ideas Update – Lonnie reported the AISWCD has put forth eleven ideas to Frank Mautino. Representative Mautino felt he would be willing to carry all eleven ideas forward to the group that is he is working with. Frank Mautino is going to have some legislation coming out about some reforms. Lonnie told him AISWCD would take a look at the legislation and perhaps they could help him with some of that. AISWCD has had conversations on the Senate side with a few other legislators. Lonnie feels we have pretty good support down state for Ag funding.

State Budget Update – Rich Nichols reported districts are at the present time in the FY14 budget for three million for operations, four and a half million for cost-share.

Resolutions Update/Variance – Covered above under legislative.

FY2013 AISWCD Budget Update – Kenny Vosholler reviewed the Budget with the board, which reflected changes that were made at the December Quarterly Board Meeting.

FY2013 AISWCD 65th Annual Meeting Update - Was already covered. See Planning Committee report above.

Strategic Planning Goals Update/Newly appointed Taskforce Committees (MOU & Outreach) – Lonnie reported the strategic planning goals update were covered in each committee report on how the committees are taking action with the priorities set forth, and ask for questions on how that is being handled. Steve Stierwalt asked for questions for the Outreach taskforce. There were no questions.

NACD North Central Region Meeting in Chicago – Lonnie & Tom attended in January. In the written report (attached) it covers action that was taken. Jerry's term limit is up, so he no longer will be serving on the Executive Board for NACD.

NACD Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas – A new election of officers was held. See report attached to minutes. Lonnie was appointed to Co-Chair of the communications committee (see report attached to minutes). Lonnie Wilson, Tom Beyers, Kenny Vosholler, and Kelly Thompson attended representing AISWCD.

Friends of AISWCD (Affiliate Memberships) – Lonnie Wilson presented a brochure that was in the packet about affiliate memberships. Lonnie ask for questions or comments. AISWCD is hoping to roll out the brochures pretty quickly. AISWCD is looking into being able to accept credit cards for affiliate memberships, and also the auction at Summer Conference.

Certainty Update – Lonnie Wilson reported AISWCD had put together a group including IDOA, IEPA, NRCS, and are putting together a framework for tasks. They have been having monthly meetings.

BMP Issues Update – No update given.

New Business

OMA Information Update – Lonnie Wilson reported the training manuals have been completed. Gina Bean has been working on those. The first training will be available on March 22. The first training will be held in Princeton. The Regional Reps have asked Lonnie to do the first training, to work the bugs out.

Farm Progress Show – Rich Nichols reported the committee had met in December but the February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather; it is to be rescheduled. The show is progressing.

Legislator of the Year and Friend of Conservation Awards – Covered above under Legislative Committee.

Questions on Financial Reports (handouts) and partner Written Reports – Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Don Beisiegel, seconded by Dan Duval. MCVV. Motion to approve partner written reports was made by Roger Johnson, seconded by Barb Klinger; MCVV.

Carroll County SWCD Survey – The Carroll County SWCD letter was discussed. Lonnie Wilson said he felt that the content of the letter is based around in his opinion a lack of communication. He stressed that Council Delegates should communicate what is going on at AISWCD board meetings to their Land Use Councils. Lonnie Wilson told the board if they had any comments on the Carroll County letter they should direct comments to Barb Klinger, voting delegate for Council 1 or Jerry Snodgrass, Area 1 Vice President. Jerry Snodgrass suggested if directors had not had a board meeting yet, perhaps a copy of the letter should be sent out to them before the board meeting so they can study it, and come to the board meeting prepared to answer the questionnaire. Lonnie wanted to give an opportunity for anyone to ask questions or comment directly to Council 1. Lonnie reiterated that AISWCD was always welcome to constructive criticism.

Barb Klinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Don Beisiegel; MCVV. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Minutes taken & transcribed by:
Cindy Moon

Approved by:

Signature

Date

AISWCD MARCH QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING – 3-12-13
DOT POINT HIGHLIGHTS - COMMUNICATION UPDATE:

The AISWCD March Quarterly Board Meeting was held Monday & Tuesday, March 11, Executive Meeting only in the Conference Room 1 at IDOA and March 12, FAC meetings and Board meetings at the Northfield Inn Conference Center. All officers and Area VPs except David McCormick (Area II VP) were present for the Executive Mtg along with Past President James Todd, AISWCD staff Rich Nichols, Kelly Thompson & Sherry Finn, ISWCDEA AC Co-Chair, Betty Buckert and NRCS State Conservationist Ivan Dozier; 22 AISWCD Board Members (including past president-James Todd) were present for the Foundation and AISWCD Board Meetings; 3 were absent: LUC 7-Joe Rothermel, LUC 9-Mark Roth, and LUC 14-Tom Anderson; 4 AISWCD Staff-Rich, Kelly, Gina & Sherry; 2 ISWCDEA Co-Chairs-Betty Buckert & Kara Downin; and AISWCD Auxiliary President-Marie Bunting

ITEMS:

Agenda: Board Approved

December 2012 Meeting Minutes: Board Approved with Corrections.

Partner Reports:

Steve Chard gave the report for IDOA (written report attached with this document).

Eric Gerth reported for NRCS; **Ivan Dozier** at Executive Meeting on Monday. (Written report attached with this document.)

FSA sent a written report that was in the March QB packet and Rick Braden and Jamie Diebal were on hand on Tuesday to present the report.

IEPA: did not submit a written report or have someone present to report.

IDNR: did not submit a written report or have someone present to report.

ISWCDEA: Betty Buckert and Kara Downin spoke on behalf of the ISWCDEA-written report in the March QB Packet.

SWCD Insurance: Melissa Cauble reported with the January and February 2013 information; (January in March QB Packet and February information attached with this document.)

NCDEA: written report submitted by Cindy Moon in March QB packet.

NACD North Central Region and NACD Delegate: reported by Lonnie Wilson, AISWCD President.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Lonnie Wilson reported Executive Meeting went well and action items were assigned to FACs and will be reported on by the chairmen later in this meeting.

Forestry Committee: David McCormick reported no action items were taken; Rolie Spaniol was brought before the Board to be selected for the Outstanding Forestry applicant.

AISWCD Auxiliary: Marie Bunting reported that she completed her term as NACD Auxiliary President; afghan was won by someone in Montana and the quilt raffle produced \$2800. Marie noted the Auxiliary would again have the Country Store, raffle, host the Recognition Luncheon and Farm Family Reception along with having a silent auction at the AISWCD Annual Meeting.

SWCD Insurance Report: Melissa Cauble reported and the January report is included in the March QB Packet and the February report is attached with this document.

Mississippi and Il River Coordinating Councils: Lee Bunting reported the Councils had a joint meeting in Springfield at IDNR building and discussed sand mine at Starved Rock State Park; there is a suit against the project; interest in the sand (round) for use in hydraulic fracking.

Focus Area Committee Reports:

Communications: Steve Stierwalt reported on AISWCD Website Map to locate Legislators being worked on by Gina Bean; Social Media-List of House Bills and Senate Bills on facebook page; Dot Point Highlights a success; suggestions for communication improvements-Motion to set up a Directors' server list for Dot Point Highlights, Action Works, and Rich's reports-**Board approved**. Funding efforts discussed; get a resolution out to every local Farm Bureau starting at the local office-use grass roots effort to get support; AISWCD working on viable funding options also.

Education: Jerry Snodgrass reported having Valerie Keener, Education Coordinator with IDNR to place the Teacher of the Year application on all the internet locations she has available; encouraged all Board Members to have their LUCs and Districts try to get applicants for this also; noted that this is the last year Canon will have anything to do with funding for the National Envirothon; National level funding is needed and suggested to charge \$1 per student for an entry fee. Motion was made to have Lonnie Wilson take this suggestion to the North Central Region at NACD-**Board Approved**. Jerry Snodgrass and Lee Bunting will be presenters for the Director Training at the AISWCD Annual Meeting.

Financial: Kenny Vosholler reported there will be an IRS Audit for 2010 990 at the AISWCD office March 25 -28, 2013; **Board approved** to give a raise of 4% to Kelly Thompson; **Board approved** the AISWCD & Foundation Financials; **Board approved** SWCD Insurance Financials; **Board approved** updated 2013 AISWCD Budget.(financials & Budget attached with document)

Legislative & Resolutions: Tom Beyers reported on 2014 State Budget; Memorandum of Understanding to be updated; Legislative Day-good turnout and event; FSA office closings-look at potential changes and possibility of establishing a taskforce to follow up on the closings; prevailing wage-Lonnie and Rich met with four (4) groups to try to get proposal for a possible waiver.

Tom Beyers reported there were questions on the Farm Bureau and their support-Tom went to his local Farm Bureau office and secured a copy on their stand for support on SWCDs-there are fourteen (14) items of support for Conservation (IFB-Legislative Priorities attached with document); Revenue Streams-Farm Bureau support may help; Tom reported on 2012 Resolutions update; reported on NACD National Resolutions; reported on current House & Senate Bills to take a position on (Rich Nichols is sending out the bills of interest); several bills on fracking and wind energy facility construction/deconstruction act bill (SB 1469)-**Board approved** to support the bill; Committee nominated Senator Jason Barickman for Legislator of the Year for his work on the OMA changes-**Board approved**; Committee nominated Caterpillar Company as the Friend of Conservation for their work in Peoria area and at all their plants in the US-**Board approved**.

Planning: Van Bitner reported the AISWCD 65th Annual Meeting is coming nicely, logo and theme set, award apps have been posted to the website and links sent out to the Districts with copies of applications mailed to District Chairmen; questions on Farm Family application and length-too late for this year, but will look to streamline for next year.

Urban Community & Conservation: Gerard Fabrizius reported stream bank funds are available; IUM is proceeding with Standard updates; IUM talking about a newsletter; IUM to have booth at the Annual Meeting and CPESC training at the Annual Meeting to be worth five (5) credit hours of continuing education; Discussion about Conservation Tour in August to showcase CAT and to work with new Partner (tour letter attached with document), ISA (Illinois Stewardship Alliance); Kane DuPage looking at similar conservation tour this year or next year.

Executive Director Report: Rich Nichols stated for everyone to see the handout (attached with this document).

Area V.P. Reports:

Area I VP-Jerry Snodgrass reported on the Carroll County letter sent out to Districts via fax; some LUC reps have not seen the letter due to the LUC not having a meeting yet.

Area II, III, & IV-nothing to report.

*Note-questions about Dues Variance-Variance was mailed out to all Districts; too late to request for waiver-has to be done 60 days prior to Envirothon (May 1 & May 2, 2013).

Old Business:

Dues/Delinquent Dues Status: Sherry Finn reported there were eleven (11) Districts not in good standing: Adams, Carroll, Clinton, Gallatin, Greene, Jefferson, Pope-Hardin, Randolph & Scott Counties.

FY 2012-2013 EPA CREP Grant and Staffing updates: Sherry Finn reported six (6) CREP Resource Specialists are all working and house in six (6) different Districts in the Illinois River Basin; Kenny Vosholler had asked for a report during the Financial FAC meeting; a report will be made available at the June QB meeting.

FY 2011-2014 IUM Grant Update: Kelly Thompson reported the steering committee had held meetings, the Technical committee has wetland standards due in April; Field Manual and Inspection Guide should be ready by September with copies being sent to Districts; Urban Newsletter would be able to generate funds by selling ad space in the newsletter; IUM will have booth at the Annual meeting to promote urban awareness.

FY 2011-2013 IGIG Grant Update: Rich Nichols reported Jim Nelson is still subcontracted for the grant; grant is on track to be completed.

AISWCD Website Bids: Kelly Thompson reported meeting with Julie West and laying out the things the AISWCD would like to see and want the website to be more user-friendly; Julie is working on developing proposed site next week and should have something by end of the month to evaluate; Rich Nichols reported that a survey had been sent out to District Chairmen for all Directors to complete and return to the AISWCD office regarding suggestions and ratings for the website.

AISWCD Driveway Update: Rich Nichols reported nothing had been done at this time, but the driveway is need of repair.

AISWCD New Money/Revenue Stream Ideas: Lonnie Wilson reported eleven (11) ideas have been put forth to Rep. Frank Mautino; he was excited about all of them; new gaming bill needs support and will need to have Ag attached to pass.

FY 2014 State Budget: Rich Nichols reported three (3) million in operations; 4 ½ million in Cost Share.

FY 2012 64th AISWCD Annual Meeting Resolutions Update/Variance: has been reported on previously.

FY 2013 AISWCD Budget Update-Kenny Vosholler reported budget was in hand out information (attached with this document) and had been approved previously.

FY 2013 AISWCD Annual Meeting update: Van Bitner reported all items reported on during Planning FAC report.

Strategic Planning Goals Update: Lonnie Wilson reported priorities already taken care of and moving forward; MOU taskforce has more time due to the NRCS and FSA timelines; Steve Stierwalt reported Outreach group is coming along.

NACD North Central Region Meeting in Chicago and Annual Mtg-San Antonio, Texas: Lonnie Wilson reported that information about NACD North Central Region meeting had handouts (attached with this document) and the NACD Annual Meeting in Texas was attended by many from Illinois.

Friends of AISWCD: Lonnie Wilson noted an affiliate membership would support Education Programs and give discounts to members.

Certainty Update: Lonnie Wilson reported the certainty program has a group consisting of IEPA, NRCS, IDOA, and AISWCD that are putting together a framework for tasks; having monthly meetings and moving forward.

BMPs: No update given.

New Business:

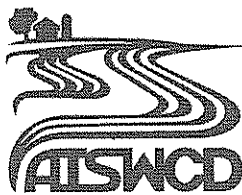
OMA Information update: Lonnie Wilson reported on Friday, March 22nd, 2013 he will be with the IDOA reps in Princeton to present the OMA to new Directors; he has formulated a training program and is certified to train for OMA and is training the IDOA reps also; they will be doing the training after the initial presentation in Princeton; there will be an OMA session again at the Annual Meeting, but does not need to be done via internet. All new Directors have to be certified within 90 days of installation.

Farm Progress Show: Rich Nichols reported the committee had met in December, but the February meeting had been cancelled due to weather and is being rescheduled.

Legislator of the Year and Friend of Conservation Selections: Representative Jason Barickman and Caterpillar have been voted on earlier by the Board.

Written reports and financial reports were approved by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.



Executive Committee Agenda

Lonnie Wilson, Chairman

June 10, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.

Crystal Room - Northfield Inn & Suites, Springfield, Illinois

1. Call to order and introductions
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Committee/Taskforce Updates
 - Communications: Steve Stierwalt
 - Education: Jerry Snodgrass
 - Financial Management: Kenny Vosholler
 - Legislative: Tom Beyers
 - Planning: Van Bitner
 - Urban Community & Conservation: Jerry Snodgrass and Gerard Fabrizio
 - Nominations: Terry Davis
5. Area Vice President Reports
 - Area I: Jerry Snodgrass
 - Area II: David McCormick
 - Area III: Steve Stierwalt
 - Area IV: Carlyn Light
6. Old Business
 - SWCD Dues Update
 - FY 2013 EPA 319 Grants-IGIG-IUM-CREP update-Rich Nichols
 - FY 2013 State Budget update-Rich Nichols
 - Memorandum of Understanding/Outreach Update-Lonnie Wilson
 - Friends of AISWCD (Affiliate Memberships) Update-Rich Nichols
 - Certainty Update-Lonnie Wilson
 - 2013 Farm Progress Show Update -Rich Nichols
7. New Business
 - NACD Legislative Conference-Washington, D.C.
 - NACD-North Central Region-Legislative and Annual Meeting Conference Scholarships
 - CoCoRahs (see hand out)
 - FY 2014 Quarterly Board Meeting Date(s)/Location/Expenses
 - FY 2013 AISWCD Resolution (see hand out)
 - FY 2012 AISWCD/Foundation Audit Summary Approval (see hand out)
8. Approve Minutes: March 2013 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (Pages 20-23)
9. Adjournment

Executive Committee Meeting
March 11, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 1 at IDOA Building in Springfield, IL

Present

Lonnie Wilson, President; NACD Delegate
Tom Beyers, Vice President; NACD Alt Del.
Van Bitner, Secretary
Kenny Vosholler, Treasurer
James Todd, Past President
Jerry Snodgrass, Area I VP
Steve Stierwalt, Area III VP
Carlyn Light, Area IV VP
Rich Nichols, AISWCD
Sherry Finn, AISWCD
Kelly Thompson, AISWCD
Betty Buckert, ISWCDEA AC Co-Chair
Guests:
Ivan Dozier, NRCS

Absent

David McCormick, Area II VP
Gina Bean, AISWCD
Marie Bunting, President Auxiliary
Kara Downin, ISWCDEA RC Co-Chair
Mike Hoffman, Lobbyist

Call to order:

President Lonnie Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

Secretary Van Bitner took roll call and 8 Executive Board Members were present and 1 was absent; 3 AISWCD staff members were present along with 2 guests.

Agenda Approval:

Lonnie Wilson noted he needed to amend the agenda to include legislative changes; **Steve Stierwalt made the motion to accept the amended agenda and Kenny Vosholler seconded the motion; MCVV.**

Committee/Taskforce Updates:

Communications: **Steve Stierwalt** reported on Outreach Taskforce, Resolution Process with IL Farm Bureau, Social Media, Privacy Policy,

Education: Jerry Snodgrass reported the Envirothon is still receiving questions regarding the FFA team participation and discussing the fee amount is smaller this year for the FFA teams.

Financials: Kenny Vosholler reported the Envirothon expenses, the AISWCD 2012 Audit, and the 2013 Budget are the main topics.

Legislative: Tom Beyers reported funding (gaming bill) will be the priority; progress in getting word out to legislators; prevailing wage-they are trying to get support from other co-hearts. Tom feels we need to contact Farm Bureau in get them in our corner and convince them we are a worthwhile cause. Lonnie Wilson asked Tom Beyers and Steve Stierwalt to start with a resolution and work with Farm Bureau to help "draft" resolution and bring the resolution up through local Farm Bureau from Districts and LUCs. It was noted that we need to contact Farm Bureau to attend AISWCD quarterly board meetings. Lonnie Wilson assigned this task to Rich Nichols. Tom Beyers reported the strategic planning goals are on target and suggested we have a resolution update at the 2013 AISWCD Annual Meeting.

Planning: Tom Beyers reported for Van Bitner that plans were underway for the 2013 AISWCD Annual Meeting and it would take place at the Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center in Springfield, IL on Monday and Tuesday, July 22-23, 2013.

Urban Community & Conservation: Jerry Snodgrass said Kelly Thompson would report for the committee; Kelly Thompson reported about monthly webinars, need for promoting programs, and visits to LUCs 3 & 16 for best practices.

Area Vice President Reports:

Area I: Jerry Snodgrass-No Report

Area II: David McCormick-No Report

Area III: Steve Stierwalt-No report

Area IV: Carlyn Light absent; no report

Old Business:

SWCD Dues Update-FY 2012 & 2013: Sherry Finn reported there are still ten (10) Districts "not in good standing" for FY 2012 dues; Gallatin, Pope-Hardin, Randolph and Scott have not paid any dues for FY 2012; Pike paying \$300 for FY 2012; Adams only paying ½ of dues for FY 2012; Boone, Greene, Hamilton & Jefferson paying only the 1st half and partial 3rd Q dues for FY 2012. Total amount still due for FY 2012 dues is \$10,043.07. Sherry reported the 1st Q allocation payment had been paid to Districts on November 8, 2012 and the AISWCD had invoiced for dues as of November 30, 2012; eight (8) Districts have paid as this time.

AISWCD President Appointed Taskforce for SWCD Dues Structure &

AISWCD President Appointed Taskforce for District Funding Update: Terry Davis reported the committees had not met since there was a lack of direction of what the outcome would be with the funding situation (gaming bill). Lonnie Wilson noted we would dispense with these taskforce committees until revenue situation is established.

AISWCD CREP Staffing: Wade Louis the acting CREP Program Manager from IDNR reported on the new CREP program and staffing with a slide show. Wade reported the Illinois River Basin had six (6) new CREP Resource Specialists that were employees of the AISWCD and were housed in District locations-Brown, LaSalle, McDonough, Peoria, Sangamon, & Schuyler Counties. They would be serving the LUCs for each area. The National Great Rivers Research and Education would be employers of four (4) new CREP Resource Specialists to serve the Kaskaskia River Basin and the tentative Districts where they will be housed-DeWitt, Fayette and Madison along with Sangamon County for the trainer. Wade Louis reported there would be a meeting December 18, 2012 for the three agencies to work together to streamline the process.

AISWCD Website Bids: The executive committee decided to move this to the Financial FAC.

AREA I VP Alternate Replacement: Jerry Snodgrass reported the LUCs 1, 2 & 16 had asked Chuck Hanley of Livingston County to serve and he had agreed; Jerry noted they would vote tomorrow at the Board Meeting.

AISWCD Plan of Work: The executive committee decided to move this to the Legislative FAC.

AISWCD New Money/Revenue Stream Ideas: Lonnie Wilson reported he had spoken with Frank Mautino about level funding; spoke with Director Flider from IDOA about disbursements; discussed Ag Bill, DNR Bill, Certainty Bill (Districts doing something with livestock operations); third party programs; Recycling Tires, electronics, & shingles; coal fire power plants with tax credits for emissions; grants with governmental agencies. Rich Nichols will check into all this information for possible framework.

FY 2013 State Budget Update: Rich Nichols reported the state is broke; 12.3 % less revenue; gambling bill will be addressed in January session.

FY 2012 64th AISWCD Resolutions/Variance: Already discussed in Legislative FAC reporting.

AISWCD FY 2013 Budget Update: The executive committee decided to move the budget to the Financial FAC and have them look into changes which included van insurance.

AISWCD FY 2013 QB Meeting Dates/Location/Expenses: The original dates decided upon were looked at and suggestions were made to change March 2013 executive meeting date from March 5 to March 11, 2013 with location to be determined and to start at 1:00 p.m. **Jerry Snodgrass made the motion to change the date to March 11, 2013, find a location, and start the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and Tom Beyers seconded the motion; MCVV.**

New Business:

NACD Annual Meeting-San Antonio, Texas:

NACD Delegates: Steve Stierwalt made the motion to put forth Lonnie Wilson as the NACD delegate and Tom Beyers as the NACD Alternate delegate and Jerry Snodgrass seconded; MCVV.

NACD Resolutions: Lonnie Wilson asked if there were any questions on the NACD resolutions; there were none.

NACD Director Training Certification: Sherry Finn reported they had received word from NACD that the AISWCD would be receiving an award for the Quality in Official District Training and they needed two people to receive the award at their Annual meeting luncheon. **Steve Stierwalt made the motion to have Lonnie Wilson and Jerry Snodgrass accept the award and Kenny Vosholler seconded; MCVV.**

NACD Photo/Poster Contest Entries: Sherry Finn reported the AISWCD had submitted seven (7) winning state photos to the NACD Annual Meeting and five (5) winning state posters for the NACD Annual Meeting.

NACD Scholarship Applicant: Kenny Vosholler had been selected to receive the NACD scholarship for the first time attendee and Kenny plans to attend the event.

AISWCD Driveway Maintenance: Rich Nichols reported the driveway is coming apart in some places due to a bad batch of concrete; committee asked Rich Nichols to investigate the solution and report back in March.

AISWCD 2006 Dodge Caravan Maintenance Bids: Rich Nichols reported the van has an intake manifold leak and he had acquired two bids for the repair, which were submitted to the committee. **Tom Beyers motioned to pay \$625.32 to A-1 stop for their bid to repair van and have Financial FAC decide if it needs to come out of FY 2012 Budget or FY 2013 Budget and Jerry Snodgrass seconded motion; MCVV.**

AISWCD FY 2012-2014 Auditor Bids: Sherry Finn reported that she had contacted fifteen (15) auditors to submit bids for the FY 2012, 2013 & 2014 audits for the AISWCD & Foundation accounts. She only had three (3) companies submit bids. **Tom Beyer made the motion to accept the bid of Pelman & Dold, P.C. and Steve Stierwalt seconded; MCVV.**

Amended Agenda New Business Items:

Memorandum of Understanding with NRCS: Lonnie Wilson asked for volunteers to be on a taskforce about the AISWCD concerns; put together a new memorandum of understanding that addresses the field office of the future. The committee left this up to Lonnie to select the taskforce group.

Outreach Program: Lonnie Wilson reported he had appointed the communication chairman and the legislative chairman to an outreach program taskforce committee.

BMP Issues: AISWCD should be involved in the BMP issues that are a focus in the Ag news; Rich Nichols will investigate this; Steve Stierwalt will contact Jean Payn to do a presentation; and Tom Beyers will contact Rich about Steve Baker information.

Questions on Financials: There were no questions on financials.

Questions on Partner Written Reports: There were no questions on partner written reports.

Approve Executive Meeting Minutes: Tom Beyers made the motion to approved the June, August, and September 2012 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and any electronic action taken and the motion was seconded by Jerry Snodgrass; MCVV.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Stierwalt and was seconded by Kenny Vosholler; MCVV.
Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

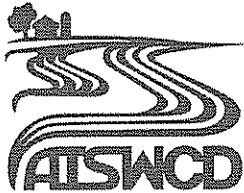
Minutes taken and submitted by:

Sherry Finn, AISWCD Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Signature

Date



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Communication Focus Area Committee Agenda

Steve Stierwalt, Chairman

June 10, 2013 @ 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Crystal Room - Northfield Inn & Suites, Springfield, Illinois

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Approve agenda
4. Approve March '13 FAC Meeting minutes (Pages 25-27)
5. Old Business
 - a. 2013 Annual Meeting Sponsorships
 - b. LUC Meeting Role-Update
 - c. Farm Bureau Resolution Update
 - d. Director E-Mail listing-Action Alerts
 - e. Social Media
 - Website
 - Facebook
 - Webinars
 - Video Conferencing
6. New Business
 - a. AISWCD Website
7. Adjournment

**Communications Focus Area Committee
Meeting Minutes
AISWCD Quarterly Board
Northfield Inn, Springfield, IL
March 12, 2013**

Members/Advisors Present

**Sue Davis
Dan Doedtman
Dan Duval
Amy Ishmael
Carlyn Light
Steve Stierwalt, Chairperson
Kenny Vosholler
Gina Bean
Lonnie Wilson**

Members/Advisors Absent

**Tom Anderson
Angela Biggs, NRCS
Ken Kesler
Mark Roth
Sarah Seelbach, IEPA**

Chairman Steve Stierwalt called the meeting to order. Sue Davis did the Roll Call.

Approval of the Agenda- A motion was made by Dan Doedtman and seconded by Carlyn Light with the change of letting Gina Bean give her report first, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes- A motion was made by Kenny Vosholler and seconded by Dan Doedtman to approve the December 10, 2012 minutes as presented, motion carried.

FY 2013 Annual Meeting Sponsorships-Gina Bean gave a presentation about the sponsors that she has for the upcoming Annual Meeting in July. She asked for some suggestions from the group about any other sponsors that she could contact. The following were suggested:

- Bass Pro Shops
- Menards
- Springfield Plastics
- Wal-Mart
- Pepsi and Coke

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Planning Goals- Chairman Stierwalt commented and the group agreed that they liked the Dot Points being sent out after Quarterly Board so everyone knew what went on at the meeting. Lonnie Wilson discussed Social Media and how the AISWCD is using it. The new website should be up and going within 90 days. Another new feature is using Facebook for Action Alerts especially for Legislation that pertains to Soil and Water. The Facebook page has been very effective recently in reaching a lot of people in a very short time. Lonnie would like to see the AISWCD expand and possibly start using texts to send out Action Alerts and also start using Twitter. Lonnie discussed what Gina Bean is doing to create mapping on the AISWCD website to be able to look things up that pertain to your area. They hope to be able to show the new AISWCD website to all attending the Annual Meeting.

Dot Point Highlights- The group looked over the Dot Points and agreed they are very important to continue to do.

Land Use Council Updates- It was recommended to make sure and invite Legislators to Land Use Council meetings. Lonnie is trying to go to as many Land Use Council meetings as possible in the State. There was discussion of inviting Legislators to the Farm Family Banquet for families that either win or are nominated. And to also have pictures taken with the Legislators.

Farm Bureau Support- Steve Stierwalt and Tom Beyers have talked to local Farm Bureaus to try and get support from them. The plan is to work with them to get a specific resolution that the Illinois Farm Bureau will support for Soil and Water.

NEW BUSINESS

Creation of List Serve for Directors- Steve Stierwalt discussed the possibility of creating a List Serve for all Directors to sign up for to keep them all up-to-date on all activities of the AISWCD and any other action items, etc. Directors would be asked if they wanted to submit their email to be included on this list. A motion was made by Kenny Vosholler and seconded by Dan Doedtman to discuss the creation of the List Serve for Directors that would include the following: Dot Points from Quarterly Board, Action Alerts for Legislative Issues, and Rich's Reports, etc. Motion carried.

Video Conferencing- Ivan Dozier, NRCS State Conservationist reported to the Executive Committee that NRCS has 14 locations that have video conferencing available. This could possibly be used for Land Use Council meetings or for training.

A motion was made by Dan Doedtman to adjourn and seconded by Kenny Vosholler, motion carried.

Submitted by: Sue M. Davis
AC, Christian County SWCD

Approved by:

Signature

Date



Education Focus Area Committee Agenda

Jerry Snodgrass, Chairman

June 10, 2013 @ 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Diamond Room - Northfield Inn & Suites, Springfield, Illinois

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve March '13 FAC Meeting minutes (Pages 29-30)
5. IDNR Report
6. IDOA Report
7. NRCS Report
8. Director Training Update: Jerry Snodgrass
9. 2013 Envirothon Update (See hand out)
10. Old Business
 - a. 2013 McKibben Scholarship Review Committee/Scholarship Applications
 - b. 2013 AISWCD Annual Meeting Teacher of the Year Award Applications
 - c. 2013 AISWCD Annual Meeting Photo & Poster Contest Applications
11. New Business
 - a. Education Materials-(Who Buddies)
12. Adjournment