

**Communications Focus Area Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
AISWCD Quarterly Board  
Northfield Inn, Springfield, IL  
December 10, 2012**

**Members/Advisors Present**

Angela Biggs, NRCS  
Sue Davis  
Dan Doedtman  
Dan Duval  
Amy Ishmael  
Ken Kesler  
Mark Roth  
Steve Stierwalt, Chairman  
Kenny Vosholler  
Lonnie Wilson  
Rich Nichols

**Members/Advisors Absent**

Tom Anderson  
Carlyn Light  
Sarah Seelbach, IEPA

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

Approval of Agenda- A motion was made by Mark Roth and seconded by Kenny Vosholler to approve the agenda with the addition of Resolutions through Farm Bureau process, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Roth and seconded by Kenny Vosholler to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2012 meeting, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Strategic Planning Goals Update- Steve will have for next meeting to update.

Discussion on how to better utilize Land Use Councils and what is proper use of Land Use Councils?-

- Rich says some Land Use Councils do send in minutes but By-Laws do not require it
- It was stated that some Land Use Councils don't know what to discuss when they attend a Land Use Council Meeting. Would like more input from AISWCD on this issue. Rich stated that some of this is done in his weekly report and those could be used at the Land Use Council meetings.
- AISWCD is looking into software such as "Go To Meeting" to use for meetings
- It was discussed to make Land Use Council meetings important for Directors to attend and possibly have Director Training at LUC meetings.

- The Committee discussed coming up with Agenda Items to be discussed at Board Meetings and then discussed at Land Use Council, then be taken forward to Land Use Council Meetings. Then lastly, brought to each Quarterly Board Meeting.
- It was also discussed to invite Legislators and their staff to attend each Land Use Council meeting.

Discussion on how to get Farm Bureau support for District Funding?-Ask each county to make contact with their local Farm Bureau to get a resolution through to be Farm Bureau policy. There is a need to add partners such as Extension, 4-H, County Fair Boards, etc. to go with SWCD's on this issue.

Action Item- Ken Kesler made a motion, seconded by Mark Roth to propose the Committee to allow Steve Stierwalt and Tom Beyers to come up with a Resolution and send out to all counties and discuss at Land Use Council meetings then take to Farm Bureau, regarding Farm Bureau's support of SWCD's funding, motion carried.

Dot Point Highlights Update-The Committee still agreed that these were needed each time from the AISWCD.

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

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