

**Executive Committee Meeting
December 10, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.
Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center, Springfield, IL**

Present

Lonnie Wilson, President, NACD Delegate
Tom Beyers, Vice President, NACD Alt. Delegate
Kenny Vosholler, Treasurer
Jerry Snodgrass, Area I VP
David McCormick, Area II VP
Steve Stierwalt, AREA III VP
James Todd, Past President
Rich Nichols, AISWCD
Sherry Finn, AISWCD
Kelly Thompson, AISWCD
Gina Bean, AISWCD

Guests:

Terry Davis, LUC 4; Barb Klinger, LUC 1; Ivan Dozier, NRCS; and Wade Louis, IDNR

Absent

Van Bitner, Secretary
Carlyn Light, Area IV VP
Marie Bunting, President of Auxiliary
Betty Buckert, ISWCDEA AC Co-Chair
Kara Downin, ISWCDEA RC Co-Chair
Mike Hoffman, Lobbyist

Call to order:

President Lonnie Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Roll Call:

Sherry Finn took roll call and 7 Executive Board Members were present and 2 were absent; 4 AISWCD staff members were present along with 4 guests.

Agenda Approval:

Lonnie Wilson noted he needed to amend the agenda to include the memorandum of understanding and the outreach taskforce; Jerry Snodgrass noted to amend agenda with BMP updates with articles in Ag News-fertilizer; **Steve Stierwalt made the motion to accept the amended agenda and Kenny Vosholler seconded the motion; MCVV.**

Committee/Taskforce Updates:

Communications: Steve Stierwalt reported from the Executive meeting in September that the FAC goals for communication needs an overall plan (strategic plan); LUC meetings need to have information reported to them from LUC representative; Jerry Snodgrass noted they need to include legislators at their meeting along with the Legislative Newsletter information; Lonnie Wilson noted there needed to be AISWCD representation along with the legislators at the LUC meetings; Tom Beyers noted that the employees need to report to the Directors and there needs to be more communication between AISWCD and Districts. The committee is looking into video conferencing for the state; Lonnie Wilson would like for the Communications FAC to look into video conferencing. Steve Stierwalt suggested having a well-planned meeting, time well spent, reason they need to be there, and are they making a difference and have a stake in the game, so to speak, to come back. Jerry Snodgrass stated that all Partners report at LUC 1 meetings and also partake in the meetings. Tom Beyers noted that the Strategic Plan needs to be on the website; Lonnie Wilson stated a poll or survey from Communications needed to go out to LUCs to determine if their meetings need to take place before or after AISWCD Board Meetings.

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.

Legislative (continued): 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