

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

Members/Advisors Present:

Terry Bogner
Dick Breckenridge, IEPA
Sue Davis
Terry Davis
Aaron Ferguson
Ken Kesler
Mark Roth
Dale Shumaker
Rich Nichols
Jim Todd
Tom Beyers, Chairman

Members/Advisors Absent:

Tessa Chadwick, NRCS
Steve Chard, IDOA
Mike Hoffmann
Carlyn Light
Joe Rothermel

Chairman Tom Beyers called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda- A motion was made by Aaron Ferguson and seconded by Terry Bogner to approve the Agenda as presented, motion carried.

A motion was made by Terry Bogner and seconded by Ken Kesler to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2012 meeting with the correction for SB 1849 not SB 2409, motion carried.

Legislative Update-Mike Hoffmann was absent. Mike is in Chicago meeting with staff of Michael Madigan's office about the Gaming Bill. This bill could be amended. Tom Beyers talked about meeting with Rep. Dale Righter in his area about support for the Gaming Bill. Tom stated there needs to be an effort to gain support from Farm Bureau for SWCDs.

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Planning Goals -No new developments since Summer Conference.

Legislative Action Group Update-There was much discussion about rather a Legislative Day should be held again this year as there was not much Director participation last year. It was stated that there are many new Legislators this year and the need to meet with different caucuses in the Legislature. The subject of using social media to contact Legislators was also discussed. A motion was made by Terry Davis and seconded by Mark Roth to recommend forming a Coalition Group with first contact being at the Ag Roundtable and to do this instead of Legislative Day, motion carried.

House/Senate Bills Update- Continue to follow-up on bills that are in the process.

Feral Hog Resolution-It was recommended to write this and present at Summer Conference to the full membership and then forward on to NACD next year.

NEW BUSINESS

NACD Annual Meeting-The NACD Annual Meeting will be held in San Antonio, Texas, no action required on this from this committee. There is nothing yet on the NACD National Resolutions.

A motion was made by Aaron Ferguson and seconded by Terry Davis to adjourn, motion carried.

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