

**Executive Committee Meeting  
February 24, 2010 @ 10:30 a.m.  
Teleconference Call**

**Present**

**Absent**

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James Todd, President, NACD Delegate  
Aaron Ferguson, Vice President, NACD Alternate  
John Beckhart, Secretary  
Phil Fossler, Treasurer  
Jerry Snodgrass, Area I VP

Darrell Roegge, Area II VP  
Eric Suits, Area III VP

Nobert Rider, Area IV  
Sheila Lane, ISWCDEA AC Co-Chair  
Phyllis Mace, ISWCDEA RC Co-Chair  
Richard Nichols, AISWCD  
Sherry Finn, AISWCD

Stacy Stremsterfer, AISWCD  
Jim Nelson, AISWCD

Terry Davis, Past President  
Mike Hoffman, Public Affairs

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President James Todd called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Sherry Finn took roll call.

**Discussion**

President Todd said he had called this meeting for the sole purpose of discussing the proposed Senate resolution that would create a task force to look at SWCDs.

There was quite a lot of discussion; no action was taken.

A decision was made to wait and see what Mike Hoffman could find out about the resolution's status, and who was going to present it before the Senate.

**Adjournment**

President Todd called for the adjournment of the conference call meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Minutes taken by: Sherry Finn

**Footnote:**

See Attached Senate Joint Resolution

Soil and Water Conservation Districts Task Force Resolution

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. XX

WHEREAS,

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Illinois General Assembly shall convene a Joint Task Force on Soil and Water Conservation Districts; this task force shall study the history and purpose of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the administration and organization of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the current and future funding of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, in addition to any other topic regarding Soil and Water Conservation Districts the Chair of the Task Force sees fit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the Joint Task Force shall include: one member appointed by the President of the Senate; one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; one member appointed by the Speaker of the House; one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House; the Director of Agriculture or his or her designee, who shall serve as the Chairperson; the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency or his or her designee, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources or his or her designee; additionally, the Director of the Department of Agriculture shall appoint the following Task Force Members: one Soil and Water Conservation District Association member; two directors of local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, one located in an urban area, one located in a rural area; two Soil and Water Conservation District employees, one located in an urban area, one located in a rural area; one member representing a statewide association of land improvement contractors; two members representing two separate associations of commodity producers; two members of two separate statewide organizations representing farmers; and, two members representing two separate statewide environmental organizations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be facilitated by the Department of Agriculture; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Joint Task Force shall report its findings and legislative recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Director of the Department of Agriculture.