

**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION & WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE**  
**Monthly Meeting, Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2020, 10:00 A.M**  
**Wallace Building Conference, Conference Room 2**

**Minutes for January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

SSCWQC Members Present

Paula Ellis, Dale Farnham, Dennis Carlson, Steve Hofmann, Sherman Lundy, Colleen Miller

SSCWQC Members Called In

Patti Ruff

DSCWQ Staff Present

Susan Kozak, Jake Hansen, Vince Sitzmann, Will Myers

Partners Present

Pat Chase (NRCS), Steve Hopkins (DNR), Jamie Benning (ISU)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2020-01** Lundy moved to approve the agenda; Farnham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**2020-02** Lundy moved to approve the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes; Farnham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bureau Chief Reports (Reports on file)

Field Services - Myers

- Myers highlighted the following topics in his report;
  - New Field Representatives for both the southeast and northeast areas have been hired
    - Northeast Field Rep.- Bobby Kuennen
    - Southeast Field Rep.- Angie Sebastian
- IDALS is still working on filling the last of the 100 CA positions, Worth County is the last remaining position and will be advertised in the next month.

Mines and Minerals - Sitzmann

Sitzmann highlighted the following items in his report;

- 7 active projects
- 2 recent emergencies, one being in rural Mahaska County.
- Staff attended Mahaska and Wapello SWCD meeting to talk about current upcoming projects.
- Staff has developed a committee to begin planning for a 2020 spring or summer field day.
- Lundy suggested possible outreach to mine companies regarding registration requirements

Water Resources - Hansen

Hansen highlighted the following topics in his report;

- Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards- now open for Iowans to nominate farm families for this award. Nominations will be accepted until Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- 3 new Watershed Coordinators hired,
  - Carrie Tolzin- North Raccoon
  - Rose Danaher – Benton/Tama NRS
  - Colton Meyer – Floyd River

Director's Report - Kozak

Kozak highlighted the following items in her report;

- Staff attended 18 regional REAP assemblies and the REAP Congress
- Staff will be participating in the 25 NRCS listening sessions
- Submitted 4 new RCPP proposals on 12/4/19
- Crop insurance demonstration project has been extended until the end of the month.
- Discussion regarding the Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund

Partner Reports (Reports on file)

Conservation Districts of Iowa - Whitaker

- Unable to attend meeting. Report included in the packet.

#### Engineers – Roehl

Roehl was unable to attend, no report sent.

#### Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Hopkins

Hopkins highlighted the following topics in his report;

- Lori McDaniel has been named the new Water Quality Bureau Chief.
- Most Common types of BMPs completed by 319 projects in 2019 (Total 247, through 13 watershed projects)
- Highlighted upper Iowa River success story

#### Iowa State Extension – Benning

Benning highlighted items in her report;

- Jay Harmon was named the associate dean for extension and outreach programs and director of Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension.
- All upcoming monthly webinar series, workshops, conferences, and new publications.
- Iowa Learning Farms field days in 6 SSCWQC areas

#### Leopold Center – Farnham

Nothing to Report.

#### Natural Resources Conservation Service – Chase

Verbal report only;

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#### Business

- SSCWQC Research and Demonstration Grant Updates - Gubbels
  - Gubbels unable to attend meeting. Nothing to report
- REAP reauthorization support request
  - After discussion committee decided that there needed to be further review of this request via Planning Subcommittee.

**2020-03** Lundy made a motion that the Planning Committee develops a resolution of support for REAP reauthorization. Farnham seconded. Motion Carried

- Review Soil Loss Amendments
  - After review committee needed more details pertaining to the soil loss amendments and would like the Planning Subcommittee to review prior to final approval.

#### Subcommittee Reports

- Planning
  - Discussion on working plan
- Nominating Committee

**2020-04** Lundy made a motion to nominate Kevin Pope as Chair and Colleen Miller as Vice Chair. Hofmann Seconded. Motion carried.

#### SWCD Vacancies / Appointments

- Appointments
  - Cedar – Recommendation to appoint Kent Stuart to fill the unexpired term of Carl Kohrt.
  - Humboldt - Recommendation to appoint Teresa Loving to fill the unexpired term of Robert Lynch.
  - O'Brien – Recommendation to appoint Kevin Wiekamp to fill the unexpired term of Brad Miller.

**2020-05** Lundy moved to approve the appointment listed above; Miller seconded. Approved unanimously.

#### SSCWQC Member Reports

- Ruff- Finished harvest recently. Snow is finally slowing down.
- Hofmann- Still working on terraces/tiles, the ground is still very muddy.
- Lundy- Harvest was a mixed bag this season. Most corn was planted late, and beans had variable yield. Currently working with WMA's more and address some funding concerns.
- Ellis- Attended a lot of meetings in the last month. Attended soybean common ground meeting.

- Miller- Cold, manure (dry) being applied. Have seen bulldozers by Storm Lake working on a project.
- Farnham- Thanks committee & staff for the flowers and cards sent. Not currently seeing much field work being done.
- Carlson-Burr Oak and weather related concerns in northcentral Iowa. Had a great Christmas tree season.

Lundy and group thanked Ellis for her tenure as chair.

Adjournment

Ellis adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

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Paula Ellis, SSCWQC Chair

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Susan Kozak, DSCWQ Division Director