

# STATE SOIL CONSERVATION & WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

Monthly Meeting, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 10:00 A.M  
Case New Holland Ag Info Center or Call in option

## Minutes for May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### SSCWQC Members Present

Colleen Miller, Dennis Carlson, Dale Farnham, Steve Hofmann, Paula Ellis, John Tuthill,

### SSCWQC Members Called In

Matt Bormann

### DSCWQ Staff Present

Vince Sitzmann, Jake Hansen, Susan Kozak, Nicky Gubbels

### Partners Present

John Whitaker (CDI), Jamie Benning (ISU), Jon Hubbert (NRCS),

### Partners Called In

Dennis Carney (CDI), Steve Konrady (DNR)

### Other Called In

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

**2021-32** Carlson moved to approve the agenda; Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**2021-33** Hofmann moved to approve the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes; Farnham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### Bureau Chief Reports (Reports on file)

#### Field Services – Myers

No verbal report given, see written report on file;

#### Mines and Minerals – Sitzmann

Sitzmann highlighted the following topics in his report;

- ISU Ag Engineering students are wrapping up their senior level Capstone Project for the DeLong AML site
- Mahaska and Marion SWCD's each have an intern that will assist with M&M activities as well as SWCD tasks.
- The Bureau has submitted an award nomination for the DeRonde AML reclamation project.

#### Water Resources - Hansen

Hansen highlighted the following topics in his report;

- There have been 50 nominations for the IFELA awards
- Next year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the IFELA awards and would like the idea of giving out 100 awards.

#### Director's Report - Kozak

Kozak highlighted the following items in her report;

- The Wallace building staff will be transitioning back to 100% July 1<sup>st</sup>
- SF 512 funding has been extended through FY 2039, giving an addition \$320 million in water quality funding
- REAP funding has been approved this year at \$12 million and extended to 2026

### Partner Reports (Reports on file)

#### Conservation Districts of Iowa - Whitaker

Whitaker highlighted the following topics in his report;

- CDI bylaws will be voted on at the virtual annual conference in August
- St. Ansgar FFA will be representing Iowa in the national Envirothon virtually this year

#### Engineers –

No Report Given

#### Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Konrady

Hopkins highlighted the following topics in his report;

- Section 319 watershed funding has received 11 applications
- A new watershed protection project has been launched at the Trout Run and Decorah Fish Hatchery

#### Iowa State Extension – Benning

Benning highlighted the following topics in her report;

- There will be 5 outreach meetings to address emerging opportunities related to Stover harvesting industries.
- More in person field days will now be offered through the extension office

#### Leopold Center – Farnham

Nothing to Report.

#### Natural Resources Conservation Service – Cagle

Cagle highlighted the following items in his report;

- The WFPO agreement for watershed planning in Dubuque and Clarke county are signed and active
- IPC and State CIG will be reviewing 8 applications to be wrapped up around mid-June
- EWP has generated 34 damage reports that allocated \$7.5 million for the removal of debris from streams and rivers caused by Derecho
- CRP will be doing a lot more technical support, reviewing 100% of new contracts

#### Business

- SSCWQC Research and Demonstration Grant Updates - Gubbels
  - Approve no-cost extension, 19NREM

**2021-34** Farnham moved to approve the extension request for 19NREM. Ellis seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

#### Subcommittee Reports

- DO Subcommittee report:
  - 5 Year plan – Black Hawk

**2021- 35** Ellis moved to approve the 5 year plans listed above. Hofmann seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- SWM Subcommittee Report:
  - Soil Loss Amendments – Dallas & Osceola

**2021-36** Hofmann moved to approve the above Soil Loss Limits amendments. Farnham Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### SWCD Vacancies / Appointments

#### SSCWQC Member Reports

- Bormann- Seeing more conservation practices as you travel north. The area is getting a lot of rain.
- Farnham- Getting some much needed moisture. Planting is done.
- Hofmann- All the corn is in, however some may need to replant some due to the dryness.
- Carlson- A lot of rain with a little supply of seed sources. Corn is up to about 2-4 inches.
- Ellis- Due to too much rain, some will have to replant corn. There have been some who haven't even had a chance to plant.
- Tuthill- Corn and Bean crops are looking really good, anticipating it to be a really good season.
- Miller- In need of some moisture, however crops appear to be mostly planted.

Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.