

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION & WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

Monthly Meeting, Thursday, January 6th, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Wallace Building – Conference Room 2

Call in: (866) 685-1580 Code:5152815851

Agenda for January 6th, 2022

Call Meeting to Order

Approve Agenda

Approve the minutes of the December 2nd, 2021 meeting

Introduction – Jerah Sheets, WQ Improvement Section Supervisor

Bureau Chief Reports

Field Services – Myers

Mines & Minerals – Sitzmann

Water Resources – Hansen

Director's Report - Kozak

Partner Reports

Conservation Districts of Iowa – Whitaker

Engineers – Bjerke

Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Hopkins

Iowa State Extension – DeLong/Benning

Leopold Center – vacant

Natural Resource Conservation Service –Hubbert/Cagle

Business (Discussion and possible action)

- SSCWQC Research & Demonstration Grant Updates- Gubbels
- SSCWQC Meeting frequency and structure

Subcommittee Reports (Discussion & possible action)

- District Operation Subcommittee- 5-year plan review:
 - Warren
- Soil, Water & Mineral Subcommittee
 - REAP watershed application for West Pottawattamie SWCD
 - CDI Resolution proposal:
 - **TITLE:** Allow Location Flexibility for Multi-year State Cost Shared Cover Crops
 - **STATEMENT:** Using cover crops on the same acres two consecutive years provides producers an opportunity to begin to realize the long-term benefits of cover crops. Sometimes during the second year, producers have a field that would be better suited for the success of a cover crop for that season. For example, the original designated field may have experienced crop canopy damage from hail, drought, flooding, or fertility issues. If allowed to switch acres and still receive cost share, producers could be encouraged to use these unfortunate events as opportunities to capture additional sunlight through the use of cover crops. Building flexibility into the program could increase the chances of successful back-to-back cover crops.
 - **ACTION:** CDI supports IDALS rewriting the policy on multi-year cover crop contracts to read **“Multi-year contracts should be on the same ground and the same number of acres each year of the contract unless there are unforeseen technical or weather issues that arise. Pre-approval and technical guidance must be given to switch the location of the practice.”**
 - **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The current policy wording is “Multi-year contracts must be on the same ground and the same number of acres each year of the contract.”

SWCD Vacancies / Appointments (Discussion & possible action)

- Vacancies
 - Johnson – Recommendation to appoint Michael T Donovan to fill the unexpired term of Bonnie Riggan
 - Johnson- Recommendation to appoint Wayne Petersen to fill the unexpired term of Alex Schmidt
 - Dubuque- Recommendation to appoint John Smith to fill the unexpired term of Melvin Wilgenbusch
 - Henry- Recommendation to appoint Charles D Allen to fill the unexpired term of Alan Miller

Visitor/Guest Comments (limited to 3 minutes)

SSCWQC Member Reports

- SSCWQC meetings represented and potential travel requests

Future Meetings

February 3 rd 2022	SSCWQC Meeting	Wallace Building
March 3 rd 2022	SSCWQC Meeting	Wallace Building
April 7 th 2022	SSCWQC Meeting	Wallace Building

Adjournment