

Minutes for October 6th, 2022

SSCWQC Members Called In/Present

Colleen Miller, Paula Ellis, Matt Bormann, John Tuthill, Dennis Carlson, Dale Farnham

DSCWQ Staff

Susan Kozak, Will Myers, Vince Sitzmann, Jake Hansen, Kate Bussanmas, Nicky McEuen

Partners Present

John Whitaker (CDI), Catherine Delong (ISU), Scott Cagle (NRCS), Nick Baumgarten (DNR)

Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2022-36 Farnham moved to approve the agenda; Tuthill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2022-37 Tuthill moved to approve the September 1st, 2022, meeting minutes; Carlson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bureau Chief Reports (Reports on file)

Field Services –Myers

Myers highlighted the following topics in his report;

- IDALS has completed development and is in the process of upgrading FARMS
- Due to Tracy Bruun moving to the Water Resources Bureau we now have a SW Field Rep position open

Mines and Minerals – Sitzmann

Sitzmann highlighted the following topic in his report;

- Braian Wilson AML Project is now seeded
- Staff is working on the BIL grant for the additional 6 million in funding
- Several staff members attended OSMRE in Kansas City to learn about requirements for the new funding

Water Resources - Hansen

Hansen highlighted the following topics in his report;

- Several staff members attended the Iowa Water Conference on Sep. 28th & 29th in Dubuque
- Tracy Bruun has been hired as the WQI Contracts Manager her start date was September 16th

Director's Report – Kozak

Kozak highlighted the following topics in her report;

- CA, Grant Theesfeld located in Calhoun County SWCD received the September Employee of the Month
- SSCWQC & CDI leadership had a successful budget update with Secretary Naig
- Staff has been having ongoing discussions on cover crop program improvements

Partner Reports (Reports on file)

Conservation Districts of Iowa - Whitaker

Whitaker highlighted the following topics in his report;

- All Private Wetlands Wildlife positions have now been filled
- There are currently two of the four WET positions now open

Engineers – Bjerke

No Report

Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Baumgarten

Baumgarten highlighted the following topics in his report;

- DNR staff attended and participated in the Iowa Water Conference and Project Coordinator meeting
- Iowa archery deer hunting season began on October 1st

Iowa State Extension – DeLong

DeLong highlighted the following topics in her report;

- The Iowa ISU Extension and Outreach Women in Ag Leadership Conference is seeking women impacting agriculture nominees. Last day to submit a nomination will be Friday, October 7th
- Whole Farm Conservation Best Practices Manual has been updated and re-vamped and is now available online

Leopold Center – Vacant

No Report

Natural Resources Conservation Service – Cagle

Cagle highlighted the following items in his report;

- CIG /IPC proposals are due October 11th
- Iowa received three new RCPP awards for 2022
- Iowa was included in 18 of the 70 national awards for Climate-Smart Commodities totaling in \$2.8 Bil in funding
- Mitigation Banks proposals are due October 10th

Business

- SSCWQC Research & Demonstration Grant Updates- McEuen (Discussion & possible action)
 - McEuen gave a brief update on current grants
- Discuss SSCWQC meeting frequency – Switch from monthly to quarterly meetings

2022-38 Tuthill moved to approve the change from monthly SSCWQC meetings to quarterly. Bormann seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Subcommittee Reports

- DO Subcommittee report:
 - The DO Subcommittee meeting reviewed the below 5-year plan applications. The subcommittee recommended all plans for approval
 - - Carroll
 - Lee
 - Muscatine
 - O'Brien
 - Palo Alto
 - Sac
 - Wayne

2022-39 Ellis moved to approve the above listed 5-year plans. Tuthill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SSCWQC Member Reports

- Tuthill- As you move West it looks like more combining has been done compared to Eastern Iowa
- Carlson- Bean harvest is about halfway done. We have started moving trees for the season
- Bormann- We have been testing out a new phosphorus product
- Miller- Seeing some cover crop seeding. With recent rain, we are starting to see some new growth however, things are still very dry
- Farnham- Seeing some arial application started. We are still in need of rain

Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Colleen Miller, SSCWQC Chair

Susan Kozak, DSCWQ Division Director