

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION & WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE
Monthly Meeting, November 3rd 2022, 10:00 A.M

Minutes for November 3rd, 2022

SSCWQC Members Called In/Present

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

DSCWQ Staff

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

Partners Present

John Whitaker (CDI), Carlee Sabus (CDI), Catherine DeLong (ISU), Scott Cagle (NRCS), Steve Konrady(DNR)

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

2022-40 Farnham moved to approve the agenda; Hofmann seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2022-41 Farnham moved to approve the October 6th2022, meeting minutes; Carlson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Brief Staff & Partner updates, no formal reports

The following updates were mentioned;

- DNR- We applied for a \$3million grant from EPA. Details on final eligibility, allowable projects, and formal definitions of targeted individuals and communities are actively being determined.
- ISU- Women in Agriculture Conference will be held at the end of November.
- NRCS-RCPP will soon be bringing in a lot of money for the department.

Business

- SSCWQC Research & Demonstration Grant Updates- McEuen (Discussion & possible action)
 - McEuen gave a brief update on current grants

Subcommittee Reports

- DO Subcommittee report:
 - The DO Subcommittee meeting reviewed the below 5-year plan applications. The subcommittee recommended all plans for approval
 - - Clay
 - Greene
 - Mahaska
 - Scott

2022-42 Ellis moved to approve the above listed 5-year plans. Hofmann seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SSCWQC Member Reports

- Hofmann- Most beans are out of the field, there is still a lot of corn, however. Seeing a lot of work being done with terraces and inlets.
- Tuthill- East to West you can see crops are coming out and a few cover crops coming up. Starting to look like fall.
- Carlson- NC Iowa is still dry but we are starting to see some cover crops showing. About 95% of harvest is complete in the area.
- Bormann- I would like to see more detailed member reports or a different way to capture discussion.
- Miller- NW Iowa needs rain badly. So far, we have seen abundant crops despite lack of moisture, however, cover crops are struggling. Have been seeing tillage and fertilizer work being done.
- Farnham- Some farmers have wrapped up harvest. We are starting to see some cover crops greening up, however we are still in desperate need of rain.
- Ellis- Harvest seems to be wrapping up, and we are starting to see some cover crops popping up. We are also seeing work being done on vertical tillage and waterways.

Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.