

## Minutes for December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### SSCWQC Members Called In/Present

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

### DSCWQ Staff

Susan Kozak, Nicky McEuen

### Partners Present

John Whitaker (CDI), Carlee Sabus (CDI), Scott Cagle (NRCS), Miranda Haes (DNR), Jen Kurth (DNR)

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

**2022-42** Ellis moved to approve the agenda; Farnham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**2022-43** Hofmann moved to approve the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, meeting minutes; Farnham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### Bureau Chief Reports (Reports on file)

#### Field Services –Kozak

Kozak highlighted the following topics in the report on Myers' behalf;

- Recalls for end of year cost share programs are being done, these funds will be assessed and redistributed to interest districts in early 2023
- Field Services welcomes the new Southwest Iowa Field Services rep, Perrin Taylor

#### Mines and Minerals – Sitzmann

Kozak highlighted the following topics in the report on Sitzmann's behalf;

- The Bureau has received the awarded BIL funds, with an additional \$6 million to be available after Jan. 1 2023
- With the additional funding there is now a need to hire a new Project Coordinator to manage the increased workload

#### Water Resources - Hansen

Kozak highlighted the following topics in the report on Hansen's behalf;

- Moving forward, Wetland Initiatives' goal is to construct 25-30 sites per year, with the staffing investments and process changes this increase will be doable

#### Director's Report – Kozak

Kozak highlighted the following topics in her report;

- The CA in Monroe County, Diana Williams has been awarded the September Employee of the Month
- Kozak attended a field day and board meeting for the ISU led Change project
- The Cover Crop Insurance Discount program opened on December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Urban WQI project proposals for 2022 closed on 11/18 with 23 applications received

#### Presentation

- "A Tale of Two Streams" and it was about the successes on Farmers and Tete des Morts Creeks- presented by Jennifer Kurth

### Partner Reports (Reports on file)

#### Conservation Districts of Iowa - Whitaker

Whitaker highlighted the following topics in his report;

- There are two Wetland Easement Team positions open as well as one Private Lands Wildlife position
- Watersheds that have undergone significant conservation work are now determined viable to reintroduce Brook Trout
- Travis Sieve is now the new EPA Non-Point Sources Coordinator for Iowa

#### Engineers – Bjerke

No Report

#### Iowa Department of Natural Resources –Kurth

Kurth highlighted the following topics in the report;

- David Schilling started as the new Storm Water Coordinator on November 11<sup>th</sup> out of Polk County
- Iowa archery deer hunting season began on October 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Iowa State Extension – Delong

No verbal report given, written report on file

### Natural Resources Conservation Service – Cagle

Cagle highlighted the following items in his report;

- There are currently 13, 2018 Farm Bill RCPP Projects
- Iowa was included in 18 of the 70 national awards for Climate-Smart Commodities totaling in \$2.8 Bil in funding
- NRCS is requesting feedback from the public on how to maximize benefits for climate mitigation
- The Annual IA NRCS at a Glance Report has been released

### Business

- SSCWQC Research & Demonstration Grant Updates- McEuen (Discussion & possible action)
  - McEuen gave a brief update on current grants
- Discuss SSCWQC meeting frequency – The changes the committee voted on has been submitted and we should see the rule change made around the end of March

### Subcommittee Reports

- DO Subcommittee report:
  - The DO Subcommittee meeting reviewed the below 5-year plan applications. The subcommittee recommended all plans for approval
  - - Cedar
    - Crawford
    - Ida
    - Monona

**2022-45** Ellis moved to approve the above listed 5-year plans. Hofmann seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### SSCWQC Member Reports

- Tuthill- Have been seeing an increase in round bales as well as anhydrous being put on fields
- Hofmann- Anhydrous is being put on currently. I would like to be more involved and work with CDI on resolutions pertaining to surface water
- Bormann- Currently on vacation in Florida
- Miller- There have been at least 3 outbreaks of Avian Flu in the area. I also attended the Farm Bureau Meeting
- Farnham- All field work for the most part is now complete
- Ellis- I have been working with Common Grounds Iowa, promoting education on where your food comes from. Attended the Farm Bureau meeting

Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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Colleen Miller, SSCWQC Chair

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Susan Kozak, DSCWQ Division Director