

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION & WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 7th 2023 at 10:00 am
Teams Meeting- For meeting link please email nicole.mceuen@iowaagriculture.gov
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Agenda for December 7th, 2023

Call Meeting to Order

Approve Agenda

Approve the minutes of the October 12th, 2023 meeting

Bureau Chief Reports

Field Services – Myers

Mines & Minerals – Sitzmann

Water Resources – Hansen

Director's Report - Kozak

Partner Reports

Conservation Districts of Iowa – Judge

Engineers – vacant

Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Hopkins

Iowa State Extension – Delong

Natural Resource Conservation Service – Hubbert/Cagle

Business (Discussion & possible action)

- Review Soil Loss Limit code/rule language and proposed modifications to procedures – for awareness, no action needed at this time.

Subcommittee Reports

- **Planning & Programs** – CDI Resolution Review and Recommendation
 - **Increase Cover Crop Cost Share for Previous Users** – The subcommittee agreed with the concept and supports IDALS continuing to explore possible solutions for this issue.
 - **Change Policy Within Historic Preservation Act** – The subcommittee agrees with this concern and supports CDI elevating the concern to NACD and other national levels.
 - **Revise Rules for Bioreactors, Saturated Buffers, and Wetland Restoration on Conservation Reserve Program Acres** – The subcommittee does not recommend IDALS action on this resolution. Further clarification is needed on this resolution and might need to be discussed with Farm Service Agency staff.
 - **Make (580) Stream Bank Protection an Eligible Practice for Funding Under the SF 512 Program** – The subcommittee does not recommend IDALS action on this resolution. CDI should check with the ISU Nutrient Research Center for status of this becoming an approved practice under the Nutrient Reduction Strategy. In order for IDALS to expend WQI funds, a practice must be approved by the Center.
 - **Increase the Minimum and Maximum Salary Range for State Soil Conservation Technicians** – The committee agrees with this concern and supports IDALS ongoing efforts to find solutions to the situation.

SWCD Vacancies / Appointments (Discussion & possible action)

- Madison- Recommendation to appoint Don Eyerly Jr. to fill the unexpired term of Lisa Coverdale (approved last meeting but missed 10-day window for appointment)

Visitor/Guest Comments (limited to 3 minutes)

SSCWQC Member Reports

- SSCWQC meetings represented and potential travel requests

Future Meetings

February 8, 2024

June 10-11, 2024

Partnership Day – **TBD on time/date**, Wallace State Office Building

Summer Tour and Joint Meeting

Adjournment