

## Minutes for May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

### SSCWQC Members Called In/Present

Dennis Carlson, Paula Ellis, Colleen Miller, Mike McGhee, Steve Hofmann, John Tuthill

### DSCWQ Staff

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

### Partners Present

Catherine Delong (ISU), Steve Hopkins (DNR), Dien Judge (CDI), Jon Hubbert (NRCS), Jeri Thornsberry (CDI), Joe Hayes (CDI)

Hoffman called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**2024-04** Miller moved to approve the agenda; Carlson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**2024-05** Miller moved to approve the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting minutes; McGhee seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### Update from Steve Hopkins (DNR)

- Hopkins gave a brief update on current DNR programs as well as announced his retirement from his current position

### Business (Discussion & possible action)

- FY2025 Innovation & Demonstration application announcement
  - Kozak shared that grant applications will go live on Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> and will be due on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>
- Summer Tour Update
  - Hansen shared a brief summary of what is currently planned for summer tour and welcomed any suggestions to add
- Recognition award nominations discussion
  - Kozak discussed with the committee possible nominees and they concluded that John Whittaker and Steve Hopkins would be nominated for the recognition award

### Subcommittee Reports

- **Planning & Programs** – Lee County REAP priority Watershed Application
  - Hansen reviewed the application with the committee, after discussion the committee agreed with the subcommittee to approve the application

**2024-06** Miller moved to approve the Lee County REAP priority Watershed Application. Hoffman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### SWCD Vacancies / Appointments (Discussion & possible action)

- Buena Vista – Recommendation to appoint Robert R Danahoo to fill the unexpired term of Rodney Husman
- Wayne – Recommendation to appoint Phillip West to fill the unexpired term of Ralph Alshouse

**2024-07** Ellis moved to approve the new commissioner appointment listed above. McGhee seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### SSCWQC Member Reports

- Tuthill – Beans are currently being planted however, some planting has been halted due to the wet conditions
- Carlson- We are now in the process of planting new trees, and the area is having a good amount of rain. A new oat growing operation is starting up in the area
- Miller- Haven't been able to get in the fields to start planting yet due to the amount of rain. Cover crops have really taken off and grew a lot in the last few weeks
- McGhee – Some planting is being done in the area, we have received a lot of rain recently making it a slow process

- Ellis – We started planting in early April. With the heavy rain we are only half way through our planting. All cover crops were able to be terminated prior to the deluge of rain
- Hoffman- We are seeing some water build up with the amount of rain we are getting. Cover crops have yet to be terminated due to how wet the fields have been

Carlson adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

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Steve Hofmann, SSCWQC Chair

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Susan Kozak, DSCWQ Division Director