

Minutes for November 20th, 2024

SSCWQC Members Called In/Present

Steve Hofmann, Dennis Carlson, Colleen Miller, John Tuthill, Mike McGhee, Ramona Nitz, Jody Kerns, Kent Stuart, Ashley Utt, Luke Monat

IDALS Staff

Mike Naig, Hailey Hook, Jake Hansen, Vince Sitzmann, Susan Kozak, Will Myers, Kate Bussanmas, Nicky McEuen

Hofmann called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2024-08 Carlson moved to approve the agenda; Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2024-09 McGhee moved to approve the May 2nd, 2024, meeting minutes; Tuthill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Introductions – All in attendance went around and introduced and shared a little about themselves.

Division Structure & Budget Overview- Kozak discussed the Division's overall mission to manage and protect the soil, water and mineral resources in the state. She indicated that with the restructuring of the committee's responsibilities, their duties now include helping to further that mission by promoting and advocating for the adoption of soil conservation and water quality practices. In addition, she also stated that the committee will provide valuable feedback on Division programs when requested, serving as our advisory board. Naig and Kozak reviewed the changes to the committee's structure and how things will function moving forward.

Innovation and Demonstration Grant Ideas- Kozak requested the committee think about ways we can invite people to apply for this grant opportunity. She also asked the question; what would you like to see out of this? Or do you hear local ideas that you want to bring forward? We will move forward with an request for applications (RFA) after the March meeting.

Vision for future meetings- In the future we would like our meetings to be at least 2 hours in length. With this longer format we will schedule presentations with various partners and staff. Kozak asked the committee to suggest things they would like to learn more about, topics that may be beneficial to the committee, or any specific category we feel the committee would like to further explore.

Proposed 2025 Meetings

- June 16, 2025 – Joint Meeting with CDI at 1:00 PM; SSCWQC Meeting following at 2:30
 - June 17 at 8:00 AM, Conservation Summer Tour with CDI Board in Decorah, Iowa
- September 4, 2025 at 10:00 AM
- November 6, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Adjournment

Hofmann adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.