

Minutes for February 12th, 2026

SSCWQC Members Called In/Present

Ramona Nitz, Luke Monat, Steve Hofmann, Bruce Barnhart, Jody Kerns, Kent Stuart, Ashley Utt, Colleen Miller, Rick Juchems, Brandon Montgomery

IDALS Staff

Secretary Mike Naig, Susan Kozak, Jake Hansen, Will Myers, Kate Bussanmas, Nicky McEuen, Luke Nieuwendorp, Keely Coppess, Don McDowell, Colin Tadlock

Partners

Dien Judge (CDI), Steve Konrady (DNR), Adam Schnieders (DNR), Catherine Delong (ISU), Jon Hubbert (NRCS), Randy Olsen (Iowa Limestone Producers Association)

Ramona Nitz called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2026-01 Bruce Barnhart moved to approve the agenda; Colleen Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2026-02 Barnhart moved to approve November 6th, 2025, meeting minutes; Rick Juchems seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations

- Member Highlight: Brandon Montgomery, Mining Industry Representative
 - Montgomery shared the work he does with Schildberg Construction Company. His main duties include: overseeing the environmental department, assisting the exploration committee, as well as the production and design team to develop new locations. Montgomery also gave the committee a brief background of geology/mining in Iowa.
- DNR Water Overview – Adam Schnieders
 - Schnieders reviewed a presentation that was given to the DNR Environmental Protection Committee. This presentation covered topics such as water quality context, current efforts, and the Nutrient Reduction Strategy.

Other Business

- NRCS Update- Jon Hubbert
 - Hubbert shared that due to NRCS undergoing many changes they are working to create a new strategic plan, and asked partners in attendance to please provide them with any input or feedback to consider while creating said plan.
- Member Discussion- Secretary Naig/Susan Kozak
 - Naig opened a conversation with the committee, asking for feedback and ideas on what we are currently doing when it comes to cover crop programs and offerings.

Adjournment

Nitz adjourned the meeting at 03:32 p.m.