

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION & WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE
Monthly Meeting, February 2nd, 2023, 10:00 A.M

Minutes for February 2nd, 2023

SSCWQC Members Called In/Present

Dale Farnham, Paula Ellis, Matt Bormann, John Tuthill, Dennis Carlson, Steve Hofmann

DSCWQ Staff

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

Partners Present

John Whitaker (CDI), Catherine Delong (ISU), Scott Cagle (NRCS), Steve Konrady (DNR), Steve Hopkins (DNR), Miranda Haes (DNR), Melissa Miller (ISU)

Farnham called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2023-04 Hofmann moved to approve the agenda with the amendment to remove subcommittee discussion due to lack of quorum; Bormann seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-05 Carlson moved to approve the January 11th, 2023, meeting minutes; Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations

- Melissa Miller, ISU – N-Initiative
- Vince Evelsizer, DNR-Bobcat Recovery
- Kate Bussanmas, IDALS – Cover Crop Insurance Discount Program

Brief Staff & Partner updates, no formal reports

The following updates were mentioned;

- Kozak provided information in regard to the upcoming Spring Regionals. She also notified the committee that the quarterly meetings will be reviewed on February 13th for final approval
- Sitzmann announce that the new project coordinator, Angie Sebastian starts on February 3rd
- Myers shared that the SE Field Rep position will be posted soon

Business

- SSCWQC Research & Demonstration Grant Updates- McEuen (Discussion & possible action)
 - McEuen gave a brief update on current grants

Subcommittee Reports

SWCD Vacancies/Appointments

- Tama – Recommendation to appoint Jan Wobeter to fill the unexpired vacant term

2023-06 Hofmann moved to approve the appointment for Tama county. Tuthill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SSCWQC Member Reports

- Hofmann- Working on annual maintenance and taxes
- Tuthill- Recently saw more rain and ice in the area. Mostly have been busy with trainings and meetings
- Carlson- Will be attending the Specialty Farms meeting in late February Recently attended a fur auction in Boone. Now is a good time to prune your oak trees
- Bormann- Really enjoyed the article that Hofmann shared with the committee
- Farnham- Not a lot happening in the area. There is currently a heavy snow cover
- Ellis- Attended the Soybean Ass. Conference as well as a local science fair where a commissioner presented awards

Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Dale Farnham, Acting SSCWQC Chair

Susan Kozak, DSCWQ Division Director