

## **Minutes for March 11, 2025**

### **SSCWQC Members Called In/Present**

Steve Hofmann, Dennis Carlson, Ramona Nitz, Bruce Barnhart, Mike McGhee, Jody Kerns, Kent Stuart, Ashley Utt, Luke Monat

### **IDALS Staff**

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

### **Partners**

Dien Judge (CDI), Jon Hubbert (NRCS), Steve Konrady (DNR)

### **Guests**

Tom Isenhardt, Matt Helmers

Hofmann called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**2025-01** Kerns moved to approve the agenda; Carlson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**2025-02** Stuart moved to approve the March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting minutes; Carlson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation** –Isenhardt and Helmers presented on the topics of stream bank/channel erosion, and the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy.

**NRCS Update**- Hubbert shared several updates with the committee. He touched on several topics such as administration changes, farm bill, and partnership engagement.

**Innovation and Demonstration Grant**- Kozak shared that the RFP for this year's grant application will be open soon and accepting applications. This year we are looking at how we can advertise this grant opportunity better. Naig and Kozak asked the committee to please share any contacts that they may think benefit from the grant.

**Member Discussion**- Sitzmann reviewed his Mines and Minerals updates and how the federal funding freeze has affected their work. With the mention of the federal funding freeze, the committee shared how the freeze has affected members and partners so far.

### **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 3:33 p.m.