

**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION & WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE**  
**Monthly Meeting, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00 A.M**

**Minutes for April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

SSCWQC Members Called In/Present

Colleen Miller, Dale Farnham, Paula Ellis, John Tuthill, Matt Bormann, Steve Hofmann

DSCWQ Staff

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

Partners Present

John Whitaker (CDI), Catherine Delong (ISU), Adam Schnieders (DNR), Michael Henderson (NRCS)

Miller called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**2023-13** Bormann moved to approve the agenda; Tuthill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**2023-14** Hofmann moved to approve the February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, meeting minutes; Farnham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations

- Justin Glisan, IDALS State Climatologist – New Drought Plan and Spring Flood Forecast

Brief Staff and Partner updates as needed (No Formal Reports)

- Mines and Minerals- Soil and Water Week is coming up (April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Water Resources- Working on the route and stops for our upcoming Summer Tour
- Field Services- New SE Iowa Field Rep will start on April 14<sup>th</sup>, welcoming Deborah Morgan-Lennie
- Director- Trying to fill the open spots on the committee, we are now officially moving to quarterly meetings
- CDI- Regionals went very well. Still looking to fill a few vacant positions
- ISU- Thirteen videos of wetlands in the state have been added to the ISU Extension website
- DNR-Non-Point Source Plan is now available
- NRCS- Working on how we can plan and contract upcoming funding

Business

- SSCWQC Research & Demonstration Grant Updates- McEuen (Discussion & possible action)
  - McEuen gave a brief update on current grants as well as upcoming FY24 application
- Summer Tour Update

Subcommittee Reports

- District Operations: 5 Year Plans
  - Audubon
  - Guthrie
  - Hancock
  - Iowa
  - Pocahontas

**2023-15** Ellis moved to approve the 5 year plans listed above. Hofmann seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

SSCWQC Member Reports

- Hofmann- Grass is getting green; spring has arrived. Started to see some field work being done
- Tuthill- We received 10-11 inches of snow at the end of March and recently some rain. Abigale Sweet will be inspecting a local mine
- Farnham- Things are greening up and we are starting to see some activity in the fields
- Ellis- State science fair is done. Currently working with the Common Grounds group
- Miller- No field work being done yet due to it still being cold. We are seeing some cover crops green up
- Bormann- Held a recent field day event that went great

Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.