

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION & WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE
Monthly Meeting, Thursday, June 10th 2019, 3:00 P.M.
Ameristar Hotel Conference Room

Minutes for June 10th, 2019

SSCWQC Members Present

Paula Ellis, Steve Hofmann, Linda Querry, Dennis Carlson

SSCWQC Members Called In

Sherman Lundy, Dale Farnham

DSCWQ Staff Present

Susan Kozak, Jake Hansen, Nicky Gubbels

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

2019-19 Hofmann moved to approve the agenda; Querry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2019-20 Querry moved to approve the May 2nd, 2019 meeting minutes; Carlson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bureau Chief Reports (Reports reviewed at joint meeting)

Field Services-Sitzmann (Report on file)

Mines and Minerals-Suchan (Report on File)

Water Resources-Hansen (Report on File)

Director's Report-Kozak (Report on File)

Partner Reports (Reports reviewed at joint meeting)

Conservation Districts of Iowa- Whitaker (Report on File)

Engineers – Roehl

Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Hopkins

Iowa State Extension –Benning (Report on File)

Leopold Center – Farnham

Nothing to Report.

Natural Resource Conservation Service –Simon

Verbal report given at joint meeting

Business

- SSCWQC Research and Demonstration Grant Updates-Gubbels
 - Gubbels shared an update on all current grants. Quarterly reports were sent to the committee for review.
- Annual Conference award nominations- The committee discussed and recommended Marty Atkins and Vance Hjelm.
- Soil Loss Amendment-Story County

2019-21 Lundy moved to approve the soil loss amendments. Hofmann seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Subcommittee Reports

- The SWM reviewed Silver Lake priority watershed application.

2019-21 Lundy moved to approve the Silver Lake priority watershed application. Farnham seconded. Approved unanimously.

- The SWM reviewed Grundy SWCD REAP water protection fund practices application.

2019-22 Lundy Moved to approve the Grundy County SWCD Reap application. Farnham seconded. Approved unanimously.

- District Operations- FY2020 R&D Grants
 - DO committee suggested the following grants for funding:
 - **University of Northern Iowa-John Degroote:** Development of dynamic 360° imagery and video virtual resources for prairie on farms and integrated roadside vegetation management programs.
 - **Iowa Geological Survey-Keith Schilling:** Evaluation the combined effects of N application with and without manure on groundwater quality using a paired field design at the Kirkwood Community College farm.
 - **Northeast Iowa Resource Conservation & Development- Ross Evelsizer:** Agriculture resilience through relay-cropping.
 - **Iowa State University-Michal Perez:** In-Situ Performance Evaluation of Bioretention Intake Systems. (Partial Funding)

2019-23 Lundy moved to accept the District Operations Sub-committee recommendation to approve and fully fund the 3 discussed applications as well as partially funding 1 additional application. Querry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SWCD Vacancies / Appointments

- Appointments
 - Linn-Recommendation to appoint Bruce Frana to fill the unexpired term of Dan Abel
 - Scott-Recommendation to appoint Lora Schmidt to fill the unexpired term of Jane Weber
 - Tama- Recommendation to appoint Lisa Kubik to fill the unexpired term of Jennifer Vazquez-Koster.

2019-24 Lundy moved to approve the above recommendations. Farnham Seconded. Approved unanimously.

SSCWQC Member Reports

- Farnham- Most planting ~~is~~ done however some planting and spraying is still being done.
- Lundy- Some planting is still in progress about 50%-60% is complete- The area is still very wet.
- Hofmann- For the most part all planting is done. About 40% of it was completed within the last week.
- Querry- Finished planting today, most people in the area are done as well. Not great conditions.
- Carlson- A lot of tree disease showing up, many changes to come in regards to that.
- Ellis- Finally finished planting.

Adjournment

Ellis adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Paula Ellis, SSCWQC Chair

Susan Kozak, DSCWQ ~~Acting~~ Division Director