

Minutes for September 2nd, 2025

SSCWQC Members Called In/Present

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

IDALS Staff

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

Partners

Dien Judge (CDI), Scott Cagle (NRCS), Steve Konrady (DNR), Adam Schneiders (DNR), Matt Helmers (ISU), Catherine Delong (ISU)

CDI Members

Jeri Thornsberry, T C Loving, Shawn Dolan, Mike Phillips, Mary Miller, Jeff Olson, Eric Black, Robert Ladd, Dwight Hobson, Eric Wessels, Allen Kadolph

Ramona Nitz called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

2025-05 Kerns moved to approve the agenda; Stuart seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2025-06 Kent moved to approve the June 16th, 2025, meeting minutes; Hoffman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations

- The first presentation was given by Colin Tadlock, IDALS Chief of Staff, on the current wetland permitting challenges. As a part of this discussion the committee determined it to be beneficial for a letter of support to be drafted on behalf of the State Committee to the Rock Island District office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

2025-07 Beck moved to approve the drafting of a letter on behalf of the committee to be sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Rock Island District expressing concerns with our current permitting challenges. Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- The next presentation was given by Dr. Justin Glisan, State Climatologist. Glisan gave a climatology update as well as discussion on the spring of 2025. With current projections, Glisan shared that our upcoming fall has the potential to be warmer and dryer.
- The final presentation was given by SSCWQC member Luke Monat. In this presentation, Monat shared with the committee how engineers work within conservation.

Member Discussion

- Potential topics for future meetings were discussed. Ideas such as tenant and owner relationships with farmland, DNR beach updates, and budget were mentioned.

Adjournment

Nitz adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.