

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Monthly Meeting, May 5, 2016, 10:00a
Wallace State Office Bldg., 2nd Floor Conference
Des Moines, IA 50319

SSCC

Dale Farnham, Chair
Paula Ellis, Vice Chair (joined by conference call)
Dennis Carlson
Charles McCullough
Sherman Lundy

DSCWQ

James Gillespie, Director
Vince Sitzmann
Susan Kozak
Tarrita Spicer

Partners

Steve Hopkins, Department of Natural Resources
Clare Lindahl, Conservation Districts of Iowa
Kurt Simon, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Dave Shanahan, County Engineers
John Lawrence, Iowa State Extension

Additional

Ann Robinson, Iowa Environmental Council
Deb Kozel, Legislative Liaison
Kathleen Delate, ISU Agronomy & Horticulture

Agenda for **May 5, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

2016 – 18 Sherm made a motion to approve the agenda. Charles seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2016 – 19 Sherm made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 7, 2016, meeting. Charles seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bureau Chief Report

Field Services – Sitzmann (copy with file)

Presentations:

ISU Agronomy & Horticulture – Delate

- SSCC Research and Demonstration Grant – Title: *“Improving Conservation through Reduced Tillage and Cover-Crop-Based Rotations in Organic Production”* The objectives of this project included the following: 1) Investigate the feasibility of adopting conservation tillage practices in organic grain crop and vegetable production on an ISU research farm and through an on-farm trial; and 2) Share research findings with growers and ag professionals through Field Days; state, regional and national conferences; webinars; websites; and videos; and 3) Evaluate outcomes of project by conducting evaluations at events and surveys at project completion.

Bureau Chief Reports

Water Resources – Hansen (copy with file)
Mines & Minerals – Kozak (copy with file)

Director’s Report – Gillespie (copy with file)

- The NRCS VTC will be shared with the SSCC & Partners

*No Report

Deb Kozel: legislative session is over. Suggested that quantifying results will help to provide a clear need to the legislature and will partner with the SSCC/Partners to discuss numbers.

SSCC Member Reports

Sherm: Upper/Middle Cedar Watershed groups organized. Middle Cedar working on hiring a full time Watershed Coordinator.

Charles: Met with women land owners to open communication to share information. Will attend the Planning subcommittee meeting following this full committee meeting.

Paula: Farming and attending a county meeting next week.

Dennis: Hosted a women in Agriculture event on his tree farm. Hosts field days for school kids. Former ISU Horticulture Specialist.

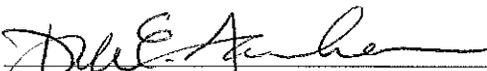
Christmas Tree and Wheat Farmers, hosts classes on their farm as well as community education on gardening and wreath making classes. Will attend the Planning subcommittee meeting following this full committee meeting.

Dale: Attended the NASCA Conference. The Story county commissioners bagged trees for Arbor Day. Will attend the Planning subcommittee meeting following this full committee meeting.

Future Meetings

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| May 5 th | Planning Subcommittee – following SSCC meeting at 1:30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Schedule Budget Development meeting |
| June 7 th | District Operations Subcommittee
Tuesday 9:00-Noon Wallace Building <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discuss/Recommend R&D FY17 Grant submissions |
| June 20 th | State Committee/CDI meeting, 2:00p
Location: Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center
1405 Hwy 71, Okoboji, IA 51355 |
| June 21 st | SSCC/CDI Tour, 7:30a
Location: Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center
1405 Hwy 71, Okoboji, IA 51355 |
| July 28 th | Thursday 10:00 a.m. Wallace Building
DNR Conference Room 3E&W (3 rd Floor)
9:00 a.m. for a sub-committee meeting if needed.
Research & Demonstration Presentation
Iowa State University – Comito
Practical Farmers of Iowa – Gailans
Conservation Districts of Iowa - Lindahl |
| August 28-30 th | CDI Annual Conference
Location: Prairie Meadows Casino & Racetrack |
| August 31 st | Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Wallace Building
9:00 a.m. for a sub-committee meeting if needed.
Research & Demonstration Presentation
Iowa State University - Helmers |
| Future Date | Ryan Maas, DNR, Development of a River Restoration Program and Stream Mitigation Method in Iowa |

Meeting adjourned at 12:39pm.


Dale Farnham, SSCC Chair


James Gillespie, Division Director

*No Report