

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Summer Tour, Monthly Meeting Minutes, June 16, 2014
Lakeside Conference Room
Lakeside Hotel & Casino, 777 Casino Dr., Osceola, IA 50213

SSCC Members

Sherman Lundy
Jean Eells
Dale Farnham
Paula Ellis
Jody Kerns
J. Kelly Tobin
Tim Palmer
Charles McCullough
S. Vance Hjelm

DSC

James Gillespie
Tarrita Spicer
Brandon Dittman
Jake Hansen
Susan Kozak

Partners

Jay Mar, NRCS
Tim Hall, DNR
Jamie Benning, ISU

Additional Attendees

Marty Adkins, NRCS
Jennifer Terry, Iowa Environmental Council

Meeting called to order at 4:01 p.m.

2014 – 19 Jody made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Jean seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2014 – 20 Dale made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 30, 2014, meeting. Jean seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

SSCC Research & Demonstration Grant Updates – Spicer (hardcopy of report with file)
Summer Tour 2014 Review – discussed the tour plans.
FY16 Budget/Legislative Issues (hardcopy of report with file)
Conservation design option - ISAC Fall meeting

New Business

2014 Annual Conference

- September 2nd – 4th
- Planning committee organizing agenda, speakers and guest tour.

Information for discussion (see attachment)

Renew subcommittee assignments (hardcopy of new assignments with file)

2014 Annual Conference Awards DSC/SRF Awards, 5 Year District Plan Award – bring list of previous winners to next meeting.

Subcommittee Report

Planning Subcommittee

- Budget/Legislative FY16
 - Staff will follow up on the issues discussed under legislative issues.

2014 – 21 Jean made a motion to approve the budget as prepared. Kelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2014 – 22 Dale made a motion to approve the name change of the Division of Soil Conservation to “Division of Soil and Water Conservation.” Jody seconded.

District Operations Subcommittee

- SSCC Grant RFP – following grants were approved by the subcommittee and are being presented to the full committee for review.
 - Iowa State University – Matt Helmers - \$74,997
 - Practical Farmers of Iowa - \$75,000
 - Johnson SWCD - \$75,000
 - Iowa State University – Jacqueline Comito - \$42,129
 - Conservation Districts of Iowa - \$54,000

2014 – 23 Jody made a motion to approve the five grants totaling \$321,126. Jean seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Soil, Water & Minerals Resources Subcommittee

- REAP Priority Watershed Application

2014 – 24 Kelly made a motion to approve West Fork Crooked Creek in Washington county and also approving the three applications Wolf, Pratt and Rock Creek with encouragement to use cover crops on the land. Charles seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Vacancy

- Des Moines SWCD
- Carroll SWCD
- Dickinson SWCD – 2 Vacancies
- Vacancy:
 - Carroll SWCD – The Carroll SWCD would like to recommend Deb Vonnahme to be appointed as commissioner to the unexpired term on the board.
 - Dickinson SWCD – The Dickinson SWCD would like to recommend David Kohlhase to be appointed as commissioner to the unexpired term on the board.
 - Worth SWCD – The Worth SWCD would like the board to acknowledge the resignation of James Iverson as of June 13, 2014 and recommend the appointment of James Dobel to the unexpired term.

2014 – 25 Kelly made a motion to approve the resignation and appointments for all three counties. Dale seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SSCC Member Reports

Tim: several meetings planning the summer tour; discussion on EPA rules.

Charles: Connecting with farmer volunteers in his area.

Kelly: Attended a tour that the Governor and Lt. Governor attended in Page county.

Jean: shared WFAN publications funded by the SSCC R&D and CIG grants. Also shared the Journal of Soil and Water conservation March/April 2014 edition. Traveling to Dewitt, Minnesota, Indiana and Missouri to conduct WFAN meetings.

Paula: attended the Lee County commissioner meeting last week. Secretary leaving their district but the position will be filled.

Dale: attended the Leopold Advisory meeting at the beginning of June as well as the Governor Proclamation signing.

Vance: Attended the Silver lake protection meeting, Marble Lake Restoration in Dickinson County and will attend the Cherokee SWCD Conservation tour July 14th.

Jody: discussed the Emerald Ash Borer situation in Johnson County. Collaborating with Bobby Kuennen to create a podcast for RAGBRAI.

Future Meetings

No Meeting in July

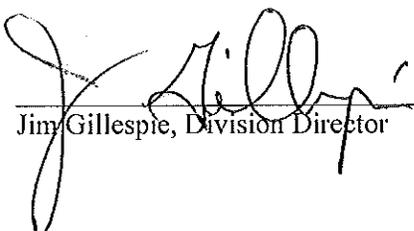
August 7th Thursday 10:00 a.m. Wallace Building
9:00 a.m. for a sub-committee meeting if needed

September 2nd Joint SSCC/CDI Meeting, Sheraton Hotel, 3:00 p.m.
SSCC meeting immediately following

September 3rd -4th 2014 Annual Conference, Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.


Sherman Lundy, SSCC Chair


Jim Gillespie, Division Director

