

Scott County Soil & Water Conservation District
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
October 8th, 2025

Chairperson Chad Dexter called the meeting to order at 3:24pm. The meeting was held at the Scott County Extension & Outreach Office. The following persons were present:

Commissioners: Chad Dexter, Christine Bolte, Lora Schmidt

Assistant Commissioners:

Staff: Rowan Kuechenmeister [CA]

Agenda

2025-74 Schmidt motioned to approve the agenda. Bolte seconded and it was unanimous.

Minutes

2025-75 Bolte motioned to approve September's meeting minutes as presented. Schmidt seconded and it was unanimous.

Treasurer Report

2025-76 Schmidt motioned to approve the treasurer report as presented. Bolte seconded and it was unanimous.

Cost Share

2025-77 Bolte motioned to approve the following cost share application for payment. Schmidt seconded and it was unanimous.

Name	FARMS#	Practice, Program	Estimated/Actual Cost	Cost Share
Justin Speth	131385	Cover Crops, WQI	\$1,500.00/\$1,500.00	\$750.00

Old Business

- Kuechenmeister presented an update written by Fenderson about the recent soil loss complaint investigation at the defendant's property. Bolte and Schmidt also relayed their thoughts from attending the visit. The next step is for NRCS engineering staff to visit and draft recommendations for how to mitigate the soil loss issue.

New Business

- The Scott County 4-H chapter sent the SWCD a solicitation asking for an item or monetary donation towards their raffle at November's 4-H Family Fun Night Banquet. **2025-78 Schmidt motioned to donate \$50 to 4-H. Bolte seconded and it was unanimous.**
- Kuechenmeister inquired on if the district should resume spring tree sale fundraising, as had been done in the past, but was skipped last year. After some discussion, the commissioners recommended that Kuechenmeister shorten the available tree species from previous years and Dexter suggested that the barn at his new property in LeClaire could be a good place to host the sale.
- Kuechenmeister reported on attending the October Bi-State Conservation Action Network meeting. The commissioners agreed that continued collaboration with that group would be good and that the events brought up from various conservation groups could be added to the district website calendar.

Staff Report

NRCS - All NRCS staff are on furlough indefinitely as of Oct 1st due to the government shutdown.

IDALS - While limited in work activities due to all federal resources being inaccessible during the shutdown, IDALS employees are still in working status.

Miscellaneous

The next Commissioner meeting will be held Wednesday, November 12th, 2025 at 4:00pm at the Scott County USDA Service Center.

2025-79 With no further business to discuss, Schmidt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:49pm. Bolte seconded and it was unanimous.

Submitted by:



Rowan Kuechenmeister, CA

Approved by:



Chad Dexter, Chair