

**Scott County Soil & Water Conservation District
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
November 12th, 2025**

Chairperson Chad Dexter called the meeting to order at 3:02pm. The meeting was held at the Scott County Extension Office, 875 Tanglefoot Ln, Bettendorf. The following persons were present:

Commissioners: Chad Dexter, Christine Bolte, Lora Schmidt, Tracey Kuehl

Assistant Commissioners: Larry Thompson

Staff: Rowan Kuechenmeister [CA]

Agenda

2025-80 Schmidt requested to add discussion of meeting times to the agenda. Kuehl motioned to approve the agenda with that addition. Bolte seconded and it was unanimous.

Minutes

2025-81 Schmidt motioned to approve October's meeting minutes as presented. Bolte seconded and it was unanimous.

Treasurer Report

2025-82 Bolte motioned to approve the treasurer report as presented. Kuehl seconded and it was unanimous.

Cost Share

2025-83 Schmidt motioned to approve the following cost share applications for payment. Bolte seconded and it was unanimous.

Name	FARMS#	Practice, Program	Estimated/Actual Cost	Cost Share
Dennis Helkenn	125421	Cover Crops, WQI	\$9,157.80/9,157.80	\$3,052.60
Gary Engler	128522	Cover Crops, WQI	\$4,174.20/4,174.20	\$2,087.10

New Business

- IDALS opened applications for having a FY26 480 intern. **2025-84 Schmidt motioned to apply for an intern again for FY26. Kuehl seconded and it was unanimous.**

Staff Report

NRCS – Employees are still on furlough and the office closed due to the ongoing federal government shutdown.

IDALS – Resources have continued to be limited due to the shutdown, but some progress has been made on processing cover crops and communicating program information.

Miscellaneous

- Schmidt expressed wanting to continue meeting at 3pm instead of the established 4pm time due to it getting dark by 5pm. Bolte and Kuehl agreed. Bolte suggested only moving up the time again for this upcoming meeting, then discuss whether to officially change the standard meeting time to 3pm in December. Everyone agreed.
- Bolte asked if the other commissioners would like to do something for the next meeting as a holiday party, like in past years. After some discussion, it was agreed to do a mix of bringing in snacks and having some purchased, like how a cheese and meat tray had been ordered last year. **2025-85 Schmidt**

motioned to allow spending up to \$100 on food for next month's holiday party meeting. Bolte seconded and it was unanimous.

The next Commissioner meeting will be held Wednesday, December 10th, 2025 at 3pm at the USDA Service Center.

2025-86 With no further business to discuss, Schmidt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:17pm. Kuehl seconded and it was unanimous.

Submitted by:



Rowan Kuechenmeister, CA

Approved by:



Chad Dexter, Chair