Welcome/Opening Comments – Kurt Simon, State Conservationist
Kurt opened the meeting welcoming everyone. There are several new faces around the table but before everyone introduces themselves, Kurt introduced Jeremy Davis. Jeremy is brand new to USDA as the FPAC Regional Coordinator-Northern Cornbelt. Jeremy will be working with NRCS, FSA, and Risk Management Agency in Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Iowa. He will be stationed in the Iowa NRCS State Office but will be traveling around the northern Cornbelt regularly. The purpose of this position is to help with efficiencies among the FPAC Agencies. Kurt also mentioned Vince Sitzmann has recently switched positions within the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship – Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality (IDALS-DSCWQ) from Field Services Bureau Chief to Mines and Minerals Bureau Chief, which was Susan Kozak previous position. Kurt then mentioned Mustapha Abouali, EQIP Manager, has replaced Paul Goldsmith.

Jon Hubbert, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, is still in Washington, D.C. and has four weeks left and will be back full time. Thank you to Lori Altheide who has been Acting Assistant State Conservationist for Program. Lori has done a really good job in the absence of Jon. Thank you Lori for your help with that position.

Marty Adkins, Assistant State Conservationist for Partnerships, will be retiring August 2, 2019. The position will be refilled at a later date. Thank you Marty for your many years of service.

NRCS Chief Lohr will be coming to Iowa September 5-6, 2019. We have a tentative tour planned and an “Open House” for you to come in and meet Chief Lohr, more information forthcoming.
Amanda De Jong mentioned Farm Service Agency Administrator Richard Forsythe, will be in Des Moines next week.

NRCS has had lots of vacancy announcements coming out recently, due to the Iowa Reorganization/Restructuring. Kurt had provided a handout of maps showing the current Iowa NRCS Organization Map and the Iowa NRCS Structure – Areas and Resource Teams and went over the structure in detail. We will have a district conservationists (DC) in every county of the state. Currently there are 33 counties that do not have a DC. There will be teams that will serve the four-county resource area. The team will consist of the federal employees located within the four-county resource area under the direction of the Resource Team Lead. The proposal is in USDA going through the final checks, hopefully having Secretary Purdue sign off within a couple of months. We have been told to start advertising and filling the positions (39 District Conservationists; 55 entry level soil conservationists).

To be qualified as a soil conservationist, you have to have 12 semester hours of either crops or soils and 30 semester hours of general sciences of any kind. If you know anyone that is interested in one of those positions (GS-5/7/9) based on their education and experience please pass this information to individuals that you are aware of their interest. https://www.usajobs.gov

Sub-Committee Membership Updates
The 2018 Farm Bill requires State Conservationists, in conjunction with their State Technical Committees, to work collaboratively with community water systems to identify, in each State, local priority areas for the protection of source waters for drinking water. Kurt has identified the following individuals to be on the newly established Source Water Protection Sub-Committee:

- Brent Johnson, Farm Bureau
- Mike Gannon, Hydrologist
- Christina Murphy, Iowa Rural Water Agencies
- Tariq Baloch, Cedar Rapids Utilities
- Marty Braster, Rathbun Rural Water Association
- Randy Van Dyke, Iowa Lakes Regional Water
- Sean McMahon, Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance
- Aaron Schroeder, Iowa Rural Water Association
- Mike Vasto, Iowa Environmental Council
- Laura Sarcone, Des Moines Water Works
- Jessica Montana, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- Bridget Durst, Conservation Districts of Iowa
- Bill Simpkins, ISU Geologist
- Jon Hubbert/Robert Mier, NRCS

Once this group is fully confirmed, we will establish our first meeting to identify who will Chair the Source Water Protection Sub-Committee. Kurt will then task them to move forward with some objectives.

Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2019
Kurt asked if there were edits/corrections for the minutes from the March 14, 2019 meeting. Sarah Carlson made the motion to accept the minutes as written, Todd Bogenschultz second, motion carried.

CRP Update – Amanda De Jong
Continuous Sign-up 52 opened on June 3 - August 23, 2019. To date, they have 83 offers just shy of 500 acres. There is an NRCS component to this, so we are encouraging producers to come into the Service Centers as soon as possible to make the offers. FSA is also offering a one-year extension on contracts that aren’t at year 15. Still hearing December timeframe for a General Sign-up and a Grassland Sign-up sometime after that.

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) Update – Amanda De Jong
Amanda mentioned FSA is doing emergency conservation work from the recent cyclone bomb system that hit southwest Iowa. There are active ECP sign-ups in Woodbury, Monona, Harrison, West and East
Pottawattamie, Mills, Fremont and Green Counties. To date FSA has just shy of 350 applications - most are EC-1 and EC-2 – which are debris and sand removal and grading, shaping and leveling. One sign-up completed that normally runs for 60-days; they have extended the deadline. Other active ECP sign-ups are in Chickasaw and Dubuque Counties for flooding issues.

Amanda also mentioned FSA has 46 vacancies; 36 are in the advertising process and the other 10 will be out by year end. Program Technicians, Management Trainee Class to advertise and hire in August. If you know anyone interested, please pass this information on.

**Prairie Strips – Alan Lange**

In the 2018 Farm Bill, Prairie Strips are included as a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Producers can get rental rates based on land taken out of production and include it into Prairie Strips. It’s listed as a water quality practice. The significant of the water quality practice, it is getting 40 percent of all continuously enrolled acres in CRP are maintain in these lists as water quality practices, to include filter strips, wetland restoration. FSA, CRP administrators, will ask NRCS to provide technical assistance. Alan shared some discussions on the interpretation of the Farm Bill to begin writing the rules and regulations to administrate this new program, including Iowa State University faculty. More details were provided on where this will go as we move forward. There was a detailed discussion from the group.

Kurt Simon shared that Alan Lange will be going to Washington, D.C. on a 120-day detail with the Farm Service Agency starting July 8, 2019.

**New Farm Bill Status Update – Lori Altheide**

Lori Altheide, as Acting Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, appreciates the work you do as Chairs and members of the Sub-Committees. Field staff don’t always see all the work that goes on behind the scenes in setting policy and procedures and the work that you do. Thank you for that and thank you for your patience and support during my time as Acting ASTC-Programs.

Iowa had the opportunity to request an additional funds as follows:

- Requested an additional $608,530 for one Agricultural Conservation Easement Program-Wetlands Reserve Easement (ACEP-WRE) in Louisa County; pulling some easement services from RCPP easement agreements.
- Emergency Watershed Protection Program – Flood Plain Easements (EWP-FPE) is a different funding pool for flooding issues. We have received applications from 212 participants interested in enrolling some of their cropland into permanent easements with the request of $148 million. Continuing to make assessments and take the request from individual landowners. Iowa has 78 counties that are excepting applications.
- Total EQIP funding for 2019 is $33,811,000, including the additional $6 million. Breakdown of the additional $6 million - $1.3 million for the Mississippi River Basin Initiative (MRBI); $805,000 for the National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI); the remaining $4 million will be distributed among the counties in Iowa.
  - Iowa was in the top 4 states to receive additional funding.
  - Colorado – $9 million
  - Georgia – $8 million
  - Alabama – $7 million
- EQIP – Ephemeral Gully Erosion Pilot ($5 million) – sign-up deadline is June 21
- Requested $6 million additional funds for the Midwest Ag Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).
- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) – currently we are 71% complete of 559 applications, but we don’t know what our funding will be.
There is a RCPP component under CSP to improve working land for Monarch butterflies. We have 21,598 acres available for over $9 million. We are encouraging our field offices to share with their landowners if they have a CSP application and if they would be interested in adding a Monarch enhancement, we can move the application from the general fund to the Monarch fund. This would give the landowner $1,800/acre. There was a discussion from the group. July 12 is the sign-up cutoff date.

There was a discussion on the different programs from the group. For the next meeting Jon Hubbert and Mustapha Abouali will have the number of contracts versus the number of producers using cover crops since the cap was eliminated last year.

Sub-Committee Reports

State Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) – Steve Hopkins (Attachment #1)

Steve provided a copy of the CIG Sub-Committee meeting minutes from June 17, 2019, and went over the document in detail. The CIG Sub-Committee approved three of the four proposals for a total recommended expenditure of $204,109.42. One proposal was not recommended for funding primarily due to concerns that the project time frame was insufficient to complete the project objectives.

- Iowa Soybean Association, $74,917.60, Developing and Accelerating Adoption of Best Practices for Manure Management - Evaluate the use of cover crops and reduced tillage in corn production using swine manure to compare the effect of management practices on crop yield, soil nitrogen, soil erosion, water quality, and profitability.
- Women, Food and Agriculture Network, $70,615.82, Women in Watersheds: Beyond one day trainings - Provide three meetings in each watershed for a cohort of women landowners, designed to go beyond receiving information to helping them overcome barriers in implementing conservation practices in the Nutrient Reduction Strategy on their land.
- Practical Farmers of Iowa, $58,576.00, Demonstrating conservation on agricultural working lands - Farmer-led field demonstrations of conservation practices and technologies that will stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches in conjunction with agricultural production.

CRP – Sean McMahon (Attachment #2)

Sean provided a copy of the CRP Sub-Committee meeting minutes from March 25, 2019, and went over the document in detail. The state CPAs were last updated in 2015 when national FSA directed state FSA offices to reduce the maximum acres in CPAs from 35% to 25% of total cropland acres. The two southern-most tiers of Iowa counties were eliminated from eligibility for CPAs in 2015 to meet the 25% cap. The rationale for this decision was that applications from these counties would still be competitive due to the high amount of Highly Erodible Lands (HEL) in these counties. Farmers within CPAs will score higher on General Sign-Up applications.

The CRP Sub-Committee recommends the adopt of the Iowa DNR proposal to update the CPAs according to the wildlife and water quality assessment unit priorities. Sean McMahon made the motion to accept the recommendations, Vince Sitzmann second, motion carried. Thank you to Andy Asell for taking the data and combining several to show what/why – solid data.

CSP – Sarah Carlson (Attachment #3)

Sarah provided a copy of the CSP Sub-Committee Meeting minutes from May 30, 2019, and went over the document in detail. There’s a new initiative in the 2018 Farm Bill – CSP Grasslands Initiative Program (CSP-GIP). Only certain producers are eligible (330 possible participants in Iowa) that have cropland or fallow from January 1, 2009 – December 21, 2017. See Attachment #3 for details. The Sub-Committee made the following recommendation for resource concern priorities for the new CSP Grassland Initiative:
- Soil Erosion
- Soil Quality Degradation
- Water Quality Degradation
- Fish and Wildlife Inadequate Habitat
- Livestock Production Limitation

There was a detailed discussion from the group. Kurt Simon stated he would adopt the 5 resource concern priorities listed above.

Kurt Simon asked for updates to each of the Sub-Committee members since there has been several changes in the representative groups. See Attachment #4.

Kurt shared with the group a handout titled FEMA-4421-DR, Iowa Disaster Declaration as of 06/11/2019. 71 counties in Iowa have been FEMA declared counties, based on that Iowa was asked to give a variance for conservation compliance to producers who are identified in these FEMA declared counties due to the harsh weather conditions. We will not be doing status/compliance reviews in FY2019 in the FEMA declared counties. Kevin McCall provided details of the handout. Kurt stated there will be several requests for variances and he needs help with the distinction we make and how we do that between weather and poor management. There was a detailed discussion from the group.

Emergency Water Protection (EWP) Update – Robert Mier
To date, we have received 35 requests from 26 counties for assistance. We are barely getting the disaster survey reports (DSR), but the area engineers are going out to the counties that have requested assistance to complete the DSRs. We are expecting approximately 20 over the next couple of weeks. The southwest part of Iowa requested an extension to sponsors who are not going to get the DSRs completed. NRCS National Headquarters has approved the extension to September 30, 2019 to have the DSR completed. There were 11 additional counties that were added last week to the FEMA Disaster Declaration. Sponsors have 60 days to respond from the date of the event occurred. Robert provided details to the group.

Agency Announcements
Jeff Jensen – National Nut Growers Association, Iowa City on July 29-31, 2019
Sarah Carlson – Nathan Anderson, Cherokee County Commissioner, will be testifying with the House Ag Committee on Tuesday – soil health and resiliency on his farm and how this spring has shown his practices have been kept going. – Send a live link. Haying, Grazing, and Chop rules for prevent planting cover crop changed to September 1, 2019.
Suzan Erem – Marty Adkins is a legend. He’s compassionate, smart, and he has made his mark on NRCS. Marty you will be missed. The group gave Marty a round of applause.
Shelly Grimmius provided a statement from Jean Eells – Women, Food and Agriculture Network has received a SARE Partnership grant to develop a curriculum to train five women landowners to be cover crop champion landowners to talk about how they helped their tenants transition using cover crops and no-till. These women will receive training in talking to media and giving presentations at field days, etc. Greg Thessen – NASS recently published the Census of Agriculture and summarizing it by watersheds – release in July.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 pm.

Attachments
Future Meeting Dates
1:00 pm – NRCS Hugh Hammond Bennett Conference Room, 210 Walnut Street, Room 693, Des Moines
March 14, 2019
June 20, 2019
September 19, 2019
December 12, 2019
CIG Sub-Committee  
FY2019 Application Review and Scoring Meeting  
Neal Smith Federal Building  
Des Moines, IA  
June 17, 2019  
8:30 am-10:30 am

Members Present: Andrew DiAllesandro, US Fish and Wildlife Service; Mustapha Abouali, NRCS EQIP Coordinator; Steve Hopkins, Iowa DNR, EQIP/CIG Subcommittee Chair

Members Participating by Phone: Sarah Carlson, Practical Farmers of Iowa;

Staff advisors/assistance: Judy Martinson, Resource Conservationist; Robert Mier, Resource Conservationist, NRCS

Reviews were submitted by email from Susan Kozak, IDALS; Christina Murphy, Iowa Association of Water Agencies.

Meeting Notes

Summary:
Four applications were submitted in response to the 2019 Conservation Innovation Grant announcement. The CIG subcommittee approved three of the four proposals for a total recommended expenditure of $204,109.42. One proposal was not recommended for funding primarily due to concerns that the project time frame was insufficient to complete the project objectives.

Recommendations: The Subcommittee recommended approval of the following applications:

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Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Submitted by: Steve Hopkins, Iowa DNR, Chair EQIP/CIG Subcommittee
CRP Sub-Committee Meeting  
March 25, 2019  
2:30 – 4:00 PM  
MINUTES

Attendees: Andy Asell, Todd Bogenschutz, Brian Hickman, Vince Sitzmann, Alan Lange, Curt Goetsch, Rick Robinson, Lori Altheide, Ben Gleason, Matt O’Connor, Bruce Barnhart, Susanne Hickey (via webinar), Kaitlin Little, Sean McMahon (Chair)

I. Welcome and Introductions

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

II. Iowa Conservation Priority Areas (CPAs)

The chair provided background on the current effort to update the state CPAs. The state CPAs were last updated in 2015 when national FSA directed state FSA offices to reduce the maximum acres in CPAs from 35% to 25% of total cropland acres. The two southern-most tiers of Iowa counties were eliminated from eligibility for CPAs in 2015 to meet the 25% cap. The rationale for this decision was that applications from these counties would still be competitive due to the high amount of Highly Erodible Lands (HEL) in these counties. Farmers within CPAs will score higher on General Sign-Up applications.

In the fall of 2018, the CRP Sub-Committee requested that Iowa DNR present a proposal to update the Iowa Conservation Priority Areas (CPAs) combining priority wildlife units with priority water quality assessment units. Andy Asell, Iowa DNR, presented a first draft of the proposal at the December 7, 2018 CRP Sub-Committee meeting. The CRP Sub-Committee requested some refinements to the proposal, which Andy incorporated and presented to the CRP Sub-Committee at the March 25, 2019 meeting.

After thorough discussion, Vince Sitzmann moved that the Sub-Committee adopt the Iowa DNR proposal to update the CPAs according to the wildlife and water quality assessment unit priorities. Todd Bogenschutz seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

III. Other Business

The Sub-Committee discussed recent Farm Bill changes to CRP, potential future General and Continuous Sign-Ups, and potential future agenda topics for the Sub-Committee including CLEAR and Prairie Strips.

Curt Goetsch and Lori Altheide discussed recent flooding and FSA’s Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and NRCS’s Emergency Watershed Program (EWP) for flood mitigation.

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.
CSP Sub-Committee Meeting
May 30, 2019

Present: Dave Brommel, Rick Robinson, Greg Pattison, Joe McGovern, Anna Johnson, Amanda De Jong, Suzan Erem, Sarah Carlson

CSP Grasslands Initiative
Discussed the new CSP Grasslands Initiative program.
- Only certain individuals will be eligible for this fund code
- Land in grass or fallow from January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2017, but is considered cropland is eligible
- Not an open signup period.
- Letters sent out today and there will be a 1-month period for sign-ups.
- FY2019-2023 only eligible to sign-up once.
- Can put any portion of those eligible acres into the program.
- Applications are not evaluated like regular CSP….not number of resource concerns, no ranking just is it crop land and that its seeded done and not cropped then they get $18 an acre/year over the 5-years of the contract.
- No minimum and no supplemental and no payment limitation like regular CSP has a $200,000 CAP.
- No penalty to opt-out.
- Fallow/idle land would need to be seeded by September 30, 2019. Has to be in permanent vegetative cover.
- If in a current CSP program land is not eligible.
- Need to be the operator but also an owner is eligible.
- Only 1 activity code for the 5-years of the contract.
- Can be grazed and hayed.
- There is no restriction on the haying timing.
- CRP land does not qualify because the land is eligible if idled for 9 years and not in the production adjustment programs.
- Currently 330 possible applicants.
- What about those who think they are eligible, but they didn’t get a letter? Let the office know to look into the options.
- Who is the letter coming from and is a draft available? National FSA
- Base acres will no longer be eligible for ARC-PLC, but they will still retain base acres.

Vote on 5 Resource Concern priorities for this new CSP Grasslands initiative from the list of 7. Joe McGovern motioned that we retain the 5 General CSP resource concerns and Rick Robinson seconded; all were in favor to recommend these resource concerns
- **Soil Erosion**
- **Soil Quality Degradation**
- **Water Quality Degradation**
- **Fish and Wildlife Inadequate Habitat**
- **Livestock Production Limitation**

As a reminder, we selected these 5 as the Targeted Resource Concerns for General CSP in Iowa.
- **Soil Erosion**
- **Soil Quality Degradation**
• Water Quality Degradation
• Fish and Wildlife Inadequate Habitat
• Livestock Production Limitation

We also selected these 5 as the Targeted Resource Concerns for Forestry CSP in Iowa.
• Soil Erosion
• Soil Quality Degradation
• Water Quality Degradation
• Fish and Wildlife Inadequate Habitat
• Degraded Plant Condition

Current general CSP has 659 applications, 718 last year, 747 2-years ago. This will potentially bump up CSP contracts. Help Promote!

Next CSP Sub-Committee call will be September 6, 2019 at 10 a.m.
State Technical Committee  
Sub-Committee Chairs/Membership  
8/1/2019  

**Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) – Steve Hopkins (515) 725-8390**

**Purpose:** Recommend natural resource priorities, ranking criteria, fund allocation, practices, financial assistance, ranking batching dates, and outreach, conservation innovation grant (CIG) priorities, and CIG proposal review.

Rick Robinson, IA Farm Bureau  
Kelly Smith/Brian Hickman, DNR  
Jeff Jensen, Trees Forever  
Joe McGovern, INHF  
Emily Nusz, EPA  
John Lawrence/Jamie Benning, ISU Extension  
Sarah Carlson/Jorgen Rose, PFI  
Amy Crouch/Susanne Hickey, TNC/  
Bruce Carney, Producer??  
Alicia Vasto, IA Environmental Council  
Greg Thessen, NASS  
Dave Petty, Producer  
Susan Kozak/Vince Sitzmann, DSCWQ  
Christina Murphy, IA Association of Water Agencies  
Anna Johnson, Center for Rural Affairs  
Mike Sexton, TSPN  
Bruce Barnhart, LICA  
Sean McMahon, IAWA  
John Whitaker, CDI  
Todd Sutphin, IA Soybean Association  
Matt Deppe, IA Cattlemen’s Association  
Suzan Erem, SILT  
Gregg Pattison/Andrew DiAllesandro, FWS  
Lori Altheide/Mustapha Abouali, NRCS

**Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) – Anna Johnson (515) 215-1294**

**Purpose:** Recommend natural resource priorities.

Todd Bogenschutz, IDNR  
Sean McMahon, IA Ag Water Alliance  
Susan Kozak, DSCWQ  
Amanda DeJong, FSA  
Greg Thessen, NASS  
Rick Robinson, IA Farm Bureau  
Sarah Carlson, PFI  
Alicia Vasto, IA Environmental Council  
Matt Deppe, IA Cattlemen’s Association  
Dave Brommel/Mustapha Abouali, NRCS

**Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) / State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) – Sean McMahon (515) 334-1480 / Curt Goettsch (515) 331-8440**

**Purpose:** Recommend implementation guidance.

Kelly Tobin, Producer  
Bruce Barnhart/Dan Brutsche, LICA  
Gregg Pattison/Lori Nordstrom, FWS  
Randy Cooney, DSCWQ  
Rick Robinson, Farm Bureau  
Matt O’Connor, Pheasants Forever  
Ben Gleason, IA Corn Growers Association  
Susanne Hickey/Scott Moats, TNC  
Amanda DeJong/Curt Goettsch/Robin Holcombe, FSA  
Matt Deppe, IA Cattlemen’s Association  
Todd Bogenschultz/Brian Hickman, DNR  
Vince Sitzman, DSCWQ  
Kevin McCall/Alan Lange, NRCS
Wetlands Reserve Easement (WRE) – Kelly Smith (515) 281-6247

**Purpose:** Recommend ranking criteria, eligible practices, fund allocation, and geographic area rate cap.

Joe McGovern, INHF  
Matt O’Connor/Josh Divan, Pheasants Forever  
Josh Spies, TNC  
Jason Daniels, EPA  
Todd Bishop, DNR  
Gregg Pattison, FWS  
Sindra Jensen, NRCS

Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) – Steve Hopkins (515) 725-8390

**Purpose:** Provide recommendation to agency on program implementation, state plan, priorities, etc.

Graham McGaffin, TNC  
Joe McGovern/Lisa Hein, INHF  
Todd Bogenschutz, DNR  
Suzan Erem, SILT  
Gregg Pattison, FWS  
Sindra Jensen, NRCS

Source Water Protection (SWP) – Christina Murphy (515) 222-3510 / Bridget Dunst (712) 262-4177 (co-chairs)

**Purpose:** Identify Iowa’s priority areas for community drinking water protection, water quality practices and the allocation percent to each priority area.

Brent Johnson, Farm Bureau (Brent@gpsoilsampling.com)  
Mike Gannon, Hydrologist (Mike-Gannon@uiowa.edu)  
Christina Murphy, IA Rural Water Agencies (Christina.Murphy@wdmww.com)  
Tariq Baloch, Cedar Rapids Utilities (TariqB@cedar-rapids.org)  
Marty Braster, Rathbun Rural Water Association (mbraster@rrwa.net)  
Randy Van Dyke, Iowa Lakes Regional Water (randy.vandyk@ilrw.org)  
Sean McMahon, IAWA  
Aaron Schroeder, IRWA  
Alicia Vasto, IA Environmental Council  
Laura Sarcone, Des Moines Water Works  
Jessica Montana, IDNR (Jessica.Montana@dnr.iowa.gov)  
Bridget Durst, Source Water Community Facilitator, CDI (Bridget.Durst@dnr.iowa.gov)  
Bill Simpkins, ISU Geologist  
Marty Adkins/Robert Mier, NRCS

Locally Led Process – John Whitaker/Roger Wolf (co-chairs)

**Purpose:** Increase awareness of program delivery opportunities utilizing the locally led process.

Ben Gleason, IA Corn Growers Association (bgleason@iowacorn.org)  
Aaron Schroeder, IA Rural Water Association (aschroeder@iowaruralwater.org)  
Jamie Benning, ISU Extension  
Vince Sitzmann, DSCWQ

__________________________, DNR
Strategic Planning – Susan Kozak (515) 281-7043

**Purpose:** To develop a plan to secure, direct and leverage Farm Bill program funds to the most pressing Iowa resource conservation needs. This plan should provide a vision that drives the direction of the various Farm Bill programs and improves our readiness to maximize our financial resources.

John Whitaker, CDI
Roger Wolf, Iowa Soybean Association
Rick Robinson, Farm Bureau
Damon Frizzell, EPA
Aaron Schroeder, IA Rural Water Association
(aschroeder@iowaruralwater.org)
Kristin Aschenbrenner/Susanne Hickey, TNC
Dave Brommel/Mustapha Abouali, NRCS

Healthy Forests Reserve Program (HFRP) – (Place holder for possible future activity)
**Purpose:** Recommend implementation guidance.

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) – (Place holder for possible future activity)
**Purpose:** Representation from EQIP, CSP, ACEP, and Others