

# 2024 Iowa Soil & Water Conservation Commissioners' Annual Conference

August 19 & 20, 2024

The Gateway Hotel and Conference Center  
2100 Green Hills Drive Ames, IA 50014

## Agenda

### Sunday, August 18, 2024

Noon Registration Table Opens  
3:00 pm CDI Board Meeting

### Monday, August 19, 2024

8:00 am Registration and Credentials Tables Open  
Exhibits Open – Silent Auction Items Accepted

9:00 am Guest Tour Departs  
Welcome from CDI and SSCWQC  
Welcome from Secretary of Ag Mike Naig  
CDI Business Meeting

12:30 pm Lunch and Awards Presentation

1:30 pm Afternoon session – Presentation by Justin Glisan, State of Iowa Climatologist:  
*"Resiliency: Intersection of Water Quality, Soil Health & Changing Weather"*

2:00 pm Ice Cream Social served by CDI Board – Break and Exhibits

3:00 pm Conservation Potpourri Moderated by Joe Hayes, CDI Communications Coordinator

1. *"Leveraging Partnerships to Drive Conservation Adoption—Iowa Soybean Association's RCPPs"* presented by Ben Porepp, ISA Agronomist
2. *"Cattle and Working Lands RCPP in Northwest Iowa"* presented by Colton Barnes, Project Coordinator and John Nitz, NW Iowa Farmer
3. 5 Year Plans—Highlighting Four SWCDs: Cedar, East Pott, Sioux, Winneshiek
4. What's on Commissioners' Minds? Questions from commissioners—Open Discussion

4:30 pm Social Hour, Exhibits, Silent Auction

5:30 pm Awards Banquet – Speaker Mitchell Hora, Continuum AG:  
*"Embracing Regenerative Agriculture: Proactive Strategies"*

### Tuesday, August 20, 2024

7:00 am Breakfast Buffet – Discussion with specific Regional Directors

7:45 am Visit Exhibits

8:30 am Panel Discussion – Partners: IDALS, NRCS, FSA, IDNR

10:00 am *"Enriching Commissioner's Knowledge: Legal Primer for Commissioners' Roles & Responsibilities"* presented by Eric Dirth, State of Iowa Assistant Attorney General

11:00 am Concurrent Breakout Sessions

- Watershed Structures (PL 566)
- A Future Look at Ethanol Industry and What it Means to Iowa Farmers
- Lessons Learned Working with Underserved Urban Farmers and Gardeners

12:00 noon Lunch and District Awards

1:15 pm Annual Conference Wrap-up

### Guest Tour

Monday, August 19th  
9:00am-3:30pm

**DETAILS PENDING!**