

## 77th CDI ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023</b>		<b>LOCATION</b>
12:00 Noon	Registration Table Opens	South Entrance
3:00 p.m.	CDI Regional Director's Board Meeting	Cardinal

<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023</b>		<b>LOCATION</b>
7:00 a.m.	Registration Opens	South Entrance
8:55 a.m.	Registration Closes	South Entrance
9:00 a.m.	<p>Welcome from Ramona Nitz, CDI President, and Steve Hofmann, State Soil Conservation and Water Quality Committee Chair</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance led by Jack Boyer</p> <p>Welcome from Mike Naig, Iowa State Secretary of Agriculture</p>	Prairie
9:15 a.m.	CDI Annual Business Meeting	Prairie
12:00 Noon	Luncheon and Awards Presentation	Garden
1:00 p.m.	<p>NACD Farm Bill Update</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ryan Britt - NACD Next Generation Leadership Institute Member and NACD Soil Health Champion</li> </ul>	Prairie
1:30 p.m.	CDI Miscellaneous Business	Prairie
2:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social and Visit Exhibits	Garden
3:00 p.m.	<p>Propelling Conservation through Conversation 2.0</p> <p>Moderator - Joe Hayes, CDI Communications Coordinator and Planning Coordinator</p> <p><i>Commissioners and Partners general discussion exploring ways increase commissioner's involvement, sharing ideas to get new people involved with local SWCDs, suggesting ways to enhance commissioners and partners relations and sharing of local best practices for conservation events and district operations, etc.</i></p>	Garden
4:30 p.m.	<p>Social Hour and Visit Exhibits</p> <p><i>Refreshments provided.</i></p>	Prairie
5:30 p.m.	<p>Banquet and Awards Presentation</p> <p>Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Poster Contest Winner</li> <li>• Envirothon State Winner – Decorah Nerd Republic (Winneshiek)</li> </ul>	Prairie

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	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alaina Gebel – CDI Scholarship Recipient (Allamakee)</li> <li>Seth Watkins - 2022 Iowa Leopold Conservation Award Recipient</li> <li>Ryan Britt - 2022 Missouri Leopold Conservation Award Recipient</li> <li>To be announced - 2023 Iowa Leopold Conservation Award presented by Lance Irving of Sand County Foundation</li> </ul> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Silent Auction closes at the end of evening banquet dinner.</li> </ul>	

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023		LOCATION
7:00 a.m.	<p>Breakfast Buffet</p> <p><i>Each district will gather at tables assigned by regions for open discussion with fellow commissioners.</i></p>	Garden
7:45 a.m.	Visit Exhibits	Hall
8:20 a.m.	<p>Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Ackley</p> <p>Announcements</p>	Garden
8:30 a.m.	<p>Partner Updates and Presentations</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matt Russell - FSA</li> <li>Curt Goettsch - FSA</li> <li>Steve Hopkins – IDNR</li> <li>Neil Dominy - NRCS</li> <li>Susan Kozak - IDALS</li> <li>Will Myers - IDALS</li> </ul>	Garden
10:00 a.m.	Break and Visit Exhibits	Hall
10:15 a.m.	Commissioner Enrichment	Garden
11:00 a.m.	<p>Concurrent Workshop Sessions (Choose Track #1 or Track #2)</p> <p><u>Track #1:</u> PL 566 Structures (11:00 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eric Dirth - Iowa Assistant Attorney General</li> <li>Christian Osborn – NRCS</li> <li>Mark McCurdy – NRCS</li> <li>Jonathan Garton – Iowa DNR</li> </ul> <p><u>Track #2:</u> Two 25-minute Breakout Sessions <i>Session A:</i> Farm Bill Opportunities (11:00 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.)</p>	<p>Prairie 1</p> <p>Prairie 2</p>

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	<p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ryan Britt</li> </ul> <p><i>Session B: Climate Smart Farming (11:30 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.)</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob Zimmerman</li> <li>• Jack Boyer</li> <li>• Paul Ackley</li> </ul>	
12:00 noon	<p>Luncheon and Awards Presentation</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kenneth Walker - NRCS Assistant Chief</li> </ul>	Garden
1:00 p.m.	Annual Conference Wrap-up / Safe Travels	Garden