

APRIL: Reviewed EEO, ADA, Civil Rights, Safety & Memos of Understanding. Poster winners were chosen. Watershed inspections were completed. Bids let for watershed repair work on Mortenson and Fee watersheds.

MAY: Poster winners attended commissioners meeting and were awarded cash prizes. Duties of commissioners were discussed. Refreshments were served. Ia. Conservation Award (ISACAP) and Windbreak Award winners selected.

JUNE: Resolutions discussed and voted on. A few watersheds were inspected again due to heavy rains.

JULY: All FY96 financial reports were approved. Received \$34,196.00 in cost share funds. Quad States Award winners were selected.

AUGUST: Commissioners purchased two educational tapes to be shown in classrooms. A conference call was held August 31 to discuss watershed repair bids. Received supplemental funds of \$32,360.00.

SEPTEMBER: Discussion on starting a Pasture/Grazing Club.

OCTOBER: District contributed \$50.00 to Quad States Banquet. Mutual agreements signed. Commissioners will participate in IASWCDC Scholarship Program.

NOVEMBER: The 50th Quad States Awards Banquet in South Sioux City, NE Nov. 19 attended by Mugge, Bindner, and Carrington. Bindner and Corrington Program.

DECEMBER: Regional Meeting December 2 at LeMars attended by Bindner, Carver, and Carrington. EQIP project planning meeting on December 10 with FSA, Extension, NRCS attended by Carver, Mugge, Beyer, and Corrington.

FINANCES

Contributions and donations are the primary sources for financing education and promotional activities. We would like to thank the following contributors.

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- Cleghorn State Bank
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- Frank Escue, Cherokee
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- First Farmers Cooperative Elevator of Cherokee, Cleghorn, Larrabee, Marcus
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- Vernon Peterson, Cherokee
- Schoon Construction, Cherokee
- Stalcup Agricultural Service Inc., Storm Lake

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT

(July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996)

I-M Allocation	\$ 2,525.00
Expenses: Printing & Commissioner Expenses	2,379.33
Released to State	\$ 145.67
3-M Cost Share Funds (95-96) (For Conservation Practices)	\$ 48,395.00
Obligated and Spent	43,273.05
Balance 6/30/96	\$ 5,121.95
Little Sioux Flood Prevention Watershed Maintenance Funds	\$ 146,673.70
Income (Interest)	7,526.97
Sub Total	154,200.67
Expenses	7,830.77
Balance 6/30/96	\$ 146,369.90
General Fund (Revolving) (For District Functions)	\$ 8,343.96
Income: Contributions	2,432.94
Sub Total	\$ 10,776.90
Expense	4,848.28
Balance 6/30/96	\$ 5,928.62
REAP Funds (Resource Enhancement & Protection Practices)	
96 REAP-Practices	\$ 11,538.00
Obligated & Spent	2,901.07
Released to State	\$ 8,636.93
REAP Funds	
96 REAP-Forestry/Native Grasses	\$ 2,693.00
Obligated & Spent	2,533.65
Released to State	\$ 159.35

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Cherokee County Soil & Water Conservation District

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PERSONNEL

Commissioners

Russell Carver, Quimby
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James Corrington, Cherokee
Treasurer
Max E. Mugge, Cleghorn
Craig Beyer, Holstein

Assistant Commissioners

Claude Gatrost, Cherokee
Rhoda Grauer, Marcus

Staff

Don Carrington,
District Conservationist
Janet "Sam" Thomas, Ed Sands,
John Cook,
Soil Conservation Technicians
Wanda Hollingshead,
Clerical - Green Thumb Program
Carol Hein, State Secretary

As Commissioners of your
Soil and Water Conservation
District,
we are pleased to
present this 1996 Annual Report
of conservation accomplishments.
It reflects the efforts of many groups
working together to
improve our environment
through
conservation programs.

CHEROKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FISCAL YEAR 96
(October 1, 1995 to
September 30, 1996)

New Cooperators (100)	69 No.
Individuals Assisted (102)	441 No.
Conservation Tillage (329)	5,736 Ac.
Contour Farming (330)	298 Ac.
Field Borders (386)	54,938 Ft.
Dams (410)	6 No.
Waterways (412)	158 Ac.
Terraces (600)	45,410 Ft.
Structures (638)	4 No.
Cropland Treated (901)	11,187 Ac.
Slough Bill Applicants (Total to Date)	49 No.
Slough Bill (Open Prairie/Forest Cover)	1,399.48 Ac.

CHEROKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1996 AWARDS PROGRAM WINNERS

Iowa Soil Conservation Awards

Owner-Operator	Robert Carstens
New Cooperator	Ruth Jones Nelson
Landlord-Tenant	Harry Johnson/ Gary Rupp

Quad States Conservation Awards

Wildlife Habitat	Robert & Joanne Lundquist
Community Service	Friends of Conservation Progress
Agri-Business	Ruth Jones Nelson Deer Valley Construction Tom Nelson/Jim Cedar/ Jim Snapp
Area Winner	Robert (Bob) & Dot Carstens

Izaak Walton Windbreak Awards

Farmstead	
Windbreak	Roger Nelson

Cherokee SWCD Conservation Poster Contest

Megan Nelson, First	MMC Elementary (Meriden)
Jill Staab, Second	MMC Elementary
Erin Mugge, Third	MMC Elementary
Contest Coordinator	Rhoda Grauer

COOPERATORS

A District Cooperator is a landowner who has entered into a cooperative agreement with the district for the purpose of planning, applying and maintaining the necessary soil and water conservation practices on his land. There were 60 landowners who became cooperators during the year.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES 1996

The Cherokee SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation District) Commissioners meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the district office. All meetings are open to the public. (Open Meeting Law.)

JANUARY: Organizational meeting held January 2. Russell Carver, Chairman and Linda Bindner, Vice-Chair were re-elected. James Corrington was named Treasurer and Carol Hein, Secretary. Claude Gatrost and Rhoda Grauer were appointed Asst. Commissioners. District Policy and Annual Work Plan approved.

FEBRUARY: Tom Gould, Area Grazing Specialist, presented program on grazing to commissioners. Contractor Jim Snapp presented concerns to commissioners. Janet "Sam" Thomas Conservation Tech transferred from Woodbury Co. Contractors Meeting at Community Center February 14. Participated in Goodyear Awards Program. Approved Slough Bill applications.

MARCH: Spring Regional meeting March 5 at Rock Rapids attended by Bindner, Mugge, Carver, and Carrington. Paid IASWCDC & NACD dues of \$1,050.00 in full. Carver, Mugge, Bindner, and Carrington attended Legislators Day in Sanborn on March 16. Received \$29,562.00 in supplemental cost share funds. Commissioners participated in IASWCDC Scholarship Program and state conservation poster contest, coordinated by Rhoda Grauer. Mailed contribution letter requests.