

*A Quality Environment*

# DICKINSON SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

The Dickinson Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners are pleased to present their 2011 Annual Report. It represents the efforts of many individuals and groups working together to improve our environment through conservation programs.

The Commissioners invite the public to contact the office to learn more about our current projects, programs and cost-share opportunities.



Back row: Mark Ingwersen, Scott Mitchell, John Myhre, Chris Hoffman and Curt Smith, Commissioners.

Front row: Phyllis Nielsen, Earl Muilenburg and Keith Van Klee, Assistant Commissioners.

Inset picture: Orville Berg, Assistant Commissioner

### Field Office Staff:

Carroll Oskvig, NRCS District Conservationist  
Betty Romero, NRCS Soil Conservation Technician  
Bill Fitzgerald, NRCS Soil Conservation Technician (Emmet)  
Maxine Butler, IDALS-DSC State Secretary

### District Staff:

Steve Anderson, Urban Conservationist (May—December)  
John Wills, Clean Water Alliance Coordinator (deployed July-December)  
Derek Namanny, Clean Water Alliance Coordinator Assistant  
Ryan Ransom, Silver Lake Watershed Coordinator  
Laramie Hjelm, IGL Watershed Coordinator (319)

### 2010 District Activities

#### January

Election of officers: Mark Ingwersen, Chair; Chris Hoffman, Vice Chair; Scott Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer

Orville Berg, Earl Muilenburg, Phyllis Nielsen and Keith Van Klee are appointed Assistant Commissioners

#### February

#### March

Laramie Hjelm is hired as 319 IGL Watershed Coordinator

#### April

Steve Anderson returns from a year of military deployment

Commissioners distribute trees for each 6<sup>th</sup> grade student in Dickinson County to the schools

Stewardship material distributed to area churches

Ryan Ransom participates in Environmental Learning Fair at Gull Point Lodge for Earth Day

#### May

Doug Schwaller and Dustin Schwaller were the recipients of District Scholarships.

Adam Dreeszen was the recipient of the Jo Groves Memorial Scholarship

#### June

John Wills deploys for a year of military service

#### July

#### August

#### September

32nd Annual Outdoor Classroom was held at Kettleston Hogsback with 215 6<sup>th</sup> graders from Okoboji, Spirit Lake, Harris-Lake Park and Graettinger/Terril School Districts participating

#### October

#### November

#### December

SWCD Foundation Tree Sale begins

### District Commissioners

Mark Ingwersen Chris Hoffman Scott Mitchell  
John Myhre Curt Smith

### Assistant Commissioners

Orville Berg Earl Muilenburg Phyllis Nielsen  
Keith Van Klee

### District Mission Statement

The Dickinson SWCD will serve its customers and the needs of the District's natural resources through education, promotion, and demonstration.

**District Financial Report**  
**July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010**

State funds provided by the Iowa General Assembly are allocated to the SWCD by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship/Division of Soil Conservation.

**1M – Commissioners Expenses Fund**

Commissioner Expenses Fund is provided by the state to pay Commissioners' and Assistant Commissioners' expenses, as well as office supplies, state and national dues and other expenses.

The SWCD Foundation supplements the state allocation with funds raised by selling trees and shrubs each year.

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|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Allocation from IDALS        | \$ 2,800.00 |
| Less Expenses:                     |             |
| Office Supplies & Expenses—Postage | \$ 430.64   |
| Small Office Equipment & Hardware  | \$ 0.00     |
| Commissioner Mileage & Expense     | \$ 468.90   |
| Printing & Printed Material        | \$ 110.46   |
| Meeting Expenses/CDI & NACD Dues   | \$ 1,790.00 |
|                                    | \$ 0.00     |

Commissioner Earned Funds were used to cover additional expenses:

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Office Supplies & Expenses, Postage | \$ 62.65  |
| Small Office Equip & Hardware       | \$ 213.87 |
| Printing & Printed Material         | \$ 40.20  |
| Meeting & Workshop Expenses, Dues   | \$ 510.00 |
|                                     | \$ 826.72 |

**Iowa Financial Incentives Program Funds**

Iowa Financial Incentives Program Funds (IFIP) budget provides up to 50% cost-share assistance for installing permanent soil and water conservation practices to improve water quality and/or help stop soil erosion. Some practices include: terraces, grassed waterways, water and sediment basins.

**No till/strip till incentive program** – A one-time payment of \$10/per acre with 80 acre maximum for operators trying no till, strip till or ridge till for the first time.

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|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Allocation for 2009/10 totaled | \$ 12,623.89 |
| Obligated/Spent                | \$ 800.00    |
| Balance unspent                | \$ 11,823.89 |

**REAP Funding**

Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) is divided into forestry/native grasses and practices.

Cost share for payments of up to 75% of the cost to establish windbreaks, with a maximum cost-share of \$1,500. A plan will be need to be completed by NRCS.

50% cost share is available through this program to establish or improve pastures, through the establishment of native grass components, fencing and water systems that provide rotational pasture system.

**REAP Forestry/Native Grasses**

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Allocation for 2009/10 totaled | \$ 4,100.05 |
| Obligated/Spent                | \$ 1,392.18 |
| Balance unspent                | \$ 2,707.87 |

**REAP Practices**

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Allocation for 2008/09 totaled | \$ 12,302.19 |
| Obligated/Spent                | \$ 11,808.00 |
| Balance unspent                | \$ 494.19    |

**IFIP and REAP funds were used to complete:**

- No-till incentive
- 2 windbreaks
- 7 rain gardens

**Publicly Owned Lakes**

Publicly Owned Lakes provides for 75% cost-share to build conservation structures that improve water quality in the Iowa Great Lakes Watershed. There was no allocation for this program for FY 10.

**Low Interest Loan Programs**

Low interest loans are available to producers for the installation of conservation practices that improve water quality. The Interest rate on this loan is 3% with terms up to 10 years on soil erosion practices and up to 20 years for water quality improvements for eligible existing livestock facilities.

3% loans are also available for Low Impact Development (LID) practices, such as rain gardens and pervious paving.

**Grant/Project Funds as of December 30, 2010**

**CWA**

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Funds available | \$ 61,068.14 |
| Spent           | \$ 28,457.41 |
| Balance unspent | \$ 32,610.73 |

**CWA Misc. Funds**

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Allocation      | \$ 703.00 |
| Obligated/Spent | \$ 429.98 |
| Balance unspent | \$ 273.02 |

**Dickinson County Tree Reserve**

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Allocation          | \$ 3,110.53 |
| Additional Received | \$ 480.00   |
| Obligated/Spent     | \$ 550.00   |
| Balance unspent     | \$ 3,040.53 |

**District Employee**

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Allocation      | \$ 1,713.16 |
| Obligated/Spent | \$ 1,713.16 |
| Balance unspent | \$ 0.00     |

**Easement Funds**

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Allocation      | \$ 234.00 |
| Obligated/Spent | \$ 0.00   |
| Balance unspent | \$ 234.00 |

**East Okoboji Beach-WIRB**

Total Allocation for the 3 year project is \$386,000.00

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Allocation          | \$205,500.00        |
| Additional received | \$141,900.00        |
| Obligated/Spent     | <u>\$336,116.76</u> |
| Balance unspent     | \$ 11,283.24        |

**I-Jobs**

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Allocation      | \$ 6,885.60        |
| Obligated/Spent | <u>\$ 4,785.60</u> |
| Balance unspent | \$ 2,100.00        |

**319 IGL Stormwater Management (Demo)**

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Allocation      | \$ 4,125.00        |
| Obligated/Spent | <u>\$ 2,750.00</u> |
| Balance unspent | \$ 1,375.00        |

**319 IGL Stormwater Management (Demo) Expenses**

|            |                    |
|------------|--------------------|
| Spent      | \$ 5,172.75        |
| Reimbursed | <u>\$ 5,600.75</u> |
| Balance    | \$ ( 428.00)       |

(To be reimbursed through project funds)

**319 IGL Targeted Watershed**

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Allocation      | \$ 33,067.94        |
| Obligated/Spent | <u>\$ 33,075.55</u> |
| Balance unspent | \$ ( 7.61)          |

(To be reimbursed through project funds)

**319 IGL Targeted Watershed Expenses**

|            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| Spent      | \$ 585.74        |
| Reimbursed | <u>\$ 585.74</u> |
| Balance    | \$ 0.00          |

**Silver Lake WIRB**

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Allocation      | \$229,691.73        |
| Obligated/Spent | <u>\$ 89,264.51</u> |
| Balance unspent | \$140,427.22        |

**Watershed Assessment**

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Allocation      | \$ 47,128.00        |
| Obligated/Spent | <u>\$ 25,598.50</u> |
| Balance unspent | \$ 21,529.50        |

**WQC-Infiltration Based Storm Water**

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Allocation      | \$ 13919.82    |
| Obligated/Spent | <u>\$ 0.00</u> |
| Balance unspent | \$ 13,919.82   |

**WQC-Lakeshore Restoration**

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Allocation      | \$ 22,073.49        |
| Obligated/Spent | <u>\$ 27,037.93</u> |
| Balance         | \$ ( 4,964.44)      |

(additional funds can be requested 4-1-11 from WQC)

**WQC-Targeted Raingardens**

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Allocation      | \$ 75,000.00   |
| Obligated/Spent | <u>\$ 0.00</u> |
| Balance unspent | \$ 75,000.00   |

**Commissioner Funds**

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Funds raised or received | \$ 14,124.86        |
| Funds Spent              | <u>\$ 12,037.15</u> |
| Balance unspent          | \$ 2,087.71         |

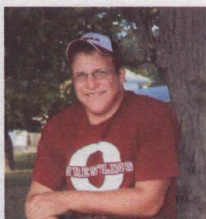
**UC**

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| FY 11 Funds to date 7-1-10—12-31-10 | \$ 59,655.00        |
| Obligated/Spent                     | <u>\$ 33,995.98</u> |
| Balance Unspent                     | \$ 25,659.02        |

**UC I & E**

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|------------|------------------|
| Spent      | \$ 510.33        |
| Reimbursed | <u>\$ 510.33</u> |
| Balance    | \$ 0.00          |

**Reception for John Wills****Presentation to Commissioners****Scholarship Winner**



Dustin Schwaller



Douglas Schwaller



Adam Dreeszen



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