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DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Wendell Christensen, chairman.....	Wesley
Kent Seely, vice-chairman.....	Algona
James F. Antoine.....	Bancroft
John Sleper, Jr.....	Titonka
Thomas Bjustrom.....	Whittemore

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Amy Ahrends.....	Bancroft
Kenneth Brones.....	Swea City
Robert Deal.....	Algona
Leon Laird.....	Algona
John Ley.....	Algona
John Simpson.....	Whittemore

FIELD OFFICE STAFF

William A. Gast.....	District Conservationist
John E. Skilling.....	Technician (July-Nov.)
John D. White.....	Technician (Mar.-)
Carolyn Marshall.....	State Secretary
Connie Zittritsch.....	WAE

-- CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS --

July 1, 1992 - June 30, 1993

Individuals assisted.....	395
Individuals applying a conservation practice.....	94
Conservation plans prepared.....	2,120 ac.
Determinations completed on tracts with no highly erodible fields.....	63
Determinations completed on tracts with highly erodible fields (number).....	6
Determinations completed on tracts with highly erodible fields (acres).....	323 ac.
HEL tracts with revised conservation plan (ac.).....	1,305 ac.
Conservation Tillage Systems.....	1,139 ac.
Contour Farming.....	1,229 ac.
Farmstead and Feedlot Windbreaks.....	9 ac.
Field Borders.....	6,550 ft.
Grassed Waterways.....	10 ac.
Terraces.....	3,100 ft.
Water and Sediment Control Basins.....	2
Waste Storage Pond.....	1
Cropland Acres Treated.....	3,664 ac.

-- FINANCIAL STATEMENT --

STATE FUNDS

1-M ACCOUNT

F.Y. allocation received		\$ 3,262.45
Disbursements		
Commissioners Travel Expenses	\$1,054.70	
Printing Expense	115.60	
Office Supplies and Expenses	<u>2,092.15</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>3,262.45</u>
Balance in account on 6/30/93.....	\$	0.00

3-M ACCOUNT

90-91 Allocation received		\$34,790.00
Funds spent		-2,623.73
Funds obligated, project not completed		-3,050.00
Funds recalled by DSC		<u>-29,116.27</u>
Unobligated balance in account on 6/30/93.....	\$	0.00

91-92 Allocation received		\$23,665.00
Funds spent		-10,126.70
Funds obligated, project not completed		- 3,000.00
Funds recalled by DSC		<u>- 7,515.30</u>
Unobligated balance in account on 6/30/93.....	\$	3,023.00

92-93 Allocation Received		\$23,624.00
Funds spent		<u>-5,375.00</u>
Unobligated balance in account on 6/30/93.....		\$18,249.00

REAP-PRACTICE FUNDS:

92-93 Allocation received		\$ 5,220.00
Funds spent		- 0.00
Funds recalled by DSC		<u>- 5,220.00</u>
Unobligated balance in account on 6/30/93.....	\$	0.00

REAP-FORESTRY/NATIVE GRASSES FUND:

92-93 Allocation received		\$ 1,345.00
Funds spent		- 543.03
Funds recalled by DSC		<u>- 801.97</u>
Unobligated balance in account on 6/30/93.....	\$	0.00

DISTRICT FUNDS

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:

Iowa State Bank:	
Balance in account on 7/1/92	\$40,000.00
Interest paid	+1,077.73
Transfer to Savings Account	-1,077.73
Transfer to Northwest Federal C.D.	-40,000.00
Balance in account 6/30/93	\$ 0.00

Northwest Federal:	
Balance in account 7/1/92	\$ 0.00
Transfer from Iowa State Bank C D	+40,000.00
Interest earned	+ 1,760.69
Transfer to Revolving Account	- 1,311.92
Balance in account 6/30/93	\$40,448.77

Boatmen's Bank:	
Balance in account 7/1/92	\$10,984.32
Interest earned	+ 580.73
Balance in account 6/30/73	\$11,565.05

Total funds in Certificates of Deposit.....	\$52,013.82
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SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance in account on 7/1/92	\$ 600.11
Transfer to District Revolving Account	-1,400.00
Transfer from Certificate of Deposit	+1,077.73
Interest earned	24.83
Balance in account on 6/30/93.....	\$ 302.67

REVOLVING ACCOUNT

Balance in account on 7/1/92	\$ 532.71
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Deposits

Transfer from savings	1,400.00	
Transfer from CD's (interest)	1,311.92	
Reimbursement -- office supp/exp	1,823.86	
Reimbursement -- equipment maint.	143.00	
Sale of flags and contour gauge	65.00	
Total Deposits		4,743.78

Expenses

Dues	1,144.00	
Postage	946.31	
Annual dinner/comm mtg expense	607.60	
MAX program	469.70	
Trees for 3's program	329.43	
Office supplies and expenses	300.67	
Plaques, awards, recognitions	205.34	
Education program	185.21	
Equipment, maintenance	178.95	
Subscriptions	111.92	
Printing - newsletter	109.60	
Telephone	66.66	
Sales Tax	1.66	
Total Expenses		4,657.05

Balance in account on 6/30/93.....	\$ 619.44
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- DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS -

JULY

The commissioners developed their 1-M Budget & Spending Plan.

The SWCD contracted with Dean Bell to coordinate the MAX program in Kossuth County. Eight farmers participated.

AUGUST

The SWCD adopted a supplemental memorandum of understanding with USDA ASCS.

Twenty-seven Kossuth Co. producers expressed an intent to participate in the Wetland Reserve Program on 850 acres. Nine of the bids were accepted and plans developed by SCS.

Amy Ahrends, Kossuth County Naturalist, provided hand-out material to Kossuth teachers to introduce them to curriculum helps and programs in soils, water, and wildlife conservation that are available through her office.

SEPTEMBER

Christensen and Gast attended the IASWCDC fall regional meeting at Pocahontas.

Donald McGuire was selected as the county winner of the Izaak Walton League windbreak award. Members of the local chapter assisted as contest judges.

OCTOBER

Annual membership dues to the Soil and Water Conservation Society of America were paid.

The District's annual plan of work was approved.

Ahrends conducted fall field trips to Union Slough, Stinson Prairie, and Call State Park.

NOVEMBER

Commissioners Deal, Sleper, and Christensen attended the annual conference of the IASWCDC in Des Moines.

John Skilling resigned his federal technician position to pursue a career in private business.

John Sleper, Jr., and Thomas Bjustrom were elected at the general election to serve as district commissioners. Robert Deal and Kenneth Brones, whose terms expire January 1993, did not seek re-election.

DECEMBER

Mark Bonnstetter, West Bend, was selected as the regional winner of the '92 Soil & Water Conservation Poster Contest. Commissioner Seely presented a cash award and certificate issued by Grinnell Mutual Re-insurance Co. to Mark at a school assembly program.

The district's annual appreciation dinner was held at Sarah's Restaurant in Algona.

Gast was guest speaker at a career's class at Algona High School.

Gast presented a program on soils and conservation for the Master Conservationist Program organized by Naturalist Amy Ahrends.

A newsletter about available state cost share funds and wetland issues was mailed to all landowners and operators.

JANUARY

At the organizational meeting on January 2, officers for the district were elected: Wendell Christensen, chairman; Kent Seely, vice-chairman. Carolyn Marshall was appointed sec.-treas. John Simpson, John Ley, Kenneth Brones, Robert Deal, Amy Ahrends, and Leon Laird were appointed as assistant commissioners.

Memorandums of understanding between the SWCD and various governmental agencies and groups were reviewed.

National Association dues in the amount of \$550 were paid.

The provisions of titles VI and VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act were reviewed by the commissioners.

The "Farming Highly Erodible Land" newsletter was mailed to all FSA participants. This issue dealt with conservation plan compliance.

FEBRUARY

The District awarded plaques to each winner in the conservation tillage division of the Master Corn and Soybeans Growers' contests. Mrs. John Capesius was the recipient in the corn contest, and Mike Girres in the soybean contest.

Gast was guest speaker at a session of the Algona Farmers' Nite School.

A USDA information meeting was held at Ledyard. Gast participated in the program.

MARCH

Christensen, Bjuström, and Gast attended the spring regional meeting of the IASWCDC held at Ruthven.

The district donated \$25 to county middle schools who had a soil and water conservation division at their science fair. Algona, Seton, and Burt schools participated.

IASWCDC dues in the amount of \$500 were paid.

APRIL

A soils outdoor classroom was conducted for 8th graders. The students learned about soil and how it erodes and viewed some conservation practices on the land.

John White began his duties as conservation technician with SCS in Kossuth Co.

"Farming H.E.L." newsletter was mailed to all FSA participants stressing residue management on rutted corn stalk fields.

MAY

Church bulletin covers were made available to all county churches in observance of Soil Stewardship Week.

The district awarded cash prizes and certificates to winners in the conservation poster contest. Taking honors in the K-2 division were: 1st, Stoney Wagner; 2nd, Scott Stence; and, 3rd, Rachel McGuire and Leah Brandon (tie). Rebecca Turner, Clint Shriver, and Amanda Thompson took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place honors in the 3-5 grade division.

The 13th annual "Trees for 3's" outdoor classroom was held at Smith Lake for 315 Kossuth Co. 3rd graders. The students were taken through 5 stations where they were taught the value of trees and their uses. Each student was given a lilac seedling to plant at his home.

JUNE

A \$300 scholarship was awarded to the Algona FFA Chapter to help defray expenses to attend the National Soils Judging Contest in Oklahoma.

The spring issue of "Conservation Comments for Contractors" was mailed to all contractors doing earthwork and tiling in the county.

