

KOSSUTH SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

F.Y. 90 ANNUAL REPORT

(July 1, 1989 - June 30, 1990)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Wendell Christensen, chairman.....	Wesley
Kenneth Brones, vice-chairman.....	Swes City
James F. Antoine.....	Bancroft
Robert Deal.....	Algona
Kent Seely.....	Algona

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

John Simpson.....	Whittemore
Leon Laird.....	Algona
John Ley.....	Algona
John Sleper, Jr.....	Titonka
Amy Ahrends.....	Bancroft

FIELD OFFICE STAFF

William A. Gast.....	District Conservationist
Larry Trauger (July-October).....	Conservation Technician
John E. Skilling (October-June).....	Conservation Technician
Carolyn Marshall.....	State Secretary
Connie Zitttritch.....	Clerical Aide
Robert Mills.....	WAE Conservation Aide

CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Individuals assisted.....	624
Individuals applying a conservation practice.....	188
Conservation plans prepared.....	8,065 ac.
Determinations completed on tracts with no highly erodible fields..	285
Determinations completed on tracts with highly erodible fields.....	25
" " " " "	978 ac.
HEL tracts with approved conservation systems applied.....	5
" " " " "	70 ac.
HEL tracts with approved conservation plan.....	40
" " " " "	2,765 ac.
Determinations completed on tracts with wetlands.....	11
" " " " "	163 ac.
Determinations completed on tracts with converted wetlands.....	2
" " " " "	19 ac.
Determinations completed on tracts with no wetlands identified.....	25
Conservation Tillage Systems.....	6,622 ac.
Contour Farming.....	431 ac.
Pond.....	1
Farmstead and Feedlot Windbreak.....	20 ac.
Field Windbreak.....	2,820 ft.
Filter Strip.....	22 ac.
Grade Stabilization Structure.....	1
Grassed Waterway.....	12 ac.
Terraces.....	14,850 ft.
Water and Sediment Control Basin.....	16
Cropland Acres Treated.....	8,145 ac.
Wildlife Land Acres Treated.....	788 ac.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATE FUNDS

1-M ACCOUNT:

Allocation Received on 7/1/89		\$3,700.00
Disbursements		
Commissioners Travel Expenses	\$ 907.45	
Office Supplies and Expenses	2,011.44	
Printing	52.40	
Reverted to DSC	728.71	
Total Disbursements		3,700.00
Balance in account on 6/30/90.....		\$ 0.00

3-M ACCOUNT:

89-90 allocation received	\$28,450.00
Funds Spent	0.00
Unobligated balance in account on 6/30/90.....	\$28,450.00

REAP-PRACTICE FUNDS:

89-90 allocation received	\$13,095.00
Funds spent (farmstead & field windbreaks)	4,373.68
Unobligated balance in account on 6/30/90.....	\$8,721.32

DISTRICT FUNDS

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:

Balance in account on 7/1/89	\$27,171.82
Interest earned	<u>2,063.88</u>
Balance in account on 6/30/90.....	\$29,235.70

R.G. DICKINSON/IDS INVESTMENTS:

Balance in account on 7/1/89	\$16,000.00
Interest earned	+ 1,400.00
Transfer from HiFi Account	+ <u>2,600.00</u>
Balance in account on 6/30/90.....	\$20,000.00

HIFI ACCOUNT:

Balance in account on 7/1/89	\$ 5,204.25
Transfer to Dickinson/IDS Investment	- 2,600.00
Transfer to District Revolving Account	- 2,250.00
Interest earned	+ <u>113.62</u>
Balance in account on 6/30/90.....	\$ 467.87

REVOLVING ACCOUNT:

Balance in account on 7/1/89	\$ 1,193.61
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Deposits

Reimbursement--office supp/expense	\$2,405.38
Sale of flags	103.40
Transfer from HiFi Account	2,250.00
Donations--contractor meetings/tours	<u>150.00</u>
Total Deposits	4,908.78

Expenses

Dues	1,097.00
Office supplies & expenses	856.84
Scholarships	800.00
Annual dinner & meeting expenses	561.85
Postage	483.44
Telephone	456.15
Plaques, awards, recognitions	333.77
Tree's for 3's & Earth Day	287.56
Equipment	280.00
Subscriptions	111.88
Flags & lath	109.52
Sales tax	<u>97.85</u>
Total Expenses	5,475.86

Balance in account on 6/30/90.....	\$ 626.53
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DISTRICT PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Balance in account on 7/1/89	\$5,145.64
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Expenses

Wages Paid	\$3,738.22
FICA Contribution	281.07
IPERS Contribution	201.76
State Unemployment Insurance Contribution	7.47
Workman's Compensation Insurance Policy	<u>198.00</u>
Total Payroll Expense	4,426.52

Balance in account on 6/30/90.....	\$ 719.12
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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

JULY

The Kossuth Board of Supervisors allocated \$7,000 to the District for computerizing case file information and revising the district cooperator files. Connie Zittritsch was hired to assist in this project.

AUGUST

F.O. staff determined eligibility for the 9th Conservation Reserve Program signup. Thirty-one producers successfully bid 769 acres into the program.

SEPTEMBER

Commissioner Christensen was elected to serve as the SWCD's representative on the county REAP board.

The district adopted a supplemental memorandum of understanding with the USDA ASCS. Commissioners Deal, Antoine, and Brones and D.C. Gast met with the County Conservation Review Group at the ASCS office for planning the F.Y. 1991 ACP program.

Christensen, Simpson, Laird, and Gast attended the Fall Regional Commissioners meeting at Pocahontas.

OCTOBER

John Skilling, SCS technician, transferred from the Ft. Dodge Area Office to Algona Field Office.

NOVEMBER

Christensen attended the annual conference of the Ia. Association of Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners in Des Moines.

DECEMBER

"How To Conservation on Your Own" videos were distributed to all

communities within the district. Thirty copies of the video are available for loan to individuals who are interested in installing various conservation practices.

JANUARY

The district co-sponsored a tri-county soil and water conservation expo. Other sponsors included Palo Alto and Emmet SWCD's and Ia. Lakes Community College.

Dues in the amount of \$550 were paid to the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts and \$500 to the Ia. Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts.

New officers for the district were elected: Chairman-Wendell Christensen; vice-chairman-Kenneth Brones. Carolyn Marshall was appointed sec/treas. John Simpson, John Slepser Jr., John Ley, Amy Ahrends, and Leon Laird were appointed as assistant commissioners.

The memorandums of understanding between the district and various governmental agencies and groups were reviewed by the board.

Commissioners Christensen and Brones attended the Annual Commissioners' Short Course at Ames.

Robert Mills began working as a WAE conservation aide in the district office.

FEBRUARY

The first issue of "Conservation Notes", a newsletter directed specifically to lady landowners, was published.

Six contour gauges were purchased and distributed to various locations in the district. The gauges are available for use by Kossuth Co. farmers for laying out contour lines.

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

Smith Lake and Union Slough were designated as priority watersheds for REAP funding.

Christensen presented plaques to the winners in the conservation tillage division of the Master Corn and Soybean Growers' contests.

John Guthrie from Union Slough Wildlife Refuge met with the commissioners to discuss a conservation demonstration plot at a public viewing area at the Slough.

Jeri Schutjer, Titonka, was chosen as district winner in the IASWDC auxiliary scholarship competition. Her entry was submitted to regional competition.

MARCH

The district co-sponsored a multi-county contractors meeting.

Christensen attended a regional REAP meeting in Mason City.

Christensen and Gast attended the spring regional commissioners' meeting.

APRIL

The district had a display at the Earth Day activities at Smith Lake on April 22.

Naturalist Amy Ahrends conducted conservation programs in all Kossuth county schools during Earth Week.

The 10th annual "Trees for 3's" outdoor classroom was held for 325 Kossuth Co. third graders. Each student received an Amur Maple seedling to plant.

Ia. Soil Conservation Awards Program selections were made. Duane Metzger was selected in the conservation farmer division. Kenneth Brones was named outstanding district commissioner.

MAY

Deal and Simpson volunteered to measure residue for WECIP contracts and entries in the Master Corn & Soybean tillage contest.

The Algona FFA soil judging team reported to the commissioners on their participation in the international soil judging contest in Oklahoma. The district donated \$300 to help defray the expenses of the trip.

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

The District provided \$500 to the scholarship fund of the Kossuth Co. Farm Bureau.

JUNE

A tour of conservation practices was held for lady landowners to help familiarize them with various permanent conservation practices for erosion control.

A twilight conservation tillage tour was organized by the district. Area implement dealers had tillage equipment on display and provided a meal for those in attendance. Invitation was made to all land owners and operators of farms with H.E.L. acres.