

DICKINSON COUNTY IOWA

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

1969

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL



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PERSONNEL

COMMISSIONERS

Andrew Hoffman -----Chairman
 Robert Ingwersen-----Commissioner
 Robert Fitzpatrick-----Commissioner
 Donald Burns-----Asst. Commissioner
 Claire Champine-----Asst. Commissioner
 James Youngclas-----Extension Director

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Wallis R. Tonsfeldt-----Area Conservationist
 Wayne W. Ducommun-----Civil Engineer
 Vernon Meyers-----Civil Engineer
 Wayne L. Eberly-----Cons. Engr. Tech.
 Norman R. Mathison-----Civil Engr. Tech.
 Walter R. Thoreson-----District Conservationist
 Adolph M. Ladegaard-----Conservation Technician
 Fern O. Delbridge-----Area Clerk

STATE EMPLOYEES

Beverly A. Beer-----State Clerk
 Gary Eakin-----Planner Aid

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

1. The District Commissioners were hosts to the ASC County Committee and Office Manager at a noon luncheon March 27th. A joint meeting was held following the luncheon.
2. Bob Ingwersen and Andrew Hoffman attended the Minimum Tillage Field Day at the Joe O'Hara farm in Page County.
3. The District Commissioners sponsored two 4H youths Karen Taylor and Dean Eckard to the 4H Conservation Camp at Madrid, Iowa.
4. Mr. Claire Champine, teacher in the Spirit Lake School, was appointed Assistant Commissioner for the District. Claire is handling the education and information portion of the program.
5. 300 Douglas Fir trees were given to the 6th graders in the county again this year.
6. 9429 trees and shrubs were sold to farmers in the county this year.
7. Gary Eakin worked part time during the month of June for the District.
8. The Annual Commissioners picnic was held at Walt Thoresons' cottage on Big Spirit Lake July 27th.
9. Winners in the Des Moines register and Tribune contest for the District were: R.M. Herbert, Division 1 and Arnold Stoltenberg, Division 2. Winners for the District in the Sioux City permanent Agriculture contest were: Ed Wollner, Gary Eakin and Jim Long.

10. Karen Taylor and Dean Eckard were guests of the Commissioners at a regular meeting to report their accomplishments at the 4H Conservation Camp.
11. The Commissioners have purchased a new Polaroid camera and a projector to be used in the District.
12. The Dickinson Soil Conservation District is celebrating its 25th anniversary as an organized District. The first three commissioners, Bob Taylor, Joe Graff and Hadley Schaffer and Extension Director, Louis Rank, who organized the District, were guests of the present Commissioners at the Soil Conservation District Commissioners Annual Conference in Des Moines September 25th to accept a 25 year award from the State Committee.
13. The Commissioners sponsored two teachers to the Fall Conservation Workshop for teachers. They were Claire Champine, Spirit Lake and Carl Gochanour, Lake Park.
14. Conservation Activity Workbooks and award ribbons were furnished to the schools in the county.
15. Rev. Ray Willemsen of Lake Park wrote our news article for Soil Stewardship week. Material was furnished to the churches by the Commissioners for observance of Soil Stewardship week.
16. Robert Zimmer signed an agreement with the Commissioners to grow Emerald Crownvetch for seed increase for the District.
17. Walt Thoreson was presented a certificate of merit and \$250 cash award for outstanding work on watersheds by State Conservationist Wilson Moon.
18. The District Commissioners held their annual Christmas party Saturday Dec. 13th.



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PLANT FOR THE FUTURE

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Tree seedlings have been supplied by the Soil Conservation District Commissioners to Dickinson County farmers the past few years at a nominal price to encourage the planting of windbreaks and wildlife areas. There were 41 farmers who took advantage of this service last year.

If you are in need of a good windbreak or if you have an existing windbreak that needs filling in, stop in and see us. We have a complete listing of available seedlings. Also you may be eligible for cost-share on these trees providing you sign up at the ASC Office prior to planting. We hope we can be of service to you.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Unit : 7/1/68 to : To Date
: 6/30/69 :
: :

District Cooperators	No. :	26	:	759
Basic Farm Plans	No. :	28	:	573
Contouring	Ac. :	40	:	---
Farm Ponds	No. :	3	:	19
Windbreak (Farmstead)	Ac. :	11.4	:	109
Grassed Waterways	Ac. :	4.1	:	345
Minimum Tillage	Ac. :	40	:	21,050
Mains & Laterals	Ft. :	220	:	53,772
Pasture Plantings	Ac. :	39	:	2,275
Pipeline	Ft. :	2,440	:	2,440
Spring Development	No. :	2	:	11
Drainage Field Ditch	Ft. :	500	:	185,872
Terrace Parallel	Ft. :	11,290	:	151,293
Tile Drains	Ft. :	61,759	:	2732,543
Wildlf. Habitat Mgt.	Ac. :	16	:	338
ACP Referrals	No. :	155	:	---

The Dickinson ASC County Committee approved cost-share payments in the amount of \$14,265.45 for completion of soil and water conservation practices which are included in the above listed practices.



SILVER LAKE WATERSHED

Silver Lake Watershed was established in March of 1967. Don McKinney, who was then the Voc-Ag Instructor at Lake Park, spear-headed the organizing of this watershed with the assistance of the entire Lake Park Community, State Conservation Commission and the local S.C.S. and Osceola County S.C.S. The three directors elected were Robert M. Herbert, Norman Schwarzenbach and C.E. Lawrence all of Lake Park.

Silver Lake Watershed comprises 38 farms in Osceola Co. and 34 farms in Dickinson Co. with a total of 72 farms and a total of 14,000 acres. Of which 63 farms are Soil Conservation District Cooperators.

The purpose of this watershed is: 1. Treatment of upland within this watershed to control erosion. 2. Protect Silver Lake because of its enormous assets to the community and surrounding areas. 3. Beautify the above area and make for better recreation.

At present there are 15 farms terraced (20 Miles), 24 farms with waterways (47 ac.), 30 farms contouring (2100 ac.) and 4 structures installed.

The one structure on Florence Arnolds' farm impounds 9½ acres of water at 20' depth at the outlet, includes 48" riser and 36" barrel, 24,000 yards of fill. Veryl Baas Wallingford, Iowa was the contractor. Approximately 3000 acres drain into this site.

The pond will be under the control of the State Conservation Commission to be used for rearing fish.

The cost of this project was paid for by : State Conservation Commission \$6000.00, Lake Park Community \$4000.00 and A.C.P. Cost-share payment \$500.00.

The members of this watershed are very active in applying their soil and water conservation practices. Very high community action has paid out good dividends on this watershed project.

EAST OKOBOJI WATERSHED NO. 1 & NO. 2

These watersheds are located North East of Lake East Okoboji and comprise 37 farms with 4500 acres. All farms are Soil Conservation District Cooperators.

These watersheds were organized in April of 1968. Delmar Fodness was elected Chairman, Elwin Tritle secretary of Watershed No. 1. Bob Arthur elected chairman and Doyle Gordon secretary of watershed No. 2.

Community action inspired the organization of these watersheds. Parties involved were the farmers within the watersheds, East Okoboji Improvement Association State Conservation Commission, Dickinson Co. Board of Supervisors and the local Soil Conservation District.

During the year 4 structures (water impondments and silt control) were installed: 1. Structure on Thomas Karl farm, 1450 acres drain into this area, this structure greatly reduces amount of silt entering East Okoboji. Another structure on Thomas Karl farm which is a gully control structure.

2. Structure on Frank Jaquith farm; beside silt control, this pond will serve as livestock water and recreation.

3. Structure on Nordstroms Beach which serves as silt control and recreation.

Cost of these projects were paid for by local land-owners, State Conservation Commission and from Agricultural Conservation payments.

Upland treatments such as terraces, contouring, waterways and rotations have been initiated. Four farms have entered a terracing program, waterways being seeded, and wildlife areas being planted.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR 1968-1969

District's 1-M Budget

Allocation from State Soil Conservation

Committee.....\$ 500.00

EXPENDITURES

Commissioners Mileage, meals & Hotel....	180.30
Office supplies.....	78.00
Printing.....	24.00
Materials for Demonstrations.....	3.30
Office expense.....	200.00
Meeting expense.....	13.95
Returned to State Committee.....	1.14
	500.00

1-M Additional Budget

Carried forward from last year.....\$ 115.12

EXPENDITURES

Commissioners Mileage, meals & hotel....	71.10
Office expense.....	30.00
Returned to State Committee.....	14.02
	115.12

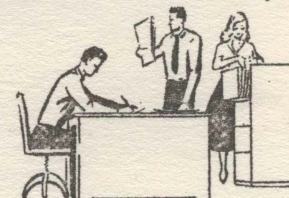
District's 2-M Budget

Allocation from State Soil Conservation

Committee.....\$ 5292.00

EXPENDITURES

Salaries for Clerk and Aid.....	3804.53
Travel expense.....	37.53
F.I.C.A. (Districts share).....	175.71
I.P.E.R.S. (District's share).....	129.30
Returned to State Committee.....	1144.93
	5292.00



NEW BASIC FARM PLANS

CENTER GROVE TWP.

Arlo Lenz
Robert Crow
Donald Dodge
Thomas Karl

DIAMOND LAKE TWP.

EXCELSIOR TWP.

Jerry Delaney

LAKEVILLE TWP.

Merwyn Shorey
James Long

LLOYD TWP.

Bernard Kelley

MILFORD TWP.

Francis Long
Raymond Fitchett

OKOBOJI TWP.

Ed Guthrie
Lloyd Schrad
Robert Zimmer

RICHLAND TWP.

SILVER LAKE TWP.

Florence Arnold
Arco Dehydrating Co.
Arco Dehydrating Co.
Kedric Wunder

SPIRIT LAKE TWP.

SUPERIOR TWP.

Joseph Ziegman
Walter Brunsvold

WESTPORT TWP.

Leonard Heikens

CENTER GROVE TWP.

Bob Crow
John Nordstrom
Sid & Wayne Northey
Geo. A. Lundberg

DIAMOND LAKE TWP.

Henry Walker

EXCELSIOR TWP.

Jerry Delaney
Andrew Hoffman

LAKEVILLE TWP.

Dean L. Wallace
Jack Bergendahl

LLOYD TWP.

Guy Powell
Guy Powell

MILFORD TWP.

Merlin Johnson
Herbert Eilers
Roger Swenson
Roger Swenson
Roger Swenson
Earl Sporrer
M.E. Swanson
Bob Fitzpatrick
Lyll Overocker

OKOBOJI TWP.

Wayne Langel

RICHLAND TWP.

Jim Ballah
Keith Thomas

SILVER LAKE TWP.

Allen Clark
Richard Wiechman

SPIRIT LAKE TWP.

W.S. Farr

SUPERIOR TWP.

James Heller
Wilbur Christensen

WESTPORT TWP.

Donald Nielsen
Elmer Dykstra