

Soil Conservation

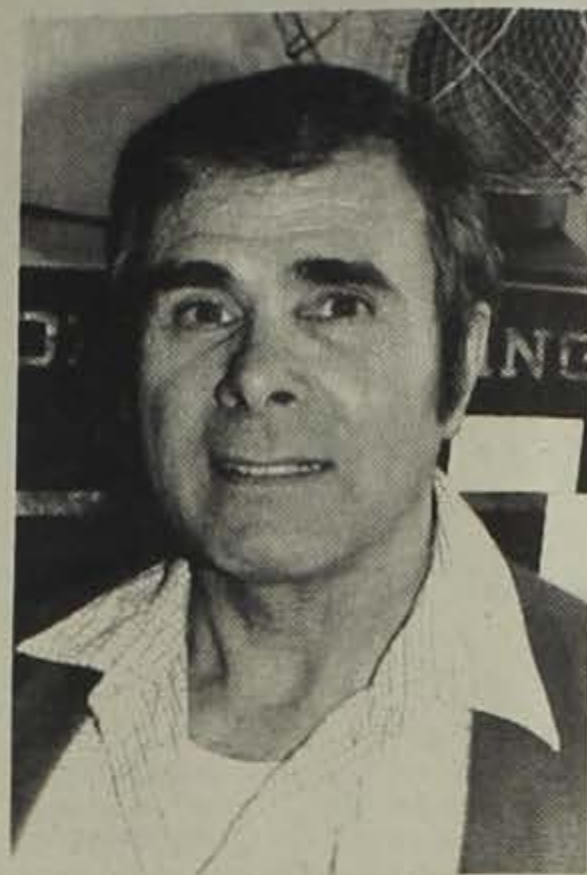
Davis County Resource, Conservation and Development Council



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The Davis County Resource Conservation and Development Council is a member of the six-county Pathfinder's Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, Inc. Included are Davis, Wapello, Mahaska, Keokuk, Jefferson and Van Buren. The USDA Soil Conservation Service provides technical and financial assistance to the RC&D.

The purpose of this six-county area is to accelerate the conservation and development of natural resources, to improve the

standard of living and to contribute to the economy of the people of the area.

Each county council begins with representatives from the Soil Conservation District and the County Board of Supervisors. If a County Planning Commission exists, there also is one member from it. The County RC&D Council must have at least six (6) persons serving on it. The balance of membership is jointly appointed by the County Board of Super-

visors and the Soil District Commissioners. The membership is not limited to six. Members only need to be residents of Davis County.

Present members and officers of the Davis County RC&D Council are: Tim Hooper, chairman; Ron Kenkenius, vice-chairman; Barry Smith, secretary-treasurer; Rick Krenz, Russell Hopkins, Wayne Birchmier, James Bailey, Don Herten and JoElla Cossel.

Approved measures being worked on in-

clude:

- 1) New fire station for the City of Floris, Lick Creek Twp. & Salt Creek Twp.
- 2) Roadside stabilization along county roadways
- 3) Lake Fisher renovation and recreation development
- 4) Warm Season Grass pasture establishment
- 5) Water recreation facility (swimming pool) for Davis County

Other projects the RC&D Council are actively supporting are:

- 1) Organizing A Davis Co./Van Buren Co. hay growers association
 - 2) Environmental education program
- Potential RC&D projects are solicited by the Council and may be proposed to them by submitting a measure proposal form. These forms can be obtained at the local Soil Conservation Service Office, 106 North Dodge St., Bloomfield, or, for more information, call 664-2600.

Potential projects range from soil and

water conservation, community development and improvement, wildlife conservation, historical development, legislative proposals, public safety, resource management, etc.

Tim Hooper and Wayne Birchmier are also on the RC&D Council. They are Soil Conservation Commissioner assistants too.

Volunteers needed in conservation

This week, April 17-23, is Volunteer Week in Iowa and across the nation. Fred Hainline of the USDA Soil Conservation Service says soil conservation work is a good choice for a person willing to volun-

teer his or her skills and time for a worthwhile cause.

"Helping save soil is rewarding, interesting work, and you'd be surprised at the variety of the kind of help that's

needed," Hainline says. Hainline, the SCS District Conservationist for Davis County, says SCS is asking for volunteers to help keep government costs down while accelerating the rate of soil conservation work.

Volunteers can work any hours, and as many hours as they choose. Work ranges from engineering to laying out conservation practices to contacting farmers on their conservation needs. People with office skills and education backgrounds can also help.

To volunteer for soil conservation, call or visit the Soil Conservation Service office at 106 North Dodge Street in Bloomfield.

TOPSOIL WASHED AWAY—

Each June the waters of the Palouse River in eastern Washington usually carry away about 3 million tons of fertile topsoil from one of the nation's most productive farm areas. In less than a century this region has lost enough topsoil to cover an area eight blocks square and eight stories high.

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