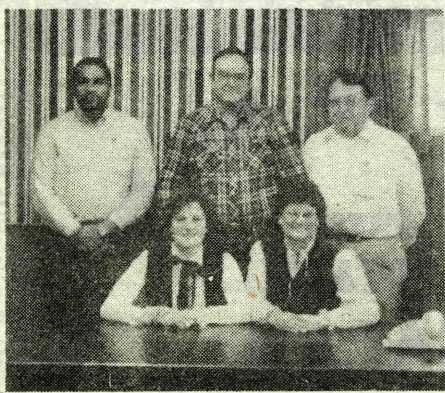


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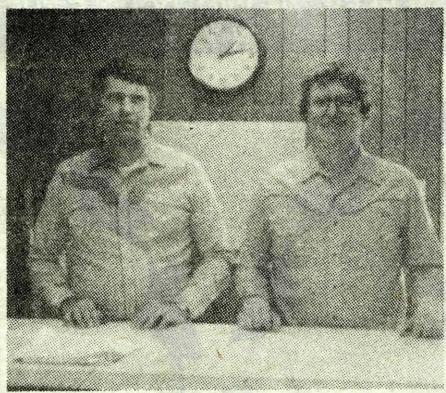
Poweshiek County Soil Conservation District

P.O. Box 216, Malcom, Iowa 50157
1985 Fiscal Year



Field Office Personnel

From left (front row) are Carol McCain, District Clerk; Mona Bond, Engineering Aide; (back row) Wendell B. Jones, Soil Conservationist; David W. Kudej, District Conservationist and Veryl D. Brass, Engineering Aide



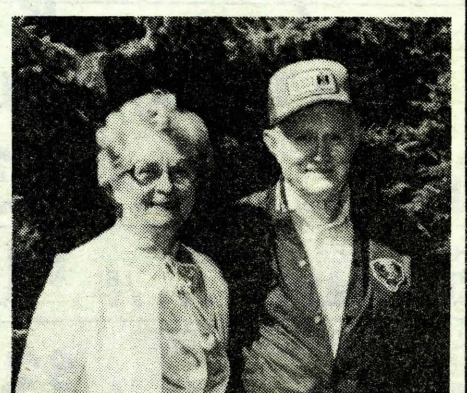
District Winners

District winners in the No-till Soybeans contest were, left to right, Allen Waterbeck, first place with a yield of 47.61 bushels and Donald Edelen, second place with a yield of 44.89 bushels.



District Winners

District winners in the No-till Corn contest were, left to right, Curtis Ferneau, first place with a yield of 195.63 bushels and Kirk Ferneau, second place with a yield of 191.20 bushels.



Nominees

John and Elizabeth Vander Weerdt of Searsboro were the 1985 nominees from Poweshiek County for the Izaak Walton League Windbreak Award. The windbreak was planted in 1969.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS FOR 1986

Douglas A. Brown, Chairman
Wally Mathes, Vice-Chairman
Arlene Ford, Treasurer
Carol McCain, Secretary
Miles Clayton, Commissioner
Ross Mintie, Commissioner
Allen Brannian, Ass't. Commissioner
Keith Johnson, Ass't. Commissioner
Don Pederson, Ass't. Commissioner

FIELD OFFICE PERSONNEL

Carol McCain, State Clerk-Typist
Mona Bond, State Engineering Aide
Veryl Brass, State Engineering Aide
Wendell B. Jones, Soil Conservationist
David W. Kudej, District Conservationist

AREA OFFICE PERSONNEL

Keith Glandon, Area Conservationist
John W. Pingry, Resource Conservationist
David L. Nelson, Civil Engineer
Francis W. Vos, Civil Engr. Technician
Keith L. Hunt, Civil Engr. Technician
Jerome M. Mall, Civil Engr. Technician
Kathleen M. Ohnemus, Area Secretary

1985 CONTRIBUTORS TO THE DISTRICT

We would like to express our appreciation to the contributors who have made donations to our program.

Thanks so much!

Poweshiek Mutual Insurance Association
Worthing Grattan

Iowa Land Improvement Contractors Ass'n.
Michael W. Mahaffey

Lawrence W. Wallis
Gibson Savings Bank

Leona F. Harris
Warren H. Bower

Miles Clayton
Ruth Gnau Peterson

Kenneth L. Dieterich

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

MEETINGS

The Commissioners conducted eleven regular business meetings and one special meeting during the year.

Commissioners attended the Short Course in January, the Spring and Fall Regional meetings and the Annual Conference in November.

A joint Contractor Meeting with Jasper County was held on February 27. 80 people attended.

The District sponsored a booth at the Montezuma Farmer Business Day on February 22. Approximately 325 people were there that day.

On March 21 Dave Kudej represented the District at the National Agriculture Day luncheon in Grinnell.

AWARDS

JOHN and ELIZABETH VANDER WEERDT of Searsboro were the 1985 nominees from Poweshiek County for the Izaak Walton League Windbreak Award.

JANET FIGLAND, Searsboro, was first place winner in the District Essay Contest. GERRY VAN DYKE, Searsboro, was second place winner.

The GERTRUDE BASTIAN farm located near Victor was selected Poweshiek County District winner in the Iowa Soil Conservation Awards Contest. DAVID BASTIAN is the operator of the farm.

The GRACE MIDDLEMAS farm located near Malcom was selected as winner in the New Cooperator Division. JOHN MANN is the operator.

CURTIS FERNEAU with a yield of 195.63 and KIRK FERNEAU with a yield of 191.20 were the first and second place winners in the no-till planted corn District Contest. ALLEN WATERBECK with a yield of 47.61 and DON EDELEN with a yield of 44.89 were the first and second place winners in the no-till planted soybeans District Contest.

OTHER DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Approximately 3,450 Soil Stewardship inserts were delivered to 26 churches in Poweshiek County.

The Grinnell Womens Club has volunteered service time to the District. President EILEEN SCHMITZ and other volunteers from the club have helped put together Iowa Soil 2000 folders which will later be distributed to all landowners in the county. They were also selected as winners for the Governor's Fourth Annual Volunteer Recognition Award.

WENDELL JONES began work as Soil Conservationist at the SCS office on October 28, 1985. He will assist Poweshiek County farmers and landowners in all phases of the soil conservation program.

RICK SHAFER, Soil Conservationist, was transferred to Burlington, Iowa, on March 15, 1985. Good Luck, Rick!

OTHER SERVICE

Individuals & Groups Assisted 367 No

Individuals & Groups Applying Conservation Practices 248 No
Conservation Plans 8,935 Ac

GROUPS WHO ASSIST THE DISTRICT

1. Soil Conservation Service
2. Department of Soil Conservation
3. County ASCS
4. County Extension Service
5. State Conservation Commission
6. Chemical dealers
7. State & National Association of District Commissioners
8. Grinnell Kiwanis Club
9. Newspapers
10. Radio and TV stations
11. County Board of Supervisors
12. Contractors
13. Vocational Agriculture
14. Farm equipment dealers
15. Banks
16. Public schools
17. County Farm Bureau
18. County Grange
19. County Conservation Board
20. FmHA
21. Professional & business personnel
22. Izaak Walton League
23. Construction equipment companies and suppliers

1985 DISTRICT COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS 6,537 Acres

Wiley Van Ommen
Donald E. Hull
Elverna Jones
Larry Criswell
Larry Ranfeld
Cindi Heck
Lavern Lidtka
Robert L. Johnson
Wilbur Baltisberger
Arnold Verdeck
Kevin Osborn
Marvin Lacaeyse
Roger L. Henkle
Jeff Eichhorn
Walter Audas
Ralph H. Creps
Earl W. Gropper
Kenneth Haynes Trust
Duane McDonald
Francis Krieger

John Bushong
Carol F. McCain
Floyd Anthony
Gordon Van Donselaar
Thomas & Mincer Farm
Glen Miller
Paul McClune
Claire Simmons
Ray G. Anderson
Gertrude Bastian
Alberta Talbert
Craig R. Hall
Odessa E. Douglass
Marvin G. Roorda
Gerald Read
Thomas Lowry
Linsted Estate
Ahrens Land Co.
Allan Gralapp
Larry Wyatt

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

24,700' TERRACES
Dennis Moon
Donald Stoker
Harriett Taylor
James Renaud
Leopp, Lundberg & Kruse
Raymond Watson
Loren Roorda
Eulice Fabacher
Raffety Farms
Wayne Haworth
Uwe Meyer
Lyle Hudnutt
W.G. Eyestone
Ken Hoksbergen
Darlene Baltisberger

Conservation Tillage 15,667 Acres
Contour Farming 1,715 Acres

MAJOR PRACTICES
PONDS (EROSION CONTROL)
Harris Van Kooten
Ken Carmichael
2,000' DIVERSIONS
Naomi Johannes
Louis Maschman
3,250' WATER & SEDIMENT CONTROL BASINS
Raymond Powell
George Cowger
Worthing Grattan

Cropland Benefited by Application of Conservation Practices 18,851 Acres
Wildlife Upland Habitat Management 31 Acres

FINANCIAL REPORT

	Receipts	Disbursements
1-M BUDGET (1984-85)		
Allocation	\$2,800.00	
Commissioners Expense		\$930.16
Office Supplies		730.65
Printing		130.00
Total Expended		\$1,790.81
Balance	\$1,009.19	
3-M BUDGET (1985-86)		
Allocation	\$87,441.35	
Disbursed to Landowners	\$21,007.12	
Obligated		36,083.90
Unobligated		30,350.33
		\$87,441.35

SCD Conservation Quiz: Test Yourself

1. Are all the steep or eroding areas on your property protected by grass or trees?
2. Does the surface water flow at safe speeds without making a gully or cutting banks?
3. Are cropping systems sufficient to reduce erosion within limits?
4. Are the fewest trips made over the land for planting the crop?
5. Are enough residues left on the soil to stop or control erosion?
6. Are animal wastes returned to the soil in proper amounts and during the proper times?
7. Are fields soil tested to determine the proper kind and amounts of nutrients needed?
8. Are the ditches and tile mains checked for flow problems and repairs made?
9. Are wildlife needs planned for and carried out on property?
10. Are the woodlots managed for long-term yields and thinned as needed?

If you can answer yes to all of these questions, please call us so that we can honor you.

If you answered yes to seven or more, you are doing great. Call us so we can help you get all 10.

If you answered yes to five or less, call us soon so we can schedule enough time to review your whole farm.

If you answered yes to three or less, come in today because we have a long way to go.

The Value of a Tree

A tree is worth \$196,250.00. A tree living for 50 years will generate \$31,250 worth of oxygen, provide \$62,000 worth of air pollution control, control soil erosion and increase soil fertility to the tune of \$31,250, recycle \$37,500 worth of water and provide a home for animals worth \$31,250. This figure does not include the value to the fruits, lumber or beauty derived from trees. Just another sensible reason to take care of our forests.