

Fayette County Soil Conservation District's annual report, 1981

FINANCIAL STATEMENT July 1, 1980 — June 30, 1981

IM BUDGET

Commissioners travel expenses to district, regional & state meetings and other travel in the county on district business	\$ 778.53
Office Supplies and Expenses	488.62
Printing	13.86
Total Allocation	\$ 1,291.01

IIM BUDGET

Salary, Travel, Insurance, etc. for Clerk	\$12,625.41
Equipment Maintenance	50.00
Total Allocation	\$12,675.41

COMMISSIONERS REVOLVING FUND

Balance on hand July 1, 1980	\$ 253.40
Receipts July 1, 1980 — June 30, 1981	7,033.54
Total Funds Available	7,286.94
Miscellaneous Expenses	5,551.88
Balance on Hand June 30, 1981	1,735.06

IIIM BUDGET

1980-81 F. Y. Total Allocation	\$48,000.00
1980-81 Amount Spent on Conservation	27,878.27
1980-81 Amount Pending Completion of practices	20,121.72
1979-80 F. Y. Projects completed	\$11,214.05

DISTRICT GOVERNING UNIT

George Halstead, West Union, Chairman
James Burrack, Arlington, Vice-Chairman
Leslie Anderson, Castalia, Secretary
Jonathan Steege, Maynard, Treasurer
Paul Nuss, Hawkeye, Commissioner

DISTRICT EMPLOYEE

Belva Bauer, Clerk-Typist III

U.S.D.A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Gerald L. Muff, District Conservationist
J.K. "Bud" Siebrecht, Conservation Technician
Larry Best, W.A.E.

AREA PERSONNEL

Harold S. Boehmer, Mason City, Area Conservationist
Barbara Herrera, Mason City, Area Clerk
James Evans, West Union, Area Civil Engineer
John Wildman, Elkader, Area Civil Engineer Technician

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

	Number	Acres
District Cooperators	17	3,360
Soil & Water Conservation Plans		2,524
Revised Soil & Water Conservation Plans		885
Farms & Groups Serviced	265	
Farms & Groups Applying one or more practices	125	

MAJOR PRACTICES APPLIED

Minimum Tillage (Acres)	3,462
Contour (Acres)	1,041
Farmstead & Feedlot Windbreak (Acres)	6
Grade Stabilization Structures (Number)	3
Grassed Waterway (Acres)	24
Tile Outlet Terraces (Feet)	58,675
Water & Sediment Control Basin (Feet)	700

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES, 1981

The district commissioners held regular monthly meetings and attended special meetings to conduct the business of the district. This included plans and preparations for the various events that are sponsored by the district, also reviewing all new cooperators, basic conservation plans, group plans, cost-share assistance applications, amendments, and completed cost-share projects.

The public was informed of soil conservation progress with news stories and radio releases. The office staff and commissioners assisted with or conducted conservation tours, talks, demonstrations, presentations and contests.

A special meeting was held Jan. 2 to adopt Land Disturbing Activities regulations for Fayette County.

Commissioners Jon Steege, Jim Burrack and George Halstead with Jerry Muff, District Conservationist attended a Commissioners Short Course in Ames.

Muff gave a presentation to Young Farmers Ag-Class on Cost-share for conservation practices.

Volga Lake Watershed landowners signed up for Iowa-Till Program in February.

The District had two no-till planters available for plots, a John Deere, 4-row, 38 inch; and an Allis Chalmers, 6-row, 30 inch.

District and Extension Service had a no-till meeting to discuss the planter rental program.

Four-county contractors' meeting was held in Postville in March.

Sixty plots of no-till were planted.

A no-till field day and a no-till night meeting were held with approximately 110 persons attending the events.

A bus tour of several no-till fields was held.

In August the office moved to a new location on the southwest edge of West Union in the walk-out basement of the Farm Credit Building at the junction of highways 150 and 56. The Area Engineers are co-located with the District office.

The District manned a booth at the Fayette County Fair in August using a tabletop display and Caramate projector. Soil survey books were available with district litter bags and decals as well.

Muff attended a training session on Resource Conservation Marketing Skills.

In September a special meeting was held for a public hearing and final adoption of regulations for Land Disturbing Activities to comply with Chapter 467A.67, Code of Iowa 1981 and rescinded any and all regulations adopted previously.

Two teachers who attended Iowa Conservation Education Council's Fall Workshop at EWALU were Bryan O'Day, West Union Elementary and Jerry McManigle, Hawkeye Elementary.

Commissioner Steege and Muff gave a presentation on the Fayette County No-till Rental Program at Region 4 Commissioners meeting.

Louis Christen, Elgin was chosen as the Outstanding Conservation Farmer in District.

Ten students participated in the Soil Conservation Essay contest. Winners in the senior division (grades 9-12) were Kirk Burrack, 1st; Terri Rodas, 2nd. Winners in the junior division (grades 6-8) were Jim Franzen, 1st; and Brian Baumgartner, 2nd. All were from Starmont School. German Mutual Insurance, West Union and Farmers Mutual Ins., Fayette contributed the prize money.

Jerry Muff attended the Annual Conference in Des Moines, Iowa.

The District sponsored a Woodland-Wildlife-Windbreak Planting Session in December. District Forester Gary Beyer and Jim Zohrer, Wildlife Biologist assisted.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Fayette Soil Conservation District has been continually promoting conservation tillage this past year. This is no surprise to anyone, we're sure, because of all the publicity received on the subject.

For this we would like to express our gratitude to Extension Service, all of the local newspapers, radio stations, ASCS, Department of Soil Conservation, FmHA, Fayette County Board of Supervisors, and everyone else who assisted us in our cause.

A special thanks goes to all the landowners and operators who cooperated with us on the no-till program this year.