

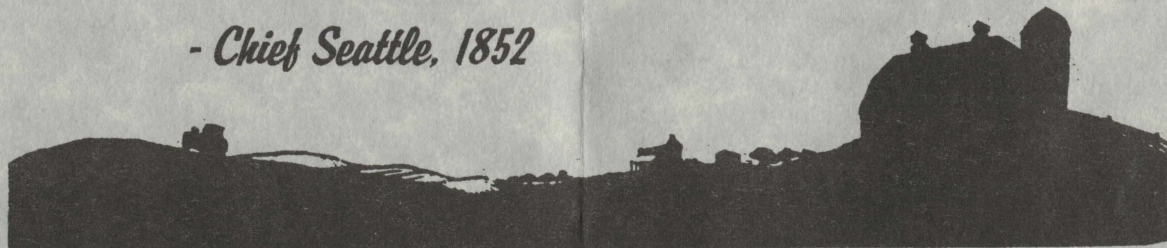
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*"We are part of the earth and
it is part of us...
what befalls the earth
befalls all the sons
of the Earth."*

- Chief Seattle, 1852



Cherokee County Soil & Water Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service Accomplishments

**Fiscal Year 2002
October 1, 2001 to
September 30, 2002**

	Number	Acres
Windbreaks & Renovations (380/650)	6	1.4
Grade Stabilization Structures (410)	2	20
Waterways (412)	15	
Terraces (600)	17,775	ft.
Wetland Restoration (657)	1	16.5
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) (327)		168.1
Vegetative Filters (393)*		132.3
Riparian (391)*		23.3
Slough Bill (Open Prairie/ Forest Cover)	13	530.13

** Part of CRP Program*

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT (July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002)

I-M	
Allocation	\$ 1,500.00
Expenses: Printing & Commissioner Expenses	1,499.01
Balance	\$.99
3-M Cost Share Funds (02-03) (For Conservation Practices)	\$ 36,311.00
Obligated and Spent	28,425.37
Balance 6/30/02	\$ 7,885.63
Little Sioux Flood Prevention Watershed Maintenance Funds	\$ 149,301.83
Income (Interest)	6,755.58
Expenses	424.70
Balance 6/30/02	\$ 155,632.71
General Fund (Revolving) (For District Functions)	\$ 10,535.95
Income:	8,721.66
Expense	12,197.59
Balance 6/30/02	\$ 7,060.02
REAP Funds (Resource Enhancement & Protection Practices)	\$ 6,806.00
02 REAP-Practices	4,931.45
Obligated & Spent	\$ 1,874.55
Released to State	\$ 1,727.00
REAP Funds 02 REAP-Forestry/Native Grasses	430.99
Obligated & Spent	\$ 1,296.01
Released to State	
Education Fund	
Balance	\$ 561.93

Little Sioux Funds

These funds are obligated by the federal government for projects in the Little Sioux Watershed area which is nearly all of the county. The district obligated and spent \$41,929.40 for structures and terraces.

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Soil and Water Conservation District

2002 ANNUAL REPORT



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PERSONNEL

Commissioners

Bruce Amundson, Larrabee
Chairperson

Tom Oswald, Cleghorn
Vice-Chairperson

Pam Pierce, Cherokee
*Co-Treasurer and Representative
Sioux Rivers RC&D Board*

Tom Bindner, Marcus
*Co-Treasurer and Representative
Little Sioux Works Committee*

Dale Bugh, Quimby

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Rhoda Grauer, Marcus

STAFF

Don Carrington
District Conservationist

Janet "Sam" Thomas
*Soil Conservation Technician
(Transferred in January 2002)*

Julia Gubbels
*Soil Conservation Technician
(Started in June 2002)*

Neal Bork
CRP Program (part-time)

Jerry Jensen
Watershed Inspector

Wanda Hollingshead
*Clerical - Green Thumb
(Retired in April 2002)*

Karen Brewer
*Experience Works Program
(Part-time)
(Started September 2002)*

Carol Hein
State Secretary

As commissioners of your Soil and Water Conservation District, we are pleased to present this 2002 Annual Report of conservation accomplishments. It reflects the efforts of many individuals and groups working together to improve our environment through conservation programs.

CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST "The Gift of Trees"

Grade 4

Overall First Place Winner

*Rachael McDermott
Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn*

Cherokee

*Second
Taylor Rhodes*

*Third
John Zimmer*

Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn

*Second
Paige Stienke*

*Third
Mitchell Sangl*

Aurelia

*Second
Ashley Anderson*

*Third
Krystal Nelson*

*Coordinated by
Rhoda Grauer*

All posters were on display during June at the Sanford Museum in Cherokee.

CDI Scholarship Award - \$200

*Amber Anderson
MMC High School*

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES 2002

The Cherokee SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation District) Commissioners' regular meeting is the third Tuesday of each month. There were 11 monthly meetings, 2 special meetings and 1 conference call. All meetings are open to the public (Open Meeting Law).

Election of officers was held on January 2. All offices will be the same as last year. They are: Bruce Amundson, chairperson; Tom Oswald, vice-chair; Carol Hein, secretary; and Pamela Pierce and Tom Bindner as co-treasurers. Asst. Commissioner is Rhoda Grauer.

State and Little Sioux watershed funds average costs, Annual Work Plan, District Policy, No-Till, and Contractor Policies were approved.

Commissioner Development Sessions were attended by Pierce and Amundson January 9 at Sheldon.

Janet (Sam) Thomas, Soil Technician transferred to Woodbury Co.

The District teamed with Farm Bureau and the Extension in a scholarship program. The District winner of \$200 was Ashley Anderson.

Cooperative Agreement between Iowa Lakes RC&D (Resource Conservation & Development) and Cherokee SWCD for payrollling a part-time employee.

Mike Johansen presented 'Help the Habitat' educational material. It is a joint program between NRCA (Natural Resources Conservation Service), and the National Audubon Society.

Watershed Structure Rehabilitation Discussion with County Supervisors, NRCS, and the District. Structures were ranked by priority.

Ass't. Commissioner Grauer coordinated the poster contest for 4th Graders. The theme was 'The Gift of Trees'. All conservation posters were displayed at the Sanford Museum during June.

Soil Stewardship Week (March 25 - April 6) was observed by supplying conservation place mats to Danny's Restaurant in Cherokee.

The Environthon was held at the Community Center in Cherokee on March 14. The District helped sponsor the competition for testing on environmental issues for seven high schools.

Pierce appointed REAP representative and attended the March meeting. Oswald is the REAP alternate. Bindner is the Little Sioux Works Committee representative.

Recognition and awards presentation for scholarship and posters winners in April.

NACD & CDI dues paid in full.

Spring Regional held April 1 in Onawa; attended by Bindner, Bugh, Amundson, Carrington and Hein.

Proceeds from Tree Sales Program benefited education program.

Iowa Watershed Spring Workshop in Ames attended by Oswald in April.

Watershed Inspections were completed in May.

Julia Gubbels, Soil Technician transferred to Cherokee County.

The FY02 IM Budget spending plan was approved.

Public EQIP meeting held at Extension August 27.

Fall Regional at Calumet on August 29 attended by Pierce, Amundson, Bindner, Oswald, and Carrington.

Conservation Signs (4) were purchased to install in the county along major routes. Two were installed before RAGBRAI.

All financial records were approved in July. Cost Share funds of \$15,435.00 received.

RCD/SIMPCO meeting Sept. 25 on 'Community Issues' attended by Pierce, Oswald and Carrington.

Supplemental cost share funds of \$20,876.00 received on October.

Randy Husman was elected as commissioner, and Bruce Amundson was re-elected in November.

Second public EQIP meeting held December 2 at Extension. REAP funds of \$972.75 were received.

Annual Conference attended by Amundson. Dale Bugh was honored at December meeting for his 4 years of service as a commissioner.

Annual Report completed.