

IDA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1965 ANNUAL REPORT

Organization

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Henry Brueck, Chairman	Battle Creek
Arnold Putensen	Holstein
Marvin Volkert	Wahhta
Alice Turin, Secretary	Ida Grove
Abel Peters, Treasurer	Ida Grove

Assisted By:

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE TECHNICIANS

Kenneth H. Burnett	Work Unit Conservationist
Don D. Goodenow	Technician
Clarence O. Kraft	Conservation Aid

Other Soil Conservation Service Personnel

Wallis R. Tonfeldt, Area Conservationist	Sioux City
Eldon Weber, Soil Conservationist	Sioux City
Wayne Ducommun, Area Engineer & Staff	Sioux City
John Worster, Area Soil Scientist & Staff	Sioux City

State Personnel

Alice Turin, District Clerk	Ida Grove
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Extension Service

Dave Hessman, Co. Extension Director	Ida Grove
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New District Cooperators

Name	Twp.	Name	Twp.
Fred Harder	Douglas	Donald Bulcher	Ida Grove
Marvin H. Volkert (2)	Douglas	Louise Kerr	Garfield
Everett Still	Battle	Roscoe Kolb	Logan
Harold Rasmussen	Logan	LeRoy Burton	Garfield
Clinton Rasmussen	Logan	Verni McCloskey	Blaine
Ransom Leonard	Griggs	Low Dale Sales	Garfield
Fredrick Bath	Corwin	L. M. Seuntjens	Garfield
Jacob Hell	Corwin	C. C. Rasmussen	Maple
Herman Jensen	Logan	Walter Clausen	Logan
Lyle Tietz	Garfield	Wm. J. Piser	Haves
John C. Cord	Garfield	Ernest Vohs	Galva
Harold Parker	Logan	Wm. O. Noll	Silver Creek
Margaret Harber	Blaine	Hakon Dausel	Battle
Arthur Albert	Maple	Bert F. Eason, Jr.	Maple
Geo. Hoffman, Jr.	Corwin	R. H. Clausen	Griggs
Thomas Schmolt	Manle	Earl Bommann	Garfield
Roland Jensen	Logan	Fluence Farmer, et al (2)	Corwin
Anna Zobel	Blaine	Jim D. Kolb	Silver Creek
A. S. Myrtue	Douglas	Richard Schmidt (2)	Maple
Ferd Pick	Corwin	Albert Fritz	Garfield
Elmer Carlberg	Corwin	Albert Fritz	Griggs
Glen H. Sikkman	Garfield	Norma Bell Estate	Corwin
Fred Paulsrad	Garfield	Dorothy Lowe	Battle
Walter Schroeder	Garfield	Catherine West	Battle
Marvyn Bjorkheim	Garfield	Don Heiff	Corwin
Marvin Kravenhausen	Garfield	Hazel Diersen	Silver Creek
Emmett Sahl	Liston, Woodbury	Milton Borchers	Grant
Lloyd Lill	Battle	Kenneth Hirschman	Grant
		Merle D. Greenwald	Corwin

District Finances

Maintenance Fund

(Held in Trust by the District for the Maintenance of Watershed Structures)

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1965	\$1,351.62
Receipts - 1965	2,016.40
Expenditures - 1965	2,960.60
Cash on Hand December 31, 1965	397.42
U. S. Government Bonds on Hand (Purchase Price)	6,000.00
U. S. Government Bonds on Hand (Surrender Value)	
December 31, 1965	6,968.80
Time Certificates (Accrued Value (12-31-65))	9,564.75
Purchase Price	9,300.00

GENERAL FUND (from various sources)

Balance, January 1, 1965	46.79
Receipts - 1965	
Expenditures - 1965	4.00
Balance, December 31, 1965	42.79

1M BUDGET (1965 Calendar Year)

(Received from the State of Iowa for Commissioners Expenses)

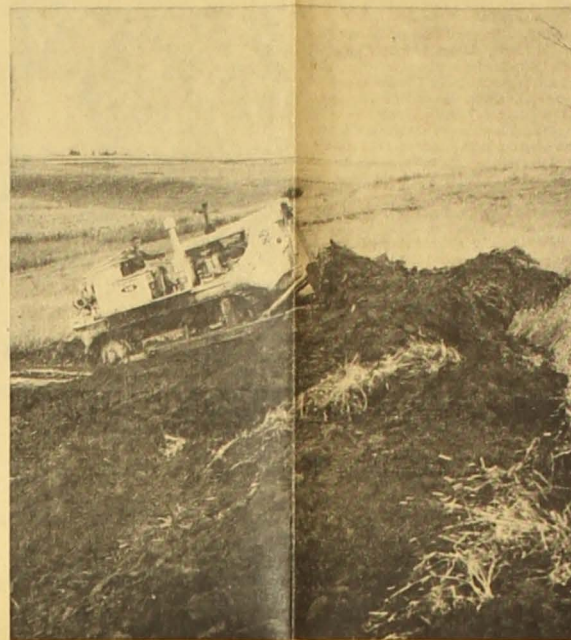
Office Supplies	107.00
Commissioners Expenses	439.85
Office Expense	162.30
TOTAL Expended	\$ 709.15

2M BUDGET (1965 Calendar Year)

(Received from the State of Iowa for Clerk Salary, Part-time Technical Assistance and Equipment)

Equipment	\$ 0
Clerk Salary & Technical Assistance	\$3,258.61
TOTAL Expended	\$3,258.61

The financial record books are on file in the District Office in Ida Grove and are open for inspection



Constructing a parallel grassed backslope terrace, getting all of the dirt from below the terrace ridge. The steep down-hill slope will be kept in permanent grass. Building it this way reduces the slope of the land to be farmed, widens the terrace spacing and eliminates point rows between terraces.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1965

Interest in flood control watersheds continues apace in the Ida District. The Quad-Valley Watershed, lying northwest of Ida Grove, was given a Work Plan Priority by the Little Sioux Works Committee. The watershed contains about 4,100 acres and involves all or part of 44 farms. There are more than 20 miles of terraces already installed in the watershed.

There are seven watershed areas in the District in various stages of development. One of these is outside the Little Sioux and will be handled through the "566" Program.

The District made 3 entries in the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program, sponsored by the Des Moines Register and Tribune. The farm of Albert Bird, operated by Lloyd Braden, was our entry in the landowner/tenant class. The farm of Ed and Ray Lohfi was the entry in the new-cooperator class, and the farm of Jens and Arlo Graversen in the family-farm division. The Bird and Lohfi farms were regional winners in the contest. This contest has done much to instill interest and enthusiasm among farmers in this district.

The District also participated in the Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Program. The District team of three consisted of the farms of Jens and Arlo Graversen, William Meier, and George Hartley. The farm of Bert and John Fairchild was selected as the 1965 Progress Winner.

In 1965, sixty farmers requested assistance from the District in preparing Soil Conservation Plans and twenty-six new Basic Plans were prepared. The planned approach to Soil Conservation appears to us to be the best and most logical means for obtaining complete soil conservation on the land.

A survey of the District showed that more than 46% of all rowcrop grown on hill land was contoured and an additional 13% was planted across the slope rather than in one of the cardinal directions. This practice continues to be the one means that the average farmer uses in starting soil conservation on his farm. There are few entire sections of land in the District on which no contouring is practiced.

In 1965, almost 52 miles of cropland terraces were installed. Over half of these terraces were installed in parallel systems. The parallel terrace apparently is the terrace of the future. Improved alignment of terraces eliminates point rows and in many cases smooths out sharp corners both of which make for easier farming.

Six risers were installed on County Road culverts for grade stabilization and tile outlets. This requires four way cooperation between the land owner, the County Board of Supervisors, the District, and the ASCS. Where such cooperation exists and where there are gullies above road culverts, this is the cheapest method of obtaining gully control.

Excellent service has been given to the local Soil Conservation District for its education programs by the Ida County Extension District, through its Extension Director, Dave Hessman.

Accomplishments and Goals

		In 1965	Since 1945	for Fiscal 1966
New District Cooperators	Number	53	717	50
	Acres	10,949	131,679	10,750
Basic Conservation Plans	Number	26	532	30
	Acres	4,071	97,407	6,450
Revised Conservation Plans	Number	1		10
	Acres	160		2,150
Follow-Up Calls	Number	134		220
Contour	Acres	1,895	55,184	4,000
Strip Cropping	Acres	640	3,319	350
Terraces	Miles	52	627	42
Basin Terraces	Miles	1	3	
Diversion Terraces	Miles	1	8.4	0.6
Tile Drains	Miles	7	95	9.0
Grassed Waterways	Acres	66.6	779.6	45
Gully Control Structures	Number	12	62	7

Conservation Plans Prepared

Name	Twp.	John C. Cord, Garfield
John Schrader (3)	Garfield	Calvin Goodenow (4) Maple
Wayne Swanger, Maple		Mrs. Louie Christiansen, Corwin
Lowell Swanger, Maple		Richard Schmidt, Maple
Lawrence Nepper, Corwin		Marvin Volkert (2) Douglas
Earl Graham, Silver Creek		Milton Rohlf, Silver Creek
Ed Lohfi, Logan		Fred Harder, Douglas
Wm. Volkert, Jr., Battle		Gaylord Lund, Maple
Florence McGuire, Griggs		Jacob Hell, Corwin
James J. McGuire, Battle, Logan		Elmer Carlberg, Corwin
Paul Williams, Logan		

One of the prime motivations which influences farmers to install conservation practices is the Agricultural Conservation program of the Ida County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. Relations with the Ida County ASCS continues very good.

The County Board of Supervisors and the County Engineer continue to cooperate with the District in the installation of gully control structures on roads. This double use of public funds is a commendable project.

The District received \$3,699.46 from the State of Iowa through the State Soil Conservation Committee. This provides the salary for the District Clerk "and out of the pocket" expenses of the Commissioners in carrying out the District Business.

The facilities of Radio Station KAYL were again made available to the District for a five to eight minute radio feature once each month on the daily series called "The Farm Feature" presented at 12:30 P. M. Monday through Friday.

In 1965 the District continued its policy of exhibiting at the 4-H Fair featuring watersheds in the exhibit.

Acknowledgement

The District, its officers and those working with it, sincerely acknowledge the assistance rendered it in many forms by individuals and groups. The assistance and cooperation permits the District to report another banner year.

Henry Brueck, Chairman
Arnold Putensen
Marvin Volkert

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