

CHEROKEE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1991 ANNUAL REPORT

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CHEROKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

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Max E. Mugge, Chairman

Linda Bindner, V. Chairman

Loren Schuett, Treasurer

Loren A. Schuett

Linda Bindner Cleghorn

Marcus

Holstein

James Corrington

Russell Carver

Russell Carver

James R. Corrington Cherokee

Quimby

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Lon Allan

Aurelia

Dennis O'Bryan

Cherokee

DISTRICT STAFF

Scott Osborn

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Lloyd Howe

Carol Hein

District Conservationist

Technician

Technician

Secretary

Renee Braun

Steve Sholty

Barb Korner

Soil Conservationist

Technician

Technician

As Commissioners of your soil and water conservation district, we are pleased to present this 1991 Annual Report of Conservation accomplishments. It reflects the efforts many individuals and groups working together to improve our environment through conservation programs.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES 1991

The Cherokee SWCD (Soil & Water conservation District) Commissioners meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the district office. All meetings are open to the public. (Iowa Open Meeting Law).

JANUARY Election of officers was Jan. 2. The following were elected: Chairman, Max Mugge; Vice-Chair, Linda Bindner; Treasurer, Loren Schuett; Secretary, Carol Hein. Dennis O'Bryan and Lon Allen were reappointed as Asst. Commissioners. The District Policies, Contractor Checkout Policies, and a point system for the approval of projects were all approved. The District's Annual Awards Banquet was held Jan. 8 in Cherokee. A satellite conference on the Farm Bill and the first public meeting to discuss the District's Resource Plan were both held at the Extension Office.

FEBRUARY No-till rules and the average conservation practice for 1991 costs were approved. Schuett attended the National Ridge Till Conference. Mugge attended a meeting with the legislators to discuss upcoming legislation of interest on soil conservation. Farm Program meetings were held throughout the county for clarification for land users. Kristin Hein was hired by the District for computer entry for the month.

MARCH Carver and Mugge attended the Regional meeting at Remsen. The District entered Lynn Rupp in the Iowa SWCD Auxillary Scholarship program. The Commissioners sponsored the conservation contractors meeting on Mar. 5.

APRIL The District's tree sales program was completed. Outdoor classrooms were conducted on the 9th & 10th for Cherokee County's 6th graders. The Iowa Soil Conservation Awards Program (ISCAP) entries were selected. The District's Resource Plan was approved. The NACD and Iowa SWCD dues of \$1,050.00 were paid in full. The dues help support federal and state government lobbying efforts in the area of soil and water conservation legislation. The District sponsored the 6th grade conservation poster contest. The winner received \$15 and runner-up received \$10. For participating the District treated the class to pizza.

JUNE The watershed maintenance report was presented by the watershed inspector, Chester Challman of Holstein. Caps, pencils, and hot pads were purchased for the fair booth.

JULY Commissioners manned the fair booth. A display for Des Moines was used at the booth emphasizing Plan Clarification. NACD Conference attended by Bindner in Des Moines. The Commissioners approved the FY091 General and Maintenance Ledgers. The District purchased 5 contour gauges to loan to farmers. Contributed to the Hay Producers/Forage organization.

AUGUST Memo of Understanding signed with ASCS. District purchased Conservation Technology brochures for use by local producers. Received \$43,816.15 in state supplemental cost share funds.

SEPTEMBER Quad States Conservation Award winners were chosen. Regional meeting was Sept. 10. Approved conservation plans for 500 acres of CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) land.

- OCTOBER** Received REAP supplemental cost share funds of \$1,813.00 for trees and native grasses plantings.
- NOVEMBER** Commissioner Leadership Development Training via satellite attended by Carver. Quad States Awards Banquet held at Marina Inn, So. Sioux City attended by Schuett, Bindner, and Carver.
- DECEMBER** Annual Conference in Des Moines, Dec. 2 & 3.

NEW COOPERATORS

A district cooperator is a landowner who has entered into a cooperative agreement with the district for the purpose of planning, applying, and maintaining the necessary soil and water conservation practices on his land. We had over 100 landowners who became cooperators.

\$\$ FINANCES \$\$

Contributions and donations are the primary sources for financing education and promotional activities. We would like to thank the following contributors.

Cherokee State Bank
 Cleghorn State Bank
 Heritage Bank NA, Aurelia
 Farmers State Bank, Marcus
 McGuire Auction, Holstein
 Filmore Gustafson, Cherokee
 Miller-Mac Real Estate, Cherokee
 Vander Werff Auctioneers, Sanborn
 Bushlows Inc., Cherokee
 Sand of Iowa Service Inc., Marcus
 Frank Escue, Cherokee
 Schoon Construction, Cherokee
 Lundell Construction, Cherokee
 Fred DeJong & Sons, Hull
 First Farmers Cooperative Elevator of
 Cherokee, Cleghorn,
 Larrabee,
 and Marcus

DISTRICT & SCS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FY 91

(Oct. 1, 1990 - Sept. 30, 1991)

• New Cooperators	No. 104
• Individuals Assisted	No. 1,109
• FSA Plans & Revisions	No. 354
• Terraces	Ft. 364,342
• Conservation Tillage	Ac. 2,413.2
• Contouring	Ac. 5,101
• Windbreaks	Ac. 52.75
• Cropland Acres Protected	Ac. 8,560.7
• Tons of Soil Saved	Ton 13,267,158
• Sediment & Control Basins	No. 2
• Field Borders	Ft. 72,925
• Waterways	Ac. 43.81
• Animal Waste Storage Facility	No. 1
• Slough Bill Applications	No. 39
	Ac. 1,094.45

DISTRICT'S SOIL CONSERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM WINNERS

IOWA SOIL CONSERVATION AWARDS

Owner-Operator	Paul Fassler
New Cooperator	Donald DeWitt
Landlord-Tenant	Kenny Irwin/ Phil Ladenthin
Teacher	Rhoda Grauer

QUAD STATES CONSERVATION AWARDS

Wildlife Habitat	Duane Kent
Agri-Business	Chuck Schmillen
Progress Award	Frank Todd
Farm Awards (2)	James & Rick Fassler Peterson Bros.

IZAAK WALTON WINDBREAK AWARD

Duane Kent, Aurelia

CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

Kate Bunt (1st)	Marcus
Tonia Schneider (2nd)	Marcus

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FY91 (July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991)

I-M	\$ 3,280.00
Expenses: 1,262.43 (Commissioners)	
976.26 (Office)	
525.00 (Dues)	\$ 2,763.69
Balance Released to State	\$ 516.31
3-M Cost Share Funds (90-91)	\$ 91,652.25
(For Conservation Practices)	
Obligated and Spent	\$ 63,798.58
Balance 6/30/91	\$ 27,853.67
Watershed Maintenance	\$ 113,931.27
Income: 9,285.74	
Sub Total	\$ 123,217.01
Expense: 492.50	
Balance 6/30/91	\$ 122,724.51

General Fund	\$ 3,526.96
(For District Functions)	
Income: 5,280.00	
Sub Total	\$ 9,347.08
Expenses: 5,824.69	
Balance 6/30/91	\$ 3,522.39

Reap Funds

(Resource Enhancement & Protection Practices)	
1989-1990 Allocation	\$ 13,095.00
Obligated & Spent	\$ 11,049.17
Released to State	\$ 2,045.83
1990-1991 Allocation	\$ 27,280.00
Recalled to DSC \$ 9,900.00	
Revised Allocation	\$ 17,380.00
Obligated & Spent	\$ 13,823.92
Released to State	\$ 3,556.08

Reap (Forestry/Native Grasses)

1990-1991 Allocation	\$ 10,415.00
Obligated & Spent	\$ 8,368.97
Released to State	\$ 2,046.03