

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Iowa County Soil Conservation District

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and

Iowa Agricultural Extension Service

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The Iowa Agricultural Extension Service and the Iowa County Soil Conservation District recognize that successful accomplishment can only be obtained through mutual helpfulness and that cooperation is chiefly a matter of working together to a common end.

To coordinate the efforts of the cooperating agencies, to avoid duplication, confusion of methods, and over-lapping of work, it is agreed that:

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1. Submit to the Director of Extension a copy of the program and work plan prepared by the district.
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3. Every effort will be made to inform other agencies of the District program and to enlist their cooperation and assistance in a unified attack on the program of soil conservation and erosion control.
4. This memorandum will serve as a basis for cooperation between the Iowa County Soil Conservation District and the Iowa Agricultural Extension Service, and has been prepared in accordance with Section 8, Article 2, of Chapter 125.1, 1939 Code of Iowa.
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Approved:

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Extension Service,

By: J. D. Mischak Chairman.

By: R. C. Huns
Director

Date: Aug. 16, 1945

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IOWA COUNTY (IOWA) SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Program Statement

The material submitted in this manuscript is background information concerning a county, predominantly agricultural, in which that occupation has been pursued so assiduously that natural resources have suffered therefrom. Though it is not as badly damaged as are more southern counties, yet the time is here when consumption without replacement must stop.

To conserve those resources still present and to restore others in as large amounts and as rapidly as possible are the reasons for establishing this soil conservation district.

Accomplishing those objectives will require time and work. Vitally concerned in this endeavor are not only farmers but also urban residents, businesses and professions. Regardless of their occupations, all people need food, clothing and shelter, the major portion of which comes from the soil. Therefore the interest and assistance of urban groups will be enlisted in this program to save and build the soil.

History

Iowa County (Iowa), originally a part of Keokuk County, was separated and established as a unit in 1847. Its name is taken from the Iowa River that flows across its northern part.

The county seat, Marengo, is seven miles north of the center of the county, on the Rock Island railroad and near the Iowa River. The original railroad, the Mississippi and Missouri, reached Marengo in 1859.

One Edward Ricard was the first known settler, he coming to the south part of the county in 1837. Settlements sprang up along the Iowa River about 1844. Amana Society came to Iowa County from New York in 1855, settling about Homestead.

From land records it seems that in the period from about 1859 to 1868 farm ownerships increased rather rapidly. This is also the approximate period when population increased greatly and since the county has always been predominately agricultural, these two records indicate a considerable agricultural development then.

Geography

It is 24 miles square, contains 373,120 acres of which 367,146 are classed as farm land. Its 16 civil townships are regular in boundaries, six miles square, though originally they were 18 in number and because the river was the boundary for some, they were irregular in size and shape.

Topography

Iowa County is rolling to rough, with some first bottom and more second bottom areas along the three main streams: the Iowa River, the North English River and the Middle English River. Tributaries and other streams of some consequence agriculturally are Gritter Creek, Old Man's Creek, Big Bear Creek, Little Bear Creek, Devil's Run and Honey Creek. Level upland area constitutes only about 1/10 of the total acreage of farm land. (See appendix map).

Climate

The climate of the county is well suited for the production of the usual corn belt crops. Mean annual temperature is 48.7 degrees, average annual rainfall for thirty nine years is 33.32 inches and the mean growing season is 168 days long.

Population

Iowa County people, about 17,011 of them (1940 census) are of several nationalities and some are rather definitely grouped in communities. In the northwest are Belgians and Bohemians, in the northeast the Amana Germans, in the southeast the Mennonite Germans, in the near center the Norwegians, also in the near center the Welsh, and through the county are Irish and Germans. However, no nationality group has completely excluded others from its community.

Population in the county doubled from 1860 to 1870. Since that latter date census figures show variation from 16644 to 19544 with the 1940 enumeration totaling 17,011 persons. The peak was reached in 1900, and the decrease in the next 40 years has been practically the same as the increase had been in the preceeding 30 years.

Roads

Within the county are two paved roads totaling 56 miles. One runs east and west across the north side and one north and south across the approximate middle.

In addition are 328 miles of surfaced roads, mostly gravel, and 647 miles of local roads partially graded but without surface. During the war period new construction has been suspended. Maintenance expenditures on local and county trunk roads totaled \$178964.46 in 1944. Maintenance figures are consistently high because of the large number of bridges in the county.

Road bonds outstanding on last January 1 totaled \$457,000.

Timber

Assessors records show 6070 acres of timber in the county, chiefly on Amana Society land. Oak, elm, hickory predominate with walnut, maple, cottonwood, basswood and such species present in smaller quantities.

Except in the Amana timber, little systematic management has been exercised. There in recent years the assistance of federal and Extension foresters has been utilized so that the Amana timber probably is now in the best condition it has ever been.

Wild Life

Old settlers report that wild game and fish were abundant and were an important source of food. Wild game such as deer, turkey and prairie chicken were plentiful when the country was being settled. The cultivation of land and silting of streams disturbed the natural conditions for wild-life propagation. All-year hunting and whole sale shooting of game reduced that population rapidly.

In recent years though through the state conservation program and closed seasons the numbers of quail, pheasants, rabbits and squirrels have increased. Fishing conditions are probably still on the decline.

The district will cooperate in developing a program which will improve wild life conditions.

Farm Tenure and Size

Assessors' reports for 1943 show 44.1 percent of the farms in Iowa County are tenant operated. This is a reduction of 3.1 percent from the peak reached in 1934, and is .7 percent less than the county's ten year average. The state average for 1943 was 52.5 percent tenancy.

Twelve percent of the farms are owned by persons or organizations living outside the county, though many of them are not farther away than 50 miles. In 1939 corporately owned land was 8.57 percent of the total but in the last six years that percentage has been reduced materially.

The latest material available on length of tenure, that for 1935, shows 32.7 percent of the tenants change farms each year, 45.7 percent stay not longer than two years.

As of 1938 assessors figures, 31 percent of Iowa County farmers operate farms of less than 110 acres. About 5 percent are less than 30 acres. These smaller tracts are near towns, even though the towns are not large. Iowa County has no industrial plants that supply major labor for such operators though a few may travel as far as Cedar Rapids for factory work. Part time employment is available locally at various kinds of work at irregular intervals.

As of October 1, 1945, the Farm Security Administration has 69 active standard cases. The supervisor estimates the total of low income farm families in the county may be 200 but not more than that. Since it began work in the county in 1935, F.S.A. has given assistance to 232 farm families.

Degree of Slope and Cropping Trends

The topography of Iowa County is such that serious soil erosion is inevitable unless a constructive system of soil conservation is employed. According to the Special Report No. 2, "Soil Erosion in Iowa", 82% of the land in the county has a slope of over 5%, while 58% has a slope of more than 10%. Only 20% of the area has little or no erosion, and four-fifths of this amount is bottom land. There is serious sheet erosion on 60% of the land in the county and moderate erosion on 20%. (See appendix map).

Originally endowed with a fertile top soil of twelve inches or more, the acreage which has been cropped has now lost more than half this amount. On 82% of the total area, the top soil is only from four to eight inches in depth. Many of the hill sides have been eroded down to the sub soil.

An analysis of the crop acreages in the county reveals that the acreage of intertilled crops (corn and hay beans for grain) have been on the upward trend since 1910 and increased from 83353 acres in 1940 to 105,800 acres in 1944, or 26.8 percent (see appendix graph). This heavy cropping has meant a heavy drain on soil capital. The result has been a greatly increased amount of soil erosion and soil depletion generally. It is essential that attention be given to establishing farm practices that will rehabilitate soil fertility and soil structure and prevent excessive soil losses from gully and sheet erosion.

Soils Education To Date

Though its statement was not made until some time after soils education work began in the county, the Iowa County Agricultural Planning Committee well expressed the need for conservation education in its 1937 statement on "Why Conserve Soil". The nine points are:

1. To insure higher farm income year after year by maintaining productivity.
2. To make possible more timely field operations and greater success in following cropping plans.
3. To control and use available rainfall to greatest advantage.
4. To hold the productive surface soil in place.
5. To prevent gullying which would make field operations difficult and costly.
6. To prevent expensive rehabilitation later by making low cost changes now.
7. To offset price fluctuations and increase farm income by producing a variety of crops and livestock.
8. To preserve the value of the farm.
9. To build a permanent community.

An educational program on soil conservation, started in 1918, has continued yearly with variations in volume and kind of projects. Assistance has been available through Extension specialists, the Four County Soil Improvement Association, the CCC camp at Belle Plaine and the Tri-County S.C.S. program. When the last three were functioning, help was more frequently used because it was more readily available. Acknowledgement of assistance is also given the AAA programs from year to year.

The initial educational work was demonstrations on filling ditches with straw, brush or wire dams. They worked but they didn't remove the cause for ditches. Not until contouring and terracing came into the picture was that source of trouble touched.

From March 1936 through October 1940 the Four County Soil Improvement Association provided a full time specialist in Tama, Benton, Poweshiek and Iowa Counties. From late 1938 until March 1942 the CCC camp at Belle Plaine served a sector of the northwest corner of the county and on occasion the personnel was used for demonstrations outside the prescribed camp work area. Five organized watersheds received service and a sixth one was about to begin when the camp was discontinued.

Beginning in January 1945 and continuing through June of the same year, the Tri-County program gave a full time man in three counties. Here he was used in informational meetings and in laying contour lines at corn planting time.

One or more phases of a soil conservation program have been demonstrated in every township in the county. There have been those on ditch filling, on limestone values, on fertilizer use, erosion tree planting, contouring intertilled crops, on pasture contour furrowing, on terracing, land use planning including TVA superphosphate, on farm planning, on pasture improvement, grassed waterways building and maintaining, on strip cropping. Contouring row crops has been the most widely demonstrated practice.

Limestone has been ordered directly for individuals, then through a limestone purchasing program built around the county board of supervisors, and most recently through the AAA conservation materials program. Fertilizers have been bought directly for individuals; a number, limited by rules for distribution, secured TVA superphosphate, and more recently it has been secured through AAA.

In addition to the Extension Service educational program, soil conservation courses have been presented in the vocational agriculture adult schools.

In its 1937 report the Iowa County Agricultural Planning Committee made this recommendation concerning the need for specific practices on the 2049 farms in the county:

Of all farms in the county the following percentages need the practices shown on some parts of their area to make the recommended rotations successful.

Limestone.....	100 percent
Commercial fertilizers.....	50 percent
Grassed waterways.....	100 percent
Contour farming.....	50 percent
Strip cropping	10 percent
Terracing	2 percent

The most recent and most complete information on how well this recommendation is being used is found in a summary of AAA compliance records for 1944. It appears on a separate page of this manuscript. Percentages of farms using recommended practices are far below the desired figure.

Soils District Needed

As noted before, eighty percent of Iowa County's land suffers from erosion in degrees ranging from little to much. Intertilled crop acreages have increased rather consistently since 1910 and in 1944 were the highest except in 1932 and 1937. (See appendix). This present condition is partly due to war food requirements, necessary but still soil depleting. In its program for 1936, the county agricultural planning committee recommended 90250 acres of intertilled crops and 60521 acres of small grain and 81393 acres of grass. But actually there were 100571 acres of intertilled crops that year.

The soils education program up to the present time has been a varied one, but though it reached all parts of the county it has lacked completeness and continuity. We have always had Extension specialist help available but these few men can't give detailed service all over the state. We have had some specific assistance in the 4-County Association, the 3-county program and the CCC camp but in each case it has been terminated before a long-time conservation program could be established over the county.

Study of the tabulation of 1944 practices on an appendix page of this manuscript, particularly the percent of practice usage, discloses the slow progress that has been made and the need for a more intensive program than has been available. A functioning soils district will greatly speed the progress of any soil conservation program. Almost every man's soil saving problems are bigger than his own farm but individuals, without instruction and assistance, seldom work out a cooperating program of conservation.

A district with its trained personnell can supply technical assistance that is needed to keep such a program for groups and individuals functioning. Furthermore, an organized district provides a means of using county, state and federal facilities that are available to recognized groups but not to individuals.

Steps in District Organization

To generate interest in a soil conservation district various means have been used through several years of time.

Farm classes in adult education school have had courses in soil conservation. One program was devoted to an explanation of how a district is secured and how it works when organized. The same sort of information has been given in various other community meetings and demonstrations conducted. Tours were made to sites of organized conservation programs. Assistance of AAA was secured, even to the extent of getting some township committees to carry petitions for owners signatures, and to serving as referendum board members.

After the build-up extending through parts of two years, petitions were put in circulation in February, 1945. On April 23 the petitions were sent to the state soil conservation committee at Des Moines. A total of 503 signers was submitted, 23.8 percent of the land owners in the county.

On May 11 a public hearing on a rainy evening was attended by 71 persons representing all townships. Questions were asked but no opposition was expressed. Statements supporting the need for a district were made by farm owners, bankers, farm implement dealers and a county supervisor.

Nominations from anyone for commissioner candidates were invited through newspapers. None were received. The county AAA committee and the county farm bureau were each asked to submit the names of 6 or 8 men considered suitable to serve as commissioners. After removing duplications, there were 11 names for whom nomination petitions were circulated. Most of the necessary signatures were secured at the public hearing.

On June 8th, the officially advertised referendum was conducted at 9 points in the county. Cast were 172 votes, of which 164 were affirmative, a percentage of 95.34. Earl W. Morse, J.D. Misbach and R.G. Owen were elected without any ties in balloting.

The district includes officially "all land lying within the boundaries of Iowa County, Iowa, exclusive of incorporated cities and towns."

General Statement

Iowa County is a good agricultural county. Its livestock numbers consume as much grain as is produced on its farms, perhaps even more. Its topography is rolling to rough, its predominating soil types are Clinton and Tama. Its population of varied nationalities is as much aware of soil losses as are the people of an average county in the state; they realize that under their present system of farm operation soil resources are being consumed more rapidly than they are being replaced.

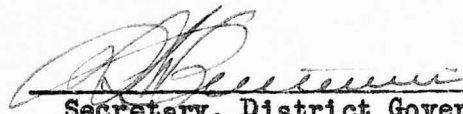
Therefore farm owners of Iowa County have asked for the establishment of a soil conservation district with all its facilities for assistance.

SOIL DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

Through such channels as may be available for use in accomplishing its objectives, the Iowa County Soil Conservation District proposes to do these things:

1. Acquaint the public with the present status of soil resources within the county and with the facilities for improving the conditions. (Use meetings, public schools, newspapers, letters.)
2. Secure the cooperation of agencies that are interested in the subject of soil conservation and that are in a position to assist with some phase of the program (newspapers, AAA, FSA, bankers, schools, civic organizations, service clubs, highway commission, county board of supervisors.)
3. Conduct studies and make investigations to determine the best soil conservation practices and methods to use in the district. (Fertilizer kinds, rates and methods of application; limestone, legumes).
4. Develop a good individual land use and effective erosion control program for the largest number of farms in the district.
5. Prepare farmers through adequate training so that they themselves are able to apply the maximum number of soil conservation practices on their own farms.
6. Recommend the use of a lease that will encourage landlords and tenants to cooperate in adoption of proper land use and erosion control practices.
7. Encourage a type of rural credit that will enable farmers to make proper land use adjustments.

The signing of this Program of Work was authorized by a resolution of the District Governing Body adopted at a meeting held on Oct. 8 1945.


Secretary, District Governing Body

Date Oct. 13 1945

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE



Ames, Iowa
January 9, 1946

Mr. J. D. Misbach, Chairman
Iowa Co. SCD Commissioners
Troy, Iowa

Williamson
Dear Mr. Misbach:

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding and Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding, Iowa County Soil Conservation District

Your approved copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Iowa County Soil Conservation District, State of Iowa, is attached. You will note that the Memorandum was signed on November 27, 1945 by Charles F. Bramman, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. The Memorandum of Understanding provides a basis for cooperation between your district and any bureaus in the Department of Agriculture that are in a position to cooperate.

Also attached is your copy of the Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding between the district and the Soil Conservation Service, signed by F. A. Fisher, Acting Regional Conservator on December 20, 1945. May we suggest that you discuss this at the next meeting of your governing body, since it serves as a guide to the cooperation and assistance that is or may be available from the Soil Conservation Service. The Supplemental Memorandum makes your district eligible for technical assistance, as well as to receive equipment and materials that you may request and which are available from the Service. The district conservationist will keep you informed from time to time of equipment and materials that may be available. If at any time you desire equipment or materials in addition to those the district conservationist reports available, please do not hesitate to make your request.

The making of materials and equipment available to districts in Iowa is for the duration only, and equipment can be made available only on a loan basis.

If you desire assistance from other bureaus of the Department, such as the Farm Security Administration, AAA, or Farm Credit Administration, and you find that they are able to furnish such assistance, we shall be glad to help in working out supplemental memoranda of understanding or other appropriate arrangements in accordance with the Secretary's memorandum of October 21, 1940.

2-Mr. J. D. Misbach-1/9/46

Mr. Boatman, District Conservationist at Iowa City will proceed with the necessary arrangements regarding assistance that is available from the Service. A copy of this letter will be sent to your County Extension Director, Mr. D.H. Zentmire, to the State Committee, and to Mr. Boatman.

Very truly yours,

By Richard A. Wilcox

Frank H. Mendell
State Conservationist

Attachments

IOWA COUNTY SOILS CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Initial Meeting
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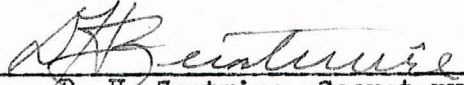
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Boatman discussed federal associations and aids for Districts and outlined the steps necessary for the District to take in preparing for service to its constituents and in securing technical assistance.

Next session of the Commissioners is to be during the day of August 27.

Meeting adjourned.


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

Appr. Sept. 24, 1945

CROSS REFERENCE FOR SCD MINUTES

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MOTION</u>
8-45-1	Sign Memorandum of Agreement
8-45-2	Ask for Advance Assistance and Surveys From State Committee
9-45-3	Minutes Approved
9-45-4	Memorandums of Understanding
9-45-5	Date for Monthly Meetings
S10-45-6	Approve Program of Work and Memorandum of Understanding
10-45-7	Applications for Advance Assistance
10-45-8	Farmer-District Cooperative Agreement Adopted
12-45-9	Work Groups 5 and 6 Approved
12-45-10	District Wrok Plan Adopted
12-45-11	Work Plan Adopted and Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding

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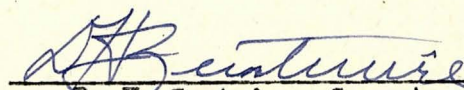
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Program Statement

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To conserve those resources still present and to restore others in as large amounts and as rapidly as possible are the reasons for establishing this soil conservation district.

Accomplishing those objectives will require time and work. Vitally concerned in this endeavor are not only farmers but also urban residents, businesses and professions. Regardless of their occupations, all people need food, clothing and shelter, the major portion of which comes from the soil. Therefore the interest and assistance of urban groups will be enlisted in this program to save and build the soil.

History

Iowa County (Iowa), originally a part of Keokuk County, was separated and established as a unit in 1847. Its name is taken from the Iowa River that flows across its northern part.

The county seat, Marengo, is seven miles north of the center of the county, on the Rock Island railroad and near the Iowa River. The original railroad, the Mississippi and Missouri, reached Marengo in 1859.

One Edward Ricard was the first known settler, he coming to the south part of the county in 1837. Settlements sprang up along the Iowa River about 1844. Amana Society came to Iowa County from New York in 1855, settling about Homestead.

From land records it seems that in the period from about 1859 to 1868 farm ownerships increased rather rapidly. This is also the approximate period when population increased greatly and since the county has always been predominately agricultural, these two records indicate a considerable agricultural development then.

Geography

It is 24 miles square, contains 373,120 acres of which 367,146 are classed as farm land. Its 16 civil townships are regular in boundaries, six miles square, though originally they were 18 in number and because the river was the boundary for some, they were irregular in size and shape.

Topography

Iowa County is rolling to rough, with some first bottom and more second bottom areas along the three main streams: the Iowa River, the North English River and the Middle English River. Tributaries and other streams of some consequence agriculturally are Gritter Creek, Old Man's Creek, Big Bear Creek, Little Bear Creek, Devil's Run and Honey Creek. Level upland area constitutes only about 1/10 of the total acreage of farm land. (See appendix map).

Climate

The climate of the county is well suited for the production of the usual corn belt crops. Mean annual temperature is 48.7 degrees, average annual rainfall for thirty nine years is 33.32 inches and the mean growing season is 168 days long.

Population

Iowa County people, about 17,011 of them (1940 census) are of several nationalities and some are rather definitely grouped in communities. In the northwest are Belgians and Bohemians, in the northeast the Amana Germans, in the southeast the Mennonite Germans, in the near center the Norwegians, also in the near center the Welsh, and through the county are Irish and Germans. However, no nationality group has completely excluded others from its community.

Population in the county doubled from 1860 to 1870. Since that latter date census figures show variation from 16644 to 19544 with the 1940 enumeration totaling 17,011 persons. The peak was reached in 1900, and the decrease in the next 40 years has been practically the same as the increase had been in the preceeding 30 years.

Roads

Within the county are two paved roads totaling 56 miles. One runs east and west across the north side and one north and south across the approximate middle.

In addition are 328 miles of surfaced roads, mostly gravel, and 647 miles of local roads partially graded but without surface. During the war period new construction has been suspended. Maintenance expenditures on local and county trunk roads totaled \$178964.46 in 1944. Maintenance figures are consistently high because of the large number of bridges in the county.

Road bonds outstanding on last January 1 totaled \$457,000.

Timber

Assessors records show 6070 acres of timber in the county, chiefly on Amana Society land. Oak, elm, hickory predominate with walnut, maple, cottonwood, basswood and such species present in smaller quantities.

Except in the Amana timber, little systematic management has been exercised. There in recent years the assistance of federal and Extension foresters has been utilized so that the Amana timber probably is now in the best condition it has ever been.

Wild Life

Old settlers report that wild game and fish were abundant and were an important source of food. Wild game such as deer, turkey and prairie chicken were plentiful when the country was being settled. The cultivation of land and silting of streams disturbed the natural conditions for wild-life propagation. All-year hunting and whole sale shooting of game reduced that population rapidly.

In recent years though through the state conservation program and closed seasons the numbers of quail, pheasants, rabbits and squirrels have increased. Fishing conditions are probably still on the decline.

The district will cooperate in developing a program which will improve wild life conditions.

Farm Tenure and Size

Assessors' reports for 1943 show 44.1 percent of the farms in Iowa County are tenant operated. This is a reduction of 3.1 percent from the peak reached in 1934, and is .7 percent less than the county's ten year average. The state average for 1943 was 52.5 percent tenancy.

Twelve percent of the farms are owned by persons or organizations living outside the county, though many of them are not farther away than 50 miles. In 1939 corporately owned land was 8.57 percent of the total but in the last six years that percentage has been reduced materially.

The latest material available on length of tenure, that for 1935, shows 32.7 percent of the tenants change farms each year, 45.7 percent stay not longer than two years.

As of 1938 assessors figures, 31 percent of Iowa County farmers operate farms of less than 110 acres. About 5 percent are less than 30 acres. These smaller tracts are near towns, even though the towns are not large. Iowa County has no industrial plants that supply major labor for such operators though a few may travel as far as Cedar Rapids for factory work. Part time employment is available locally at various kinds of work at irregular intervals.

As of October 1, 1945, the Farm Security Administration has 69 active standard cases. The supervisor estimates the total of low income farm families in the county may be 200 but not more than that. Since it began work in the county in 1935, F.S.A. has given assistance to 232 farm families.

Degree of Slope and Cropping Trends

The topography of Iowa County is such that serious soil erosion is inevitable unless a constructive system of soil conservation is employed. According to the Special Report No. 2, "Soil Erosion in Iowa", 82% of the land in the county has a slope of over 5%, while 58% has a slope of more than 10%. Only 20% of the area has little or no erosion, and four-fifths of this amount is bottom land. There is serious sheet erosion on 60% of the land in the county and moderate erosion on 20%. (See appendix map).

Originally endowed with a fertile top soil of twelve inches or more, the acreage which has been cropped has now lost more than half this amount. On 82% of the total area, the top soil is only from four to eight inches in depth. Many of the hill sides have been eroded down to the sub soil.

An analysis of the crop acreages in the county reveals that the acreage of intertilled crops (corn and hay beans for grain) have been on the upward trend since 1910 and increased from 83353 acres in 1940 to 105,800 acres in 1944, or 26.8 percent (see appendix graph). This heavy cropping has meant a heavy drain on soil capital. The result has been a greatly increased amount of soil erosion and soil depletion generally. It is essential that attention be given to establishing farm practices that will rehabilitate soil fertility and soil structure and prevent excessive soil losses from gully and sheet erosion.

Soils Education To Date

Though its statement was not made until some time after soils education work began in the county, the Iowa County Agricultural Planning Committee well expressed the need for conservation education in its 1937 statement on "Why Conserve Soil". The nine points are:

1. To insure higher farm income year after year by maintaining productivity.
2. To make possible more timely field operations and greater success in following cropping plans.
3. To control and use available rainfall to greatest advantage.
4. To hold the productive surface soil in place.
5. To prevent gullying which would make field operations difficult and costly.
6. To prevent expensive rehabilitation later by making low cost changes now.
7. To offset price fluctuations and increase farm income by producing a variety of crops and livestock.
8. To preserve the value of the farm.
9. To build a permanent community.

An educational program on soil conservation, started in 1918, has continued yearly with variations in volume and kind of projects. Assistance has been available through Extension specialists, the Four County Soil Improvement Association, the CCC camp at Belle Plaine and the Tri-County S.C.S. program. When the last three were functioning, help was more frequently used because it was more readily available. Acknowledgement of assistance is also given the AAA programs from year to year.

The initial educational work was demonstrations on filling ditches with straw, brush or wire dams. They worked but they didn't remove the cause for ditches. Not until contouring and terracing came into the picture was that source of trouble touched.

From March 1936 through October 1940 the Four County Soil Improvement Association provided a full time specialist in Tama, Benton, Poweshiek and Iowa Counties. From late 1938 until March 1942 the CCC camp at Belle Plaine served a sector of the northwest corner of the county and on occasion the personnel was used for demonstrations outside the prescribed camp work area. Five organized watersheds received service and a sixth one was about to begin when the camp was discontinued.

Beginning in January 1945 and continuing through June of the same year, the Tri-County program gave a full time man in three counties. Here he was used in informational meetings and in laying contour lines at corn planting time.

One or more phases of a soil conservation program have been demonstrated in every township in the county. There have been those on ditch filling, on limestone values, on fertilizer use, erosion tree planting, contouring intertilled crops, on pasture contour furrowing, on terracing, land use planning including TVA super-phosphate, on farm planning, on pasture improvement, grassed waterways building and maintaining, on strip cropping. Contouring row crops has been the most widely demonstrated practice.

Limestone has been ordered directly for individuals, then through a limestone purchasing program built around the county board of supervisors, and most recently through the AAA conservation materials program. Fertilizers have been bought directly for individuals; a number, limited by rules for distribution, secured TVA superphosphate, and more recently it has been secured through AAA.

In addition to the Extension Service educational program, soil conservation courses have been presented in the vocational agriculture adult schools.

In its 1937 report the Iowa County Agricultural Planning Committee made this recommendation concerning the need for specific practices on the 2049 farms in the county:

Of all farms in the county the following percentages need the practices shown on some parts of their area to make the recommended rotations successful.

Limestone.....	100 percent
Commercial fertilizers.....	50 percent
Grassed waterways.....	100 percent
Contour farming.....	50 percent
Strip cropping	10 percent
Terracing	2 percent

The most recent and most complete information on how well this recommendation is being used is found in a summary of AAA compliance records for 1944. It appears on a separate page of this manuscript. Percentages of farms using recommended practices are far below the desired figure.

Soils District Needed

As noted before, eighty percent of Iowa County's land suffers from erosion in degrees ranging from little to much. Intertilled crop acreages have increased rather consistently since 1910 and in 1944 were the highest except in 1932 and 1937. (See appendix). This present condition is partly due to war food requirements, necessary but still soil depleting. In its program for 1936, the county agricultural planning committee recommended 90250 acres of intertilled crops and 60521 acres of small grain and 81393 acres of grass. But actually there were 100571 acres of intertilled crops that year.

The soils education program up to the present time has been a varied one, but though it reached all parts of the county it has lacked completeness and continuity. We have always had Extension specialist help available but these few men can't give detailed service all over the state. We have had some specific assistance in the 4-County Association, the 3-county program and the CCC camp but in each case it has been terminated before a long-time conservation program could be established over the county.

Study of the tabulation of 1944 practices on an appendix page of this manuscript, particularly the percent of practice usage, discloses the slow progress that has been made and the need for a more intensive program than has been available. A functioning soils district will greatly speed the progress of any soil conservation program. Almost every man's soil saving problems are bigger than his own farm but individuals, without instruction and assistance, seldom work out a cooperating program of conservation.

A district with its trained personnell can supply technical assistance that is needed to keep such a program for groups and individuals functioning. Furthermore, an organized district provides a means of using county, state and federal facilities that are available to recognized groups but not to individuals.

Steps in District Organization

To generate interest in a soil conservation district various means have been used through several years of time.

Farm classes in adult education school have had courses in soil conservation. One program was devoted to an explanation of how a district is secured and how it works when organized. The same sort of information has been given in various other community meetings and demonstrations conducted. Tours were made to sites of organized conservation programs. Assistance of AAA was secured, even to the extent of getting some township committees to carry petitions for owners signatures, and to serving as referendum board members.

After the build-up extending through parts of two years, petitions were put in circulation in February, 1945. On April 23 the petitions were sent to the state soil conservation committee at Des Moines. A total of 503 signers was submitted, 23.8 percent of the land owners in the county.

On May 11 a public hearing on a rainy evening was attended by 71 persons representing all townships. Questions were asked but no opposition was expressed. Statements supporting the need for a district were made by farm owners, bankers, farm implement dealers and a county supervisor.

Nominations from anyone for commissioner candidates were invited through newspapers. None were received. The county AAA committee and the county farm bureau were each asked to submit the names of 6 or 8 men considered suitable to serve as commissioners. After removing duplications, there were 11 names for whom nomination petitions were circulated. Most of the necessary signatures were secured at the public hearing.

On June 8th, the officially advertised referendum was conducted at 9 points in the county. Cast were 172 votes, of which 164 were affirmative, a percentage of 95.34. Earl W. Morse, J.D. Misbach and R.G. Owen were elected without any ties in balloting.

The district includes officially "all land lying within the boundaries of Iowa County, Iowa, exclusive of incorporated cities and towns."

General Statement

Iowa County is a good agricultural county. Its livestock numbers consume as much grain as is produced on its farms, perhaps even more. Its topography is rolling to rough, its predominating soil types are Clinton and Tama. Its population of varied nationalities is as much aware of soil losses as are the people of an average county in the state; they realize that under their present system of farm operation soil resources are being consumed more rapidly than they are being replaced.

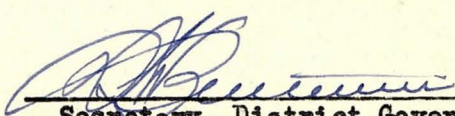
Therefore farm owners of Iowa County have asked for the establishment of a soil conservation district with all its facilities for assistance.

SOIL DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

Through such channels as may be available for use in accomplishing its objectives, the Iowa County Soil Conservation District proposes to do these things:

1. Acquaint the public with the present status of soil resources within the county and with the facilities for improving the conditions. (Use meetings, public schools, newspapers, letters.)
2. Secure the cooperation of agencies that are interested in the subject of soil conservation and that are in a position to assist with some phase of the program (newspapers, AAA, FSA, bankers, schools, civic organizations, service clubs, highway commission, county board of supervisors.)
3. Conduct studies and make investigations to determine the best soil conservation practices and methods to use in the district. (Fertilizer kinds, rates and methods of application; limestone, legumes).
4. Develop a good individual land use and effective erosion control program for the largest number of farms in the district.
5. Prepare farmers through adequate training so that they themselves are able to apply the maximum number of soil conservation practices on their own farms.
6. Recommend the use of a lease that will encourage landlords and tenants to cooperate in adoption of proper land use and erosion control practices.
7. Encourage a type of rural credit that will enable farmers to make proper land use adjustments.

The signing of this Program of Work was authorized by a resolution of the District Governing Body adopted at a meeting held on Oct. 8 1945.


Secretary, District Governing Body

Date Oct. 13 1945

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE



Ames, Iowa
January 9, 1946

Mr. J. D. Misbach, Chairman
Iowa Co. SCD Commissioners
Troy, Iowa

Williamsburg
Dear Mr. Misbach:

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding and Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding, Iowa County Soil Conservation District

Your approved copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Iowa County Soil Conservation District, State of Iowa, is attached. You will note that the Memorandum was signed on November 27, 1945 by Charles F. Braman, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. The Memorandum of Understanding provides a basis for cooperation between your district and any bureaus in the Department of Agriculture that are in a position to cooperate.

Also attached is your copy of the Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding between the district and the Soil Conservation Service, signed by F. A. Fisher, Acting Regional Conservator on December 20, 1945. May we suggest that you discuss this at the next meeting of your governing body, since it serves as a guide to the cooperation and assistance that is or may be available from the Soil Conservation Service. The Supplemental Memorandum makes your district eligible for technical assistance, as well as to receive equipment and materials that you may request and which are available from the Service. The district conservationist will keep you informed from time to time of equipment and materials that may be available. If at any time you desire equipment or materials in addition to those the district conservationist reports available, please do not hesitate to make your request.

The making of materials and equipment available to districts in Iowa is for the duration only, and equipment can be made available only on a loan basis.

If you desire assistance from other bureaus of the Department, such as the Farm Security Administration, AAA, or Farm Credit Administration, and you find that they are able to furnish such assistance, we shall be glad to help in working out supplemental memoranda of understanding or other appropriate arrangements in accordance with the Secretary's memorandum of October 21, 1940.

S-11. 1. D. Wapaw-7/2/46

2-Mr. J. D. Misbach-1/9/46

Mr. Boatman, District Conservationist at Iowa City will proceed with the necessary arrangements regarding assistance that is available from the Service. A copy of this letter will be sent to your County Extension Director, Mr. D.H. Zentmire, to the State Committee, and to Mr. Boatman.

Very truly yours,

By Richard A Wilcox
Frank H. Mendall

Frank H. Mendell
State Conservationist

Attachments

first was in a position to cooperate between Long, Garfield and the railroad in the development of Yellowstone. The Memorandum of Understanding between the railroad and Long on November 5, 1892 by Charles E. Bennett, Assistant Secretary of Yellowstone, is attached. You will note that the Memorandum was signed by the railroad and the Long family for cooperation between the railroad and the Long family of the Memorandum of Understanding between the railroad and the Long family.

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding and Subsequent Memorandum of Understanding

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SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNITED STATES



IOWA COUNTY SOILS CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Meeting
Williamsburg, September 24, 1945

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Misbach with all members,
W.J.B. Boatman and Zentmire present.

9-45-3 Minutes of the meeting of August 16 were read and on motion by
Morse, seconded by Owen and carried, the minutes were approved as read.

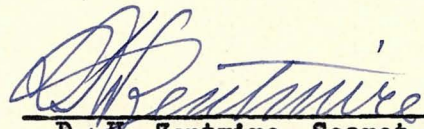
9-45-4 Moved by Owen that the secretary be instructed to ask State Soil
Conservationist Frank Mendell for copies of the Memorandum of Understanding
between a District and the U.S. Department of Agriculture and of the
supplemental Memorandum of Understanding between a District and the federal
Soil Conservation Service. Seconded by Morse and carried.

9-45-5 Moved that the third Monday of each month be named the date for the
regular meetings of the Commissioners. Seconded and carried.

The commissioners continued development of the program statement
begun on August 27.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved _____ 1945


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

SUMMARY OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES

AAA Records - 1944

AAA Records - 1944

Township	No. of Farms (1945 census)	Intertilled		Seeding		Sod Waterways				Limestone		Fertilizer		Tile Ditches	
		No. farms	Acres	No. farms	Acres	Built		Maintained		No. farms	Tons	No. farms	Tons	No. farms	Rods
						No. farms	1000 Sq. feet	No. farms	1000 Sq. feet						
Dayton	128	4	131							33	1255	9	70	8	1184
English	172	10	202	9	105	15	165	11	188	56	1769	3	21	9	618
Fillmore	139	2	36			1	7	1	18	45	1895	4	45	14	1067
Greene	185	9	199							64	1899	4	25	25	9274
Hartford	132	17	370	6	91	58	914	58	732	73	3034	2	2	9	2638
Hilton	134	12	249	1	15			1	8	66	2559	2	15	16	2286
Honey Creek	115	6	138	11	250	7	80	11	138	43	1302	3	18	11	250
Iowa	106	1	19					9	80	57	2383	3	15	20	855
Lenox	70	7	134	15	355	1	6	2	65	41	8259	3	147	10	1441
Lincoln	120	8	75	2	90					40	1774	11	72	16	2599
Marengo	136	29	456	9	173	9	111	4	75	62	2102	2	10	8	535
Pilot	131	24	525	24	394	46	689	14	160	63	2447	9	87	24	394
Summer	125	16	468	11	273	5	92	2	33	82	3051	6	58	10	2186
Troy	150	5	106	1	14	7	76	10	112	54	2066	6	28	19	2552
Washington	80	6	84			2	19			43	1617	2	66	3	120
York	126	3	88					10	162	58	1821	6	40	17	2219
Totals	2049	149	3280	89	1760	151	2159	133	1771	880	39223	75	726	234	30218
% Farms using		7.3		4.3		7.4		6.5		42.9		3.7		11.4	
Average			22		20		14		13		45		10		129

INTERTILLED CROP ACREAGES

IOWA COUNTY

1910	-	88039
1911	-	90883
1912	-	94016
1913	-	91412
1914	-	92300
1915	-	97701
1916	-	88778
1917	-	98447
1918	-	89606
1919	-	93266
1920	-	96433
1921	-	97108
1922	-	99416
1923	-	101889
1924	-	96000
1925	-	102771
1926	-	103174
1927	-	97077
1928	-	101570
1929	-	101489
1930	-	103217
1931	-	102350
1932	-	106724
1933	-	102054
1934	-	83185
1935	-	92819
1936	-	100571
1937	-	111257
1938	-	98013
1939	-	88083
1940	-	83353
1941	-	87676
1942	-	98378
1943	-	105223
1944	-	105800

From Assessors Records
Iowa Yearbook of Agriculture

(Soy Beans	Corn)
(104	102667)
(103	103071)
(49	97028)
(76	101494)
(106	101383)
(128	103089)
(81	102269)
(123	106601)
(453	102601)
(813	82372)
(4761	88058)
(1949	98622)
(1908	109349)
(1610	96403)
(1830	86253)
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IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, October 8, 1945

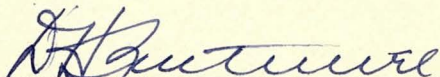
Meeting called to order with Morse, Owen and Zentmire present,
Morse acting as temporary chairman.

Program of Work, prepared by degrees in previous meetings was
given final consideration. Considered also was the Memorandum of
Understanding between the District and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

5 10-45-6 Moved by Owen, seconded by Morse, that the Program of Work and the
Memorandum of Understanding be approved and that the chairman be directed
to sign for the Commissioners. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

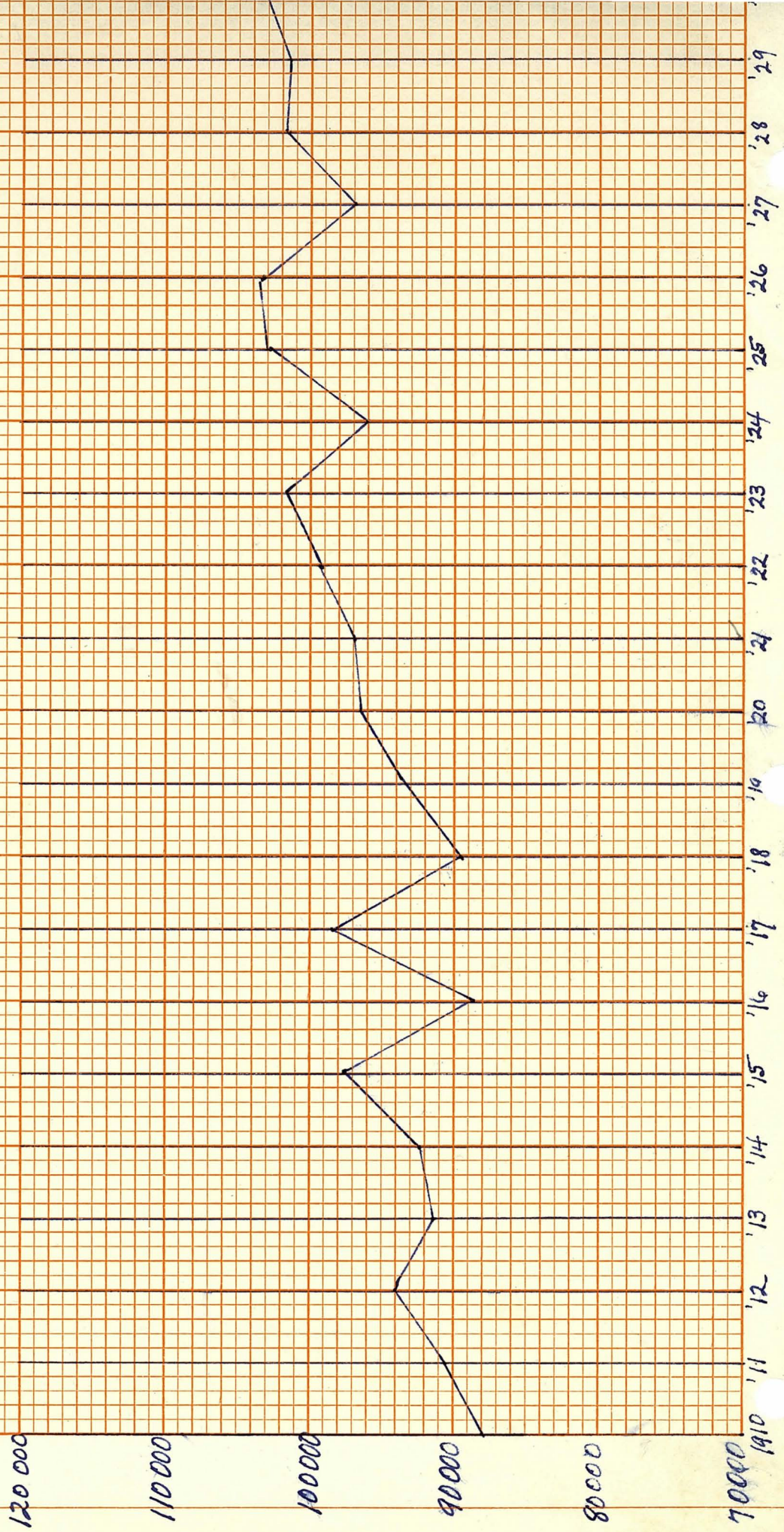
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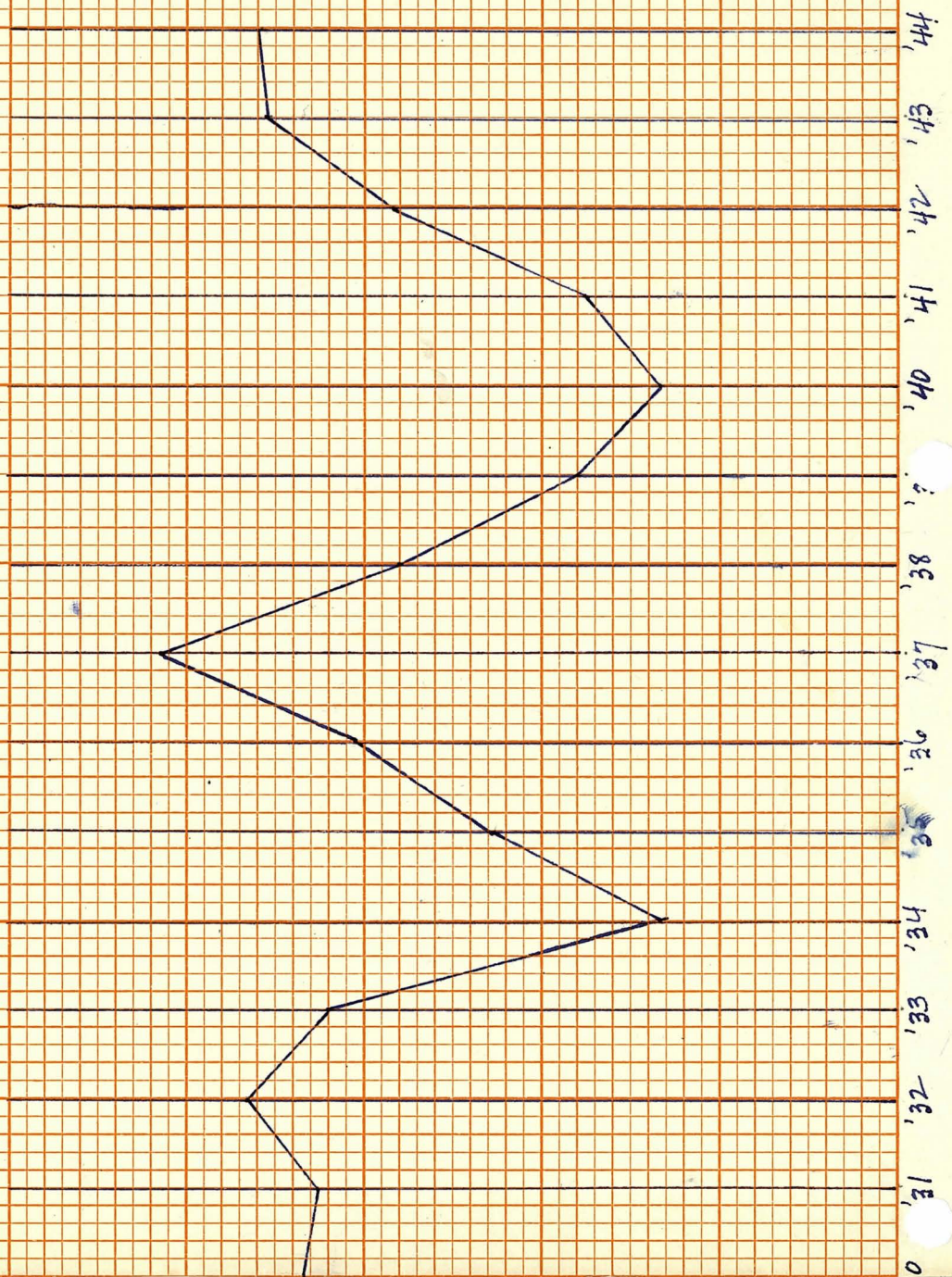


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

INTERTILLED CROP ACREAGE - IOWA COUNTY - 1910-1914*
 From Assessors Records, Iowa Yearbook of Agriculture

Acres





IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, October 22, 1945

Meeting was called to order by the chairman with all members present, also W.J.B. Boatman and Surveyor Sanford ~~R.~~^{M.}Smith.

Applications for advance assistance were reviewed.

10-45-7 Moved by Owen that applications from these groups be approved with this priority assignment: (1) Pilot-Summer consisting of Sinn Bros., Mervin Knock, Harry Haack, Morse Bros., Ralph Heitman, Hocker Bros., Carl Ahlberg, Clark Heitman, Herman Heitman, Rueben L. Steffen, August L. Steffen, E. E. Goodman, Chas.D. Rumble, Mervin Bigbee, Misbach Bros., Harry R. Langlas, Ervin W. Langlas, Elmer G. Stahl, Von W. Jones, Merlin Stahl, Ben L. Bean; 21

(2) Hilton-Washington consisting of J.C. Jacobi, James Hartz, Irvin A. Lillie, Maurice Hartz, Albert Miller, Everett Timm, Earl J. Gode, R. A. Simmons, Byron Goldthwaite, C. A. Gieskieng, N. O. Wyant, Frank R. Smith, Cornelius Faltinson, H. O. Helgeson, Aubrey Willis; s.p. Chimpanis: 16

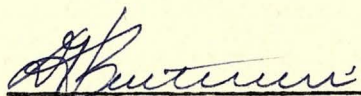
(3) Williamsburg consisting of Leo O'Meara, Fred R. Blythe, Allyn G. Evans, Anton Heitshusen, Orlen Imhoff, George Schindler, Iowa County Home, Jay B. Orris, S. J. Berry, H. F. Witte, Fred Maschmann, Samuel D. Blythe; 12

(4) North English consisting of R. G. Owen, J. J. Kelly, Truman Faas, Willis Brown, F. R. Plank, E. B. Warner, C. T. Sauter, Ray R. Kelley. 8
Motion seconded by Morse and carried.

10-45-8 The Farmer-District Cooperative Agreement was reviewed. Moved by Morse that the agreement be adopted for use in this district. Seconded by Owen and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

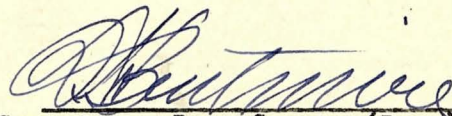
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D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Iowa County Soil Conservation District on December 10th, the following action was recorded in the minute record of the meeting.

~~12-15-59~~ "Moved by Morse that the Work Plan as presented be adopted and that Chairman Misbach be directed to sign on behalf of the Iowa County (Iowa) Soil Conservation District the Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding between the Iowa County Soil Conservation District, State of Iowa, and the Soil Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Motion seconded and carried."



Secretary, Iowa County (Iowa) Soil Conservation District

CALENDAR TO JUNE 30, 1946

	WHERE	WHEN	WHO	MINIMUM GOAL PER YEAR
I. Educational General Interest	Farm Bureau Meetings AAA county Service Clubs Association meetings Special Community meetings Neighborhood	Aug-Sept-Oct Jan-Feb-Mar	County agent Dist. Commissioner Ext. Conser. Dist. Conser.	8 to 10 meetings
II. Organization meetings (Community group) A. Farm Planning	Williamsburg North English Pilot--Summer Marengo Victor Millersburg	Aug-Sept- $\frac{1}{2}$ Oct.	Commissioner Co. Ext. Director Dist. Cons. Local leader	5 to 8 groups 80 farms
B. Staring Pract.	As arranged	$\frac{1}{2}$ Feb.-- $\frac{1}{2}$ Mar.	Commissioner Co. Ext. Director Dist. Conser. Local leader	6 to 8 groups 100 farms
III. Surveys	Pilot Marengo Williamsburg N. English Victor Millersburg Others	Oct-Nov-45 Apr-May-June July-Aug-Sept. Oct-Nov.	Party Chief "	100 farms 6 groups
IV. Farm Planning Meetings	Pilot-3 meetings Marengo Williamsburg N. English Victor Millersburg Others	Jan-Feb-Mar Aug-Sept-Oct	Farm Planner Farm Planner	3 meetings each group 3 meetings each group
B. Extensive starting pract.	3 or 4 groups	Mar-April	Co. Ext. Director Farm Planner Aid Dist. Conser. Ext. Conser.	100 farms
C. Lay-out work	Pilot Marengo Williamsburg N. English	Mar Apr-May Aug-Sept. Oct.	Aid & farm planner	30 to 40 farms
V. Demonstrations	As arranged	Mar-Apr Mar-Apr	Co. Ext. Director Dist. Conser. Farm Planner (limited) Local leader	16 demonstrations 4 " 3 " 3 " 3 "
Contour Pasture Improve. Terrace Waterway (machine dug)				
VI. School of Instruction	Williamsburg Marengo	March (contour) Past. Improve. (Aug.)	Ext. Specialist Dist. Conser. Col Ext. Director	2

RECOMMENDATIONS

Soil Grouping - Land Use - Supporting Practices

Group	Use--With Good Management	Practices
I. Green Level to nearly level Well drained Highly productive Free from impediments to cultivation	Suitable for intensive cultivation with proper management without special erosion control or drainage practices.	Rotations Upland: C-C-SG-M Bottomland: C-C-(SG-CL)
II. Yellow Level: slow drainage or somewhat droughty. Free from impediments to cultivation. Rolling: (3-6% slope.) (Slight to moderate erosion.) Well drained. All moderately to highly productive.	Suitable for intensive cultivation with proper management. Drainage. Special management practices. Rolling land: No erosion practices Contouring Strip cropping (plus buffers) Terraces	Level: Slow drainage C-C-SG-M or C-C-(SG-S.CL) Droughty (moderate) C-C-SG-M-M Rolling: C-SG-M or C-SG-M-M C-C-SG-M-M C-C-SG-M-M or C-SG-M C-C-SG-M (uniform slope) C-C-SG-M
III. Red Level: Restricted drainage. Droughty (serious) Rolling: serious erosion (3-6% slope.) Rough: Moderate erosion (7-16%) Moderate productivity	Suitable for limited cultivation with proper management, drainage, erosion practices. Rolling: (contouring minimum practice. 3-6%) Strip cropping Terracing Rough: (strip cropping- minimum practice) Terracing (6 to 12% slope.)	Level: Complex drainage. C-C-SG-M or C-C-(SG-C.CL) Droughty (serious) C-SG-M-M or C-SG-M C-SG-M-M or C-SG-M C-C-SG-M-M-M C-C-SG-M-M C-SG-M or C-SG-M-M C-C-SG-M-M
IV. Blue Level: poorly drained frequent overflow or very droughty. Rolling: excessive erosion (3-6% slope.) Rough-serious erosion (7-16%) Steep (slight erosion) Low to Moderate production	Occasional cultivation very limited with proper management drainage or erosion control practices Rolling - excessive erosion (3-6%) contouring - short uniform slope strip cropping Rough (strip crop minimum) Steep	Level-poorly drained C-C-SG-M Level (droughty-very) sandland C-SG-M-M-M C-SG-M-M-M C-SG-M-M C-SG-M (3 or 4 yrs.) Hay or pasture

SYMBOLS

C--Corn

SG--Small Grain

M--Meadow

RECOMMENDATIONS

Soil Grouping - Land Use - Supporting Practices

Group	Use--With Good Management	Practices
VI. Orange Impractical to drain Excessive droughtiness Rough & steep land Low productivity or impediments to cultivation.	Not suitable for cultivation because of physical factors-- cultivation is impractical and often impossible.	Permanent vegetation pasture or woodland requiring good management.
VII. Brown Similar characteristics as group 6, but more intense.	Not suitable for cultivation Intensity and combination of characteristics require definite restrictions in use-- cultivation nor practical and generally impossible.	Permanent vegetation pasture or woodland requiring inten- sive management.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Work Plan - 1945-46

approved 12/10/45

I. EDUCATION.

Since soils provide food, clothing and shelter for all people to the large extent that they do, it is desirable that all people be well informed concerning the necessity for retaining the soil physically and for increasing its fertility. To make this most impressive, both tillers and non-tillers of the soil need to have some understanding of the processes by which these two objectives can be reached. This is the purpose of a program in soils education.

In this District information will be offered through demonstrations of major and supplementing practices, through both rural and urban meetings, through services of organizations willing to cooperate in an educational program, through public schools, through the press, through exhibits in conspicuous places, through personal service and by means of letters and training schools for local people.

A. Demonstrations.

There are already in operation CCC and SCS demonstration farms but they need reviving. As rapidly as personnel and requests will permit, individual farm plans will be developed and to the extent that the farm operator is willing, his farm will be used as a demonstration. On occasion these will be included in tours.

Other demonstrations of individual mechanical practices will be established in every township, such as contouring row crops, terracing, strip cropping, erosion tree planting and grass seeding, grassing waterways, constructing ponds, renovating pastures.

B. Meetings.

At both rural and urban meetings where opportunity offers some phase of soil conservation will be discussed.

C. Cooperating Organizations.

1. P.M.A. - With the objective of soil conservation common to both, assistance will be offered in that phase of its program by the District to P.M.A. and its cooperation asked in return.
2. County Board of Supervisors. - Effort will be made to develop a program under which the Supervisors, through their road and bridge construction operations, will follow practices that contribute directly to soil conservation.
3. Bankers. - Though they are without a functioning county organization, bankers will be asked to encourage their customers to become acquainted with and to adopt conservation practices.

4. Farm Bureau. - The county farm bureau, having sponsored the formation of this District, will lend its facilities to be used in any way possible in executing a soil conservation program. Its own yearly educational program has for years contained a section on soil conservation and in the future the recommendations of the District Commissioners will be sought for this section.

5. Boys 4-H Clubs. - Inclusion of conservation projects in the 4-H list will be accomplished and enrollment of boys in these projects encouraged. Soil conservation projects will be discussed in general club meetings.

6. F.S.A. - Through F.S.A. Supervisors a special effort will be made to establish soil conservation practices on F.S.A. client operated farms.

7. State Conservation Commission. - The State Conservation Commission through its local conservation offices will cooperate with the district in establishing game management areas, and in developing the wildlife program. It will assist the district in informing the farmers, sportsmen's organizations and others of the importance of wildlife conservation and its relationship to good land use and soil conservation.

8. Soil Conservation Committee. - The Soil Conservation Service technicians will assist farmers in developing conservation plans for their farms. On site assistance will also be given farmers to establish the more technical erosion control and drainage practices as outlined in their conservation plans.

9. Vocational Agriculture. - Because of teacher shortages there hasn't been a vocational agriculture teacher in the county since July, 1944. Before that date the teacher cooperated in soil conservation programs in the county. When that course is re-established in the county the assistance of the instructor and his classes will be sought.

Though the vocational agriculture instructor is gone, the adult education school has continued in a healthy condition. Each year's program has continued soil conservation studies and future programs will include that subject in specific forms.

D. Schools. - Public Schools, especially rural ones, offer an opportunity to start conservation training with youngsters. The County Superintendent of Schools is conservation and cooperatively minded and through her, training will be offered teachers and printed materials placed in school libraries.

E. Exhibits - Exhibits setting forth losses resulting from improper soil management and benefits available from use of improved conservation practices will be presented at public events and put on display in store windows.

F. Press. - Newspapers of the county will be supplied with printable information concerning soil conservation programs and benefits therefrom.

G. Letters. - Mail will be used whenever it can carry information to needy places.

H. Personal Service - Though group service has been adopted by the Commissioners as the rule for the District, yet there will be circumstances where giving individual service will incite community activity. To that extent, individual service will be given.

I. Leader Training - To more rapidly spread information and assistance on soil conservation problems, local persons will be trained to help farmers with the less technical practices, such as contouring row crops, grassing waterways, pasture renovation, lime use.

II. Operations

Farmers desiring assistance from the district will be required to file a written application with the commissioners. These applications will be reviewed and priorities established. Farmers willing to attend group meetings will be given preference.

A. Surveys - The soil conservation surveyor will make adequate surveys needed for farm planning. Drainage, gully control, and other special surveys will be made wherever needed for the farm plan. The priorities for surveys will be established by the district.

B. Farm Planning - Technical assistance for planning a conservation program for farms will be made available according to established priorities. Each farm plan will include proper land use, effective erosion control, and adequate drainage practices, as well as a schedule showing the sequences and time of applying the recommended measures. Consideration will also be given in the farm plan for needed livestock and other farm enterprise adjustments.

Each farmer will be expected to prepare as much of his conservation plan as possible. Farm plans upon completion will be presented to the commissioners for review and approval. Upon approval, a cooperative agreement incorporating the farm plan will be entered into by the farmers and the district.

C. Execution of the Plan - The responsibility of putting the farm conservation plan into operation will rest with the farmer. The speed with which the plan is executed will depend upon farm conditions as well as the ability of the farmer to cooperate. As the district work load becomes heavier, local trained representatives will be expected to assume more responsibility with the progress in their community. Special training will be given to farmers to lay out the less technical practices.

III. REPORTS AND REVISIONS

Reports. Reports requested by the state soil conservation committee, the United States Department of Agriculture, and other cooperating agencies will be prepared and submitted in accordance with the agreements and understandings. Local representatives of the cooperating agencies will assist the commissioners in making these reports.

Revisions. The adequacy of the work plan for carrying out operations of the district will be determined from time to time and necessary revisions made.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Williamsburg, December 10, 1945

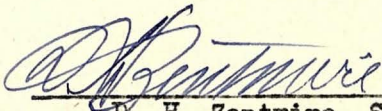
Meeting called to order by the chairman with Misbach and Morse present.

12-45-9 Moved by Morse that the work group consisting of H. G. Folkerts, H. H. Schwiebert, Harry Norden, Everett J. Brandt, John Cahill, Paul Mueller, C.F. Feller, Heitman Bros., L. H. Brandt, H. Art Schwiebert and Glen Schwiebert be approved and assigned No. 5; that the work group consisting of W. A. Gabriel, Marvin Humphrey, J. C. Rank, S. R. Humphrey, ^{Albert Rank} Arthur H. Schultz, Alfred Wyant, Elmer E. Erteld, ^{Chester Erteld} E. B. Warner, M. F. Sauter, and G. D. Williams be approved and assigned No. 6. Seconded by Misbach and carried.

12-45-10 Moved by Morse that the District Work Plan be adopted as read and discussed. Seconded by Misbach and carried.

12-45-11 Moved by Morse that the ^Work Plan as presented be adopted and that Chairman Misbach be directed to sign on behalf of the Iowa County (Iowa) Soil Conservation District the Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding between the Iowa County Soil Conservation District, State of Iowa, and the Soil Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Motion seconded by Misbach and carried.

Meeting adjourned.


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

CROSS REFERENCE FOR SCD MINUTES

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MOTION</u>
3-46-1	Work Group Application Accepted
5-46-2	Addition to Group 4
6-46-3	Farm added to Group 7
7-46-4	Petition Accepted and Made Group 8
7-46-5	Allotment of Marietta Timothy Seed
8-46-6	Application for Seed be Filed
8-46-7	4-County Conference Plan
8-46-8	Basic Plans Approved
10-46-9	Invite Miss Miller to November Meeting
10-46-10	Basic Plans Approved
11-46-11	Basic Plans Approved
12-46-12	Basic Plans Approved

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Williamsburg, January 14, 1946

Meeting called to order by the chairman with all members, Boatman and Zentmire present.

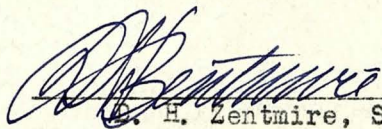
Discussion of Commissioners short course at Ames January 29 to February 1 inclusive. By agreement Morse is to attend if possible, with Misbach as alternate.

Letter read from Dick Wilcox (Mendell's assistant) telling of approval of our Memo of Understanding with U.S.D.A. and of our Supplemental Memo of Understanding with S.C.S.

Discussion of annual report and spring report. The chairman was authorized to sign the annual when it is retyped.

Boatman discussed the prospect for military surplus equipment that will probably be available through S.C.S. for local use. No action necessary at this time.

Meeting adjourned.


E. H. Zentmire, Secretary

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Milwaukee 12, Wisconsin
January 18, 1946

Mr. J. D. Misbach
Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Iowa County Soil Conservation District
Troy, Iowa

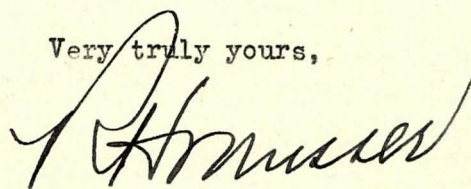
Dear Mr. Misbach:

Subject: Iowa County Soil Conservation District, State of
Iowa - Farmer-District Cooperative Agreement Form

I have been notified by Mr. F. H. Mendell, State Conservationist, that the governing body of the Iowa County Soil Conservation District, State of Iowa, has agreed to use the form of farmer-district agreement recommended by the Iowa State Soil Conservation Committee.

This agreement meets with the concurrence of the Soil Conservation Service and we are pleased to note that you have decided to use this form.

Very truly yours,



R. H. Musser
Regional Conservator

cc - F. H. Mendell
W. J. B. Boatman

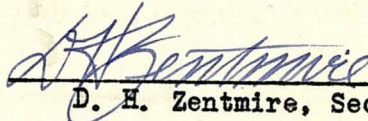
IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, February 18, 1946

All commissioners, Boatman and Zentmire were present. Misbach and Boatman reported on events in the Commissioners Short Course at Ames.

Work group activity discussed. Meetings with work groups to be held soon and two or three more groups to be added before long.

Names of available farm planners were made known by Boatman. Qualifications were discussed and the group agreed upon requesting that Ralph Bush be assigned to Iowa County.

Meeting adjourned.


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, March 18, 1946

Meeting was called to order by the chairman with all members, Boatman and Zentmire present.

Minutes of the meeting of February 18 were read and approved.

3-46-1 The work group application of the Lenox township group of farmers was received. Moved that the application be accepted and that it be made Group 7. Seconded and carried.

A schedule of meetings for Groups 1, 3 and 6 were arranged for the evenings of March 26, 27 and 28 respectively and contour demonstrations and service on nine farms the days of March 26, 27, 28 and 29.

Meeting adjourned.


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Williamsburg, May 27, 1946

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All commissioners present plus Ralph Bush, H. H. Oak, W. J. Boatman and Zentmire.

5-46-2 Moved by Owen that Lowell Churchill, Don Turner, F. G. Turner and C. L. Bickford be added to Group 4. Seconded and carried.

Discussion of number of farm plans to be made this year. Sixty per year is considered a good number, therefore Groups 1, 3, 4 should deliver at least 35 plans by the end of 1946.

Group 1 will meet Tuesday evening, June 11, Groups 3 and 4 to meet at later dates when farm maps are available.

Meeting adjourned.


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, June 17, 1946

All members were present plus Bush, Oak and Zentmire.

6-46-3 Moved that the farm of Byron Goldthwaite in Section 1 of Lenox township be added to Group 7. Seconded and carried.

No additional information was available on soil mapping progress.

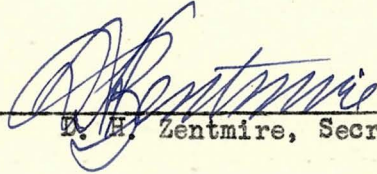
Bush reported on his contacts with individuals and groups. Window display in Marengo about ready to move to Williamsburg. New groups in Greene and York are possibilities.

Conservationist Watkins will not report until July 1.

Discussion of next month's meeting docket. A Conservation officer was requested in order that a wild life program be coordinated with the soil conservation program.

Discussion of the new group petition form prepared.

Meeting adjourned.


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, July 15, 1946

Meeting was called to order with these attending: Misbach, Morse, Bush, Watkins, Harry Rector and Zentmire.

Bush reported on his work, using maps to show base contour lining done. This work has been done on 9 farms in Group 1. Next meeting of that Group will be the evening of August 13. Enough seed of Marietta timothy can be had for spring seeding about 20 acres.

Petitions from 10 Honey Creek and Hartford farmers was presented. Signers are Art Tibben, Ernest Timm Jr., Noel Coats, Louis Michalek (Emil DeMeulenaere, owner,) Rex P. Foster, Harold A. Sherman, S. F. Sherman, W. E. Coats, Elvin Albert and Wm. Stevens.

7-46-4 Moved by Morse that the petition be accepted and made Group 8. Seconded and carried.

Discussion of results from laboratory tests for fertilizer requirements. Information to be used in meetings and newspapers to induce increased patronage.

Discussion of personnel for District during the year. The budget allows only one farm planner and one aide, both of which are on the job now.

7-46-5 Moved by Morse that application be made for our allotment of Marietta timothy seed. Seconded and carried.

Conservation Officer Harry Rector of Vinton led a discussion on the place that wild life conservation can occupy in a soil conservation program. Illustrations are utilization of farm areas for ponds, game cover and the use of fish and game therein.

Meeting adjourned.


E. H. Zentmire, Secretary

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE



Iowa City, Iowa
July 17, 1946

J. D. Misbach
Williamsburg, Iowa

Dear Mr. Misbach:

Subject: Schedule of Assistance

This is to confirm our discussion at the district commissioners meeting held July 15, 1946, on the subject of the Schedule of Assistance for Iowa County.

It is estimated that the following kinds and amounts of assistance will be made available to the district in the next twelve months in addition to the assistance of the district conservationist.

1	Farm Planner's full time
1	Aide to planner's full time

Continuation of soil conservation surveys

If any adjustments in the personnel are necessary from time to time, these adjustments will be discussed with the district governing body before they are actually made.

Very truly yours,

H. Howard Oak

H. Howard Oak
District Conservationist

cc: Mendell
Zentmire
Bush

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, August 19, 1946

Meeting called to order by Chairman Misbach with these present: Misbach, Owen, Oak, Bush, Watkins and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meetings of March 18, May 27, June 17 and July 15 were read and approved without change.

Attention was called to the district SCS-Extension meetings at Oskaloosa October 15 and at Muscatine October 16; also to the state contour plowing contest near Knoxville September 21.

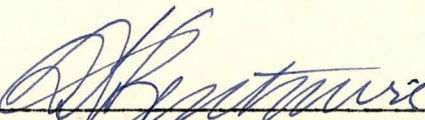
8-46-6
Oak described the opportunity to secure 180 pounds of Fischer or Lincoln bromegrass foundation seed for increase plantings. Moved by Owen that application for this seed be filed for spring planting. Seconded by Misbach and carried.

8-46-7
Oak asked the Commissioners' reaction to 4-County meetings of Commissioners, Work Unit Leaders and Extension Directors at about quarterly intervals for mutual problem discussions. Moved by Misbach, seconded by Owen, that the Iowa County group record its desire to become a part of such a conference plan. Motion carried.

Farm plans 1 and 2 on farms of Misbach Bros. and Ervin W. Langlas respectively were presented by Bush and reviewed in detail by the Commissioners.

8-46-8
Moved by Owen that Farm Plan 1, Misbach Bros. and Plan 2, Ervin W. Langlas, be approved as drawn. Seconded by Misbach and carried.

Meeting adjourned by motion.



D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, September 16, 1946

Meeting opened by Chairman Misbach with no other commissioners present. Attending also were Bush, Oak and Zentmire. Without a commissioners quorum present the meeting was one of discussion without official action.

Chairman Misbach signed these farm agreements in Group 1: Sinn Bros. (3), Herman Heitman (4), Morse Bros. (5) and Harry Haack (6). Other agreements ready to be typed were Hocker Bros. on two separate farms, R. G. Owen, Elmer G. Stahl and Mervin Knock.

Discussion of attendance at contour plowing contest September 21. Improbable that anyone from this district will attend.

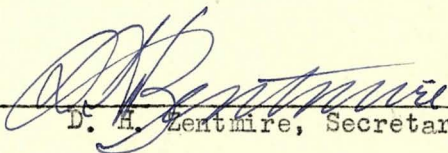
Discussion of commissioners meetings at Oskaloosa October 15 and Muscatine October 16. This group will probably go to the former.

Discussion of soil conservation education in rural schools. Oak and Bush will confer with Miss Miller regarding instruction in Iowa County.

Knowing that Commissioner Morse will soon resign because of removal from the state, the group considered successors. Without knowledge of whether they would accept, Ed Kinsey, Arthur Tibben and H. A. Sherman were suggested.

Brief discussion of invitation to join the National Association of Soil Conservation District Governing Officials. More discussion wanted when group is larger.

Meeting adjourned.


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

Marengo, Iowa
Sept. 24, 1946

Mr. J. D. Mischach, Chairman
Iowa County Soil District Commissioners
Williamsburg, Iowa

Dear Mr. Mischach:

Please accept my resignation as an Iowa County Soil District Commissioner, effective October 1, 1946.

This request is made necessary by my removal from the District, even from the state. I have enjoyed working with the other Commissioners, the S.C.S. personnel and the farmer members of the work groups.

I am still very much interested in soil conservation and I am anxious for this District to achieve the success that I am sure is in store for it.

Very truly yours,

S/ Earl W. Morse

Earl W. Morse
Marengo, Iowa

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, October 21, 1946

Meeting called to order by the chairman with these attending: Misbach, Owen, Kinsey (recommended to fill the Morse vacancy but not yet officially approved), Bush, Watkins, Oak and Zentmire.

10-46-9 Discussion of conservation instruction in public school course of study. The conference with Miss Miller, recommended in the minutes of September 16, has not been held. Moved that Miss Miller, county superintendent of schools, be invited to meet with the Commissioners in the November 18th meeting. Seconded and carried.

Discussion of farm lease riders providing for greater conservation practices. Information from Iowa State College is good and needs publicity. Also ask that the riders be made quickly available.

Watkins reported on his three weeks attendance at Carbondale (Ill.) Conservation Training School for Planners Aides. Devoted time to study of drainage, contouring, terracing, soil types, forestry, mechanics of farm plan preparation.

10-46-10 Bush reported on District program progress. Moved that farm plans for Sinn Bros. (3), Herman Heitman (4), Morse Bros. (5), Harry Haack (6), Hocker Bros. #1 (7), Hocker Bros. #2 (8), R. G. Owen (9), E. G. Stahl & Son (10), Mervin Knock (11), B. L. Bean (12), Charles Langlas and Marvin Bigbee (13) be approved. Seconded and carried.

These plans were signed by the chairman.

Bush reported difficulty in finding places for the Fischer brome grass seed for increase plantings. Reasons: contaminated farms, other brome too close, to many strings on seed distribution.

Meeting adjourned.


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT # 55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, November 18, 1946

Meeting called to order by Chairman Misbach with all members and Oak, Bush and Watkins present. Watkins served as secretary.

10-46-11 By motion Farm Plans 14 to 25 inclusive were approved and signed.

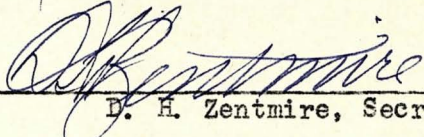
14 - Rueben Steffen	240 acres
15 - C. D. Rumble	160 acres
16 - Don Turner	40 acres
17 - Fred Turner - Don Turner	220 acres
18 - Clark Heitman	240 acres
19 - Edward Kinsey	120 acres
20 - Harry Langlas	210 acres
21 - J. J. Kelly	263 acres
22 - Carl Ahlberg	240 acres
23 - Ralph Heitman	200 acres
24 - Ray R. Kelley	160 acres
25 - Willis Brown	130 acres

Chairman appointed Owen to attend the state conservation meeting at Ames and Kinsey as alternate.

Meeting of Commissioners from Johnson, Washington, Keokuk and Iowa counties to be at Homestead December 18 with Johnson County serving as host.

Meeting adjourned.


Howard Watkins, Temporary Secretary


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Williamsburg, December 16, 1946

Meeting called to order by the chairman with Misbach and Kinsey present, plus Bush, Watkins, Oak, Miss Cleone Miller and Zentmire.

Miss Miller, county superintendent of schools, reported on the soil conservation program in Iowa County schools.

Begun in 1945 and continued in 1946, the original 18 lessons were planned by a group of the most conservation minded teachers in conference with the county superintendent. The class program was planned for 6 weeks of time but the better teachers supplemented with enough material to spread it through even 12 weeks.

State plan not used originally because it came too late and because the local plan was based on material available in the county.

Each school has these three books: (1) "Soil" by Bertha Morris Parker, (2) "Nature's Bank - the Soil" and (3) "Raindrops and Muddy Rivers", both by National Wildlife Inc. No. 1 is available from Row, Peterson & Company, Evanston, Illinois; the two others from Follett Publishing Company, Chicago.

The Fish and Game Club of Marengo gave each school a copy of "Plants and Animals Live Together" from the National Wildlife Inc.

Also each school has a copy of "How Do We Know", available from Scott, Forsman and Company, Chicago.

Many teachers planned a school program with parents invited and soil conservation included in the program. Many conducted simple conservation demonstrations in school, illustrating water erosion, seed germination, plant growth as affected by soils, and other similar subjects.

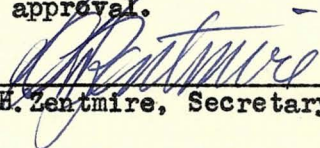
12-46-12 Moved by Kinsey that these 5 farm plans be approved:

- 26 - Orlen Imhoff
- 27 - Lloyd Bickford
- 28 - Truman Faas
- 29 - F. R. Plank
- 30 - M. O. Stahl

Motion seconded and carried. This completes 30 plans for 1946.

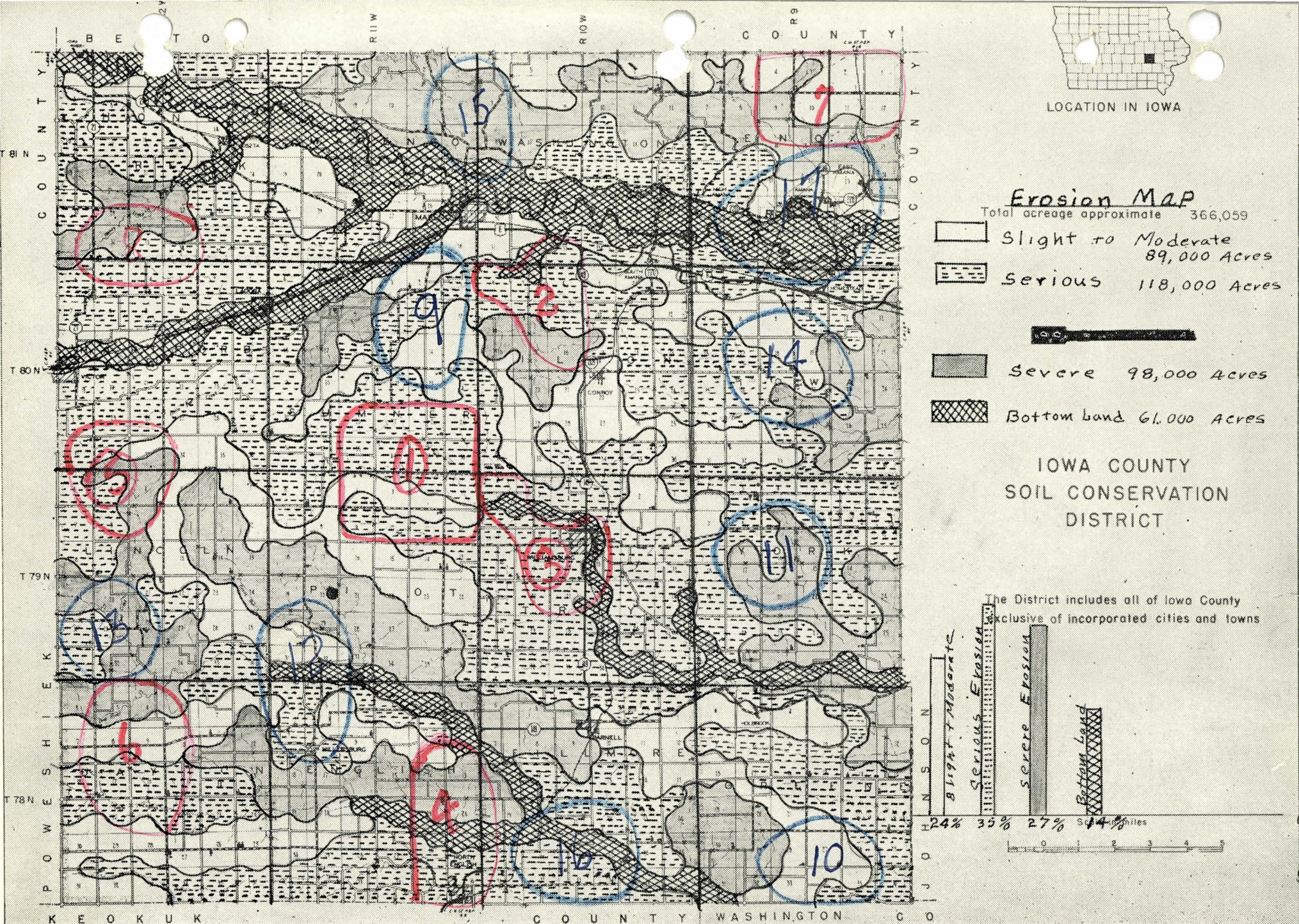
Discussion of work groups established and others in prospect. A few more are needed to secure a more complete coverage of the county.

Discussion of the annual report content and preparation. The next meeting will be January 13, when the report will be offered for approval.


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

CROSS REFERENCE FOR SCD MINUTES

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MOTION</u>
1-47-1	Farms Added to Group 2, 3, and 4
1-47-2	Annual Report Adopted
1-47-3	Work Group 9 Approved
2-47-4	Basic Plans Approved
2-47-5	Farms Added to Groups 3 and 4
2-47-6	Work Group 10 Approved
2-47-7	Member of General Committee for Contour Plowing Contest
3-47-8	Basic Plans Approved
3-47-9	Work Groups 11 and 12 Approved
3-47-10	Names Added to Groups 4 and 9
4-47-11	Basic Plans Approved
5-47-12	Work Group 13 Approved
6-47-13	Re-elect District Chairman
6-47-14	Re-elect District Secretary
7-47-15	Fischer Brome Seed Secured
7-47-16	Claim 10% of Seed Harvest for Redistribution
7-47-17	Enter Goodyear Soil Conservation Awards Program
9-47-18	Basic Plans Approved
10-47-19	Elect District Treasurer
10-47-20	Farm Added to Group 13
11-47-21	Order District Stationery
11-47-22	Send SCS Magazine to Contributors of Plowing Match Fund & Commissioner
12-47-23	Basic Plans Approved
12-47-24	Use of Farm Planner Time



Red outline - Established work groups
Blue Outline - Anticipated work groups in 1947

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT # 55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, January 13, 1947

Meeting called to order by the chairman with all members present, plus Oak, Bush, Watkins and Zentmire.

Clyde Spry to be asked why Kinsey hasn't received notice of appointment.

1-47-1 Moved that the farms of Martin E. Paulson be added to work group #2, of J. J. Monnett Estate to #3, and of S. S. Swain and S. C. Stookey to #4. Motion seconded and carried.

Discussion of a county clean plowing contest to be held before the national contest on April 26. Agreed that a contest, probably a combination of contour and clean plowing, would be advisable. First steps are to contact implement dealers, locate a field, then invite entries, secure prizes and clear dates with Radio Station W M T. The District Conservationist and county personnel are to contact dealers.

Agreed to invite the fall meeting of the 4-county area to North English.

1-47-2 The annual report was read and discussed. Moved that the report be adopted and the chairman directed to sign for the commissioners. Seconded and carried.

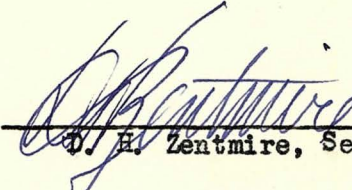
1-47-3 Moved that Work Group 9 in Sumner and Hilton be approved, these names being included: F. E. McGivern, M. G. McGivern, William A. Ward, Edward Kinsey, William Fiser, P. M. McGivern, Willard Jacobs, A. E. Hursh Estate, Rudolph Koenig, George Frimml Jr., Geo. V. Fiser and Franklyn Jacobi. Total of 2172 acres. Motion seconded and carried.

Discussion of representation at the Commissioners training school at Ames. Owen can't go, Kinsey will go.

Discussion of contour plowing demonstrations in the spring. At least one per township is to be arranged. S.C.S. and Extension personnel and commissioners will conduct the demonstrations.

Locations available now are R.G. Owen in English, Kinsey in Sumner, Misbach in Pilot, Paul Schwarting in Iowa, and Leo Ruegsegger in Greene.

Meeting adjourned.


T. E. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT # 55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, Feb. 17, 1947

Meeting called to order by the chairman with these present:
Misbach, Owen, Oak, Bush, Watkins and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meetings of August 19, September 16, October 21,
November 18, December 16 and January 13 were read and approved
without change.

2-47-4 These places were examined, approved by motion and signed:

- 31 - A. Everett Hursh Estate
- 32 - Wm. Ward
- 33 - Lena (Rudolph) Koenig
- 34 - Frank McGivern
- 35 - Pearl E. Warner
- 36 - Arthur Tibben
- 37 - Byron Goldthwaite
- 38 - M. G. McGivern
- 39 - Wm. Fiser
- 40 - H. M. Fiser

Discussion of annual meeting in June and the process for electing
a commissioner to succeed the two - year man (R.G.Owen). Probable date
set on June 2,3,4. Available programs to be examined for desirability.

Consideration of contouring demonstration program. Desired as
demonstrators are Oak, Bush, Watkins, Kinsey, Owen, Misbach, R.R. Johnston,
C.L. Maring, Denzler, Otto Truendt, Geo. Fiser and Zentmire. They
will meet together March 17 to coordinate methods.

2-47-5 Moved by Owen that the Orville Schlesselman farm in Troy be
added to Group 3 and the Roy Rowe farm in English to Group 4. Seconded
and carried.

2-47-6 Moved by Owen that the York application be accepted and made
Work Group 10, seconded and carried. The group includes these farms.

Mrs. J. R. Wallace	160 A.
John Widey	240
Newell R. Ingram	200
Martin Glandorf	135
Roland Holden	1010
Arthur Glandorf	135
Rudolph Doehrmann	204
Walter Hudepohl	160
Ross Landa	260
Curtis Landa	280

Further discussion of the clean plowing contest. By common consent that contest was dropped in favor of the fall contour-plowing contest suggested for our four counties.

2-47-7 Moved by Owen that Misbach be this District's member on the general committee for the contour plowing contest. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned.


D. E. Bentumire, Secretary

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IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT # 55
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Williamsburg, March 17, 1947.

Meeting was called to order by the chairman with all commissioners, Bush, Watkins, Oak and Zentmire present. Present also were R. R. Johnston, FSA supervisor; G. V. Fiser and Otto Fruendt, AAA representatives, all getting ready for contour service work.

3-47-8 Farm plans as follows were reviewed and on motion by Owen, seconded by Kinsey, and carried, were approved:

41 S. D. Blythe	160 acres
42 Everett Timm	160
47 James Hartz	198
48 Maurice Hartz	236
49 E. E. Goodman	110
50 P. M. McGivern	160
51 Anton Heitshusen	112
52 Geo. V. Fiser	160

3-47-9 Moved by Kinsey, seconded by Owen and carried, that Work Groups 11 and 12 be approved as follows:

Group 11: Carl L. Lantz, leader; G.A. Ruegsegger, Orville K. Ruegsegger, Leo W. Ruegsegger, D.I. Ruegsegger, Donald J. Huntsberger, Joe W. Erb,
W Wm. N. Eash, Dean R. Wade, Geo. H. Berry, Aldine Gingerich and Carroll Marine.

Group 12: Amana Society, Amana, 24868 acres.

3-47-10 Moved by Kinsey that the names of M. H. Fedderson and R. Russell Conn be added to Groups 4 and 9 respectively. Seconded by Owen and carried.

Meeting adjourned to visit the Yoakam farm in English and the Rush farm, also in English, for a contour lining training school and practice before beginning the round of demonstrations.

D H. Zentmire, Secy.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT # 55
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Williamsburg, April 21, 1947

Meeting was called to order by the chairman with all commissioners, Oak, Bush, Watkins and Zentmire present.

4-47-11

Farm plans were reviewed and on motion by Owen, seconded by Kinsey and carried. These were approved.

<u>No.</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>
43	Frank R. Smith	227
44	Maurice Paulson	40
45	John C. Jacobi	160
46	Earl J. Gode	200
53	Albert L. Miller	80
54	Cornelius Faltinson	119

Discussion concerning date and speaker for the District Annual meeting. June 2 or June 16 were selected as choice of dates, subject to change in order to secure desired speaker. George Browning, Earl Elijah and Maurice Heath were suggested in that order, the secretary to write for dating.

Meeting adjourned

D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

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IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT # 55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, May 19, 1947

Meeting called to order by the chairman with all commissioners present plus Oak, Bush and Zentmire.

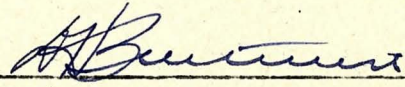
Discussion of nominating petitions and of program for the meeting of June 3. Chairman Misbach is to name election judges and to preside at the meeting.

5-47-12 Moved by Owen that Work Group # 13, farms as follows, be approved: R. M. Hedges, J. W. Torrence, Harold Septer, Elmer Taylor, Ed Tripses, J. D. Misbach, Floyd Meyer. Motion seconded by Kinsey and carried.

Ordered 3000 sets of the "pasture improvement books" for distribution through creameries.

Meeting adjourned.

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D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT # 55

Report on Election Meetings

Williamsburg, June 3, 1947

Following a very worth while discussion meeting with Dr. George Browning the election of commissioners was held with Orlen Imhoff and B. G. Hulseberg serving as judges and Harry Norden as clerk. Thiry one votes were cast, divided as follows:

For 6 year term:

Robert M. Hedges	3
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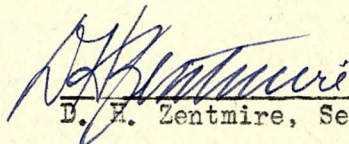
R. G. Owen	23
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For 4 year term:

Edward Kinsey	25
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Owen Tompkins	6
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Owen and Kinsey, with the majority of votes cast, were declared elected.


D. E. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT # 55

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

WILLIAMSBURG, JUNE 16, 1947

Meeting called to order by the chairman with all commissioners plus Oak, Bush and Zentmire present.

Attention called to the 4-County Commissioners meeting at Maplecrest River Ranch June 28 at 11 a.m., the families too.

Discussion of the District election and of reorganization.

6-47-13 Moved by Kinsey that Misbach be re-elected commission chairman, seconded by Owen and carried.

6-47-14 Moved by Owen that Zentmire be re-elected secretary, seconded by Kinsey and carried.

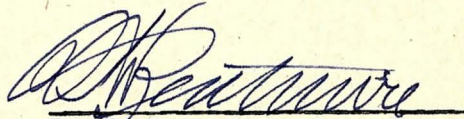
Discussion of ways of observing Iowa soil conservation week June 21 to 28. Our big observation event was the District election June 3 with Dr. Browning speaking.

Kinsey brought from Group 5 the question of whether interest in organized conservation will not lag if planning work can't be done soon in that group. A good suggestion was that commissioners and personnel meet with the group, explaining the delay and giving suggestions which members may apply themselves.

Bush described the Carl Lester situation where Lester wants to proceed with his farm conservation plan but the neighborhood doesn't respond to group organization request. Commissioners approved the use of the Lester farm as a demonstration farm.

Kinsey reported the VAN STEENHUYSE offer to cooperate with his whirlwind terracer, power included.

Meeting adjourned.


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

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Rules for the plowing contest as developed by the rules committee were presented and discussed. Objection made to waterways being less than a rod wide anywhere. Objection sustained by this board and suggestion to be passed on to other boards for their reaction.

Discussion of entertainment, program, grounds, concessions, finance, etc. Committees at work on each subject. Each county expected to supply two referees for each of its contestants to work on the lands for other counties.

Kinsey reported \$230 of expense money collected in Iowa County with several prospects yet to report. Other counties working.

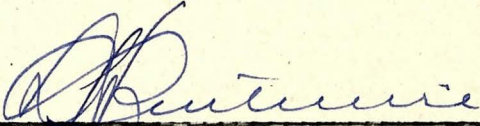
Recommended that commissioners meet with county bankers, also with the county supervisors and the county engineer on conservation problems and plans.

Discussion of using a memorandum of understanding with the board of supervisors and of working agreements with contractors for heavy machine service. These will be developed for presentation to the proper groups.

Suggested that in arranging future contouring demonstrations a post card be used to determine who wants help and what the last crops on the field had been.

Meeting adjourned.

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D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Maplecrest River Ranch, September 19, 1947

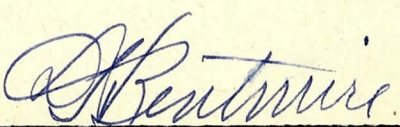
Meeting called to order by the chairman after a day putting on finishing touches for the plowing contest tomorrow. All commissioners present plus Oak, Bush and Zentmire.

9-47-18 These farm plans were presented, reviewed and approved on motion by Owen, seconded and carried:

No. 55 - S. F. Sherman	160 A
56 - Harold A. Sherman	80
57 - H. O. Helgeson	120
59 - Leo O'Meara	160
60 - Elvin Alberts	240
61 - Stanley S. Stookey	68
62 - Carl Lester	160

Meeting adjourned.

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D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Williamsburg, July 21, 1947

Meeting called to order by the chairman with all ^{mm}commissioners present plus Oak, Bush, and Zentmire.

Discussion of Kinsey's plans for traveling in the air tour to view erosion damage. Will board plane at Burlington and end tour at Waterloo. Autos arranged to deliver and collect men.

Kinsey reported a willing response from machinery dealers to supply contour plowing prize money. Bankers and seed companies will also be contacted.

Commissioners agreeable to V.F.W., 4-H and church food and drink concessions at plowing contest without concession charge.

Discussion of entry blanks for contestants a suggested form was reviewed.

7-47-15 Moved by Owen that 3 lots of certified Fischer brome seed be secured for seed increase purposes. Seconded by Misbach and carried.

7-47-16 Moved by Owen that the District claim 10% of the seed harvest for redistribution to cooperators. Seconded and carried.

7-47-17 Oak reviewed the Goodyear Soil Conservation Awards program. Moved by Kinsey that this district enter the contest. Seconded by Owen and carried.

Contour contest prizes for the maximum of 8 contestants are to be \$50-40-30-20-20-20-20, a total of \$220. Demonstrations to be presented include gully filling, waterway building, terracing.

Meeting adjourned.

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D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Williamsburg, August 18, 1947

Meeting called to order by the chairman with all commissioners present plus Oak, Bush and Zentmire.

Farm plan #58 for R. A. Willis (198 acres) was presented, reviewed and approved.

4 COUNTY CONTOUR FLOWING CONTEST

Financial Statement
October 7, 1947

		<u>Receipts</u>	
Iowa County.....	\$235.00		(Also an unknown amount of
Johnson County.....	165.00		gasoline donated from Iowa
Keokuk County.....	244.00		County)
Washington County.....	215.00		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>\$859.00</u>

		<u>Disbursements</u>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>For What</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sept. 9	Pioneer Republican	stickers & ribbons	\$ 8.67
19	Paul Boetcher	material	22.64
	R. G. Owen	Queens' cash	20.00
20	Earl D. Voss	contestant	20.00
	William Ward	contestant	20.00
	Emil Novy	contestant	50.00
	Emil Novy	extra award	10.00
	Clarence Zimmerman	contestant	30.00
	Floyd Yahnke	contestant	20.00
	Joe Mather	contestant	40.00
	Harold C. Brown	contestant	20.00
	Frank Patterson	contestant	20.00
22	Johnson Co. Democrat	bills and programs	57.38
23	Bill Mahannah	air taxi for Plambeck	35.00
24	Ed Kinsey	stamps and dinner	1.72
	Glen Sorden	tissue	1.84
	Howard Oak	material	9.89
25	Ralph Bush	material	.50
30	Andrews Supply	sound equipment	25.00
	Paul Septer	finishing plowing	40.00
Oct. 6	North Eng. School Band	music	25.00
	Pioneer Republican	Queen sash and ribbons	5.36
		<u>Total</u>	<u>\$483.00</u>
		<u>Balance</u>	<u>\$376.00</u>

<u>Distribution of Balance</u>			
<u>County</u>	<u>Total Contribution</u>	<u>Share of Expense</u>	<u>Balance for County</u>
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Report prepared by Ed Kinsey, 4 County Contest treasurer

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, October 20, 1947

Meeting called to order by the president with all commissioners present plus Oak, Bush and Zentmire.

Kinsey reported on his gully curing demonstration and contest: 53 out of 65 boys have entered the contest.

Checks to each of the four counties, balances in the plowing contest fund, were written by the conservation District treasurer for the amounts indicated on the financial statement included in this minute book.

Kinsey reported on his attendance at the state meeting of District commissioners in Des Moines. A state organization of commissioners was formed with Earl Elijah as president. One county recommended the formation of a County Soil Council made up of representatives of action groups and of commercial groups interested in soil conservation.

10-47-19 Moved by Owen that Kinsey be named treasurer of the District's fund. Seconded by Misbach and carried.

Cooperative agreement with contractors reviewed and copies distributed for use.

Discussion of providing each contributor to the plowing contest fund with a subscription to a soil conservation magazine. Decision to be made at a latter meeting.

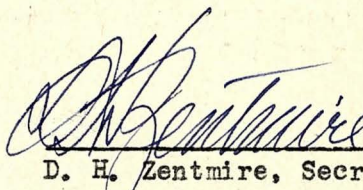
Bush and Zentmire were instructed to secure a supply of District stationery.

Discussion of program for the 4-County Commissioners meeting with Iowa County contestants are to be invited to be guests of their respective Districts and A. C. Gingerich to be the guest of all Districts.

10-47-20 Moved by Kinsey that the farm of M. M. Hitchcock (C. E. Sumers farm) be added to Group 13. Seconded by Misbach and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, November 17, 1947

Meeting called to order by the president with these attending: Misbach, Kinsey, plus Oak and Bush.

With the secretary and his records absent, Bush served in that capacity and no report was made on the October 20th. meeting.

Misbach brought to the attention of the group that the Commissioner should be chosen to represent this District at the Mississippi Valley Association meeting at Ames January 8, 9 and 10. Dick Owen was selected to go, with Misbach as alternate.

Ed Kinsey brought up the question of working with members of the G.I. Class who wished a complete soil and water conservation plan on their farms. Misbach, although in favor, suggested that the matter be tabled until the next meeting when all Commissioners were present.

11-47-21 Kinsey moved that Bush see Zentmire at once concerning the ordering of stationery for the board and if not ordered that some be ordered. Seconded and carried.

11-47-22 It was moved and voted upon favorably that a copy of the official Soil Conservation Service magazine be sent to each one of the contributors to the plowing match fund and to each of the three District Commissioners.

Kinsey reported that the Burg Implement Co. (Van Steenhuyse) was ready to sign a working agreement with the Iowa County District Commissioners as soon as he secured an operator for his equipment.

Oak called attention to the fact that wild life cover was being slighted in our farm plans in Iowa County and suggested that Commissioners be more critical of this phase of conservation as it is important for a balanced program.

Oak suggested that material for the annual report be made ready for assembly as it is getting to the time of year when that must be submitted.

The question was brought up as to what had been done concerning a meeting with the bankers of the county. It was suggested that Zentmire contact with key bankers to get their reaction and then report back to Commissioners. Plans to be made accordingly.

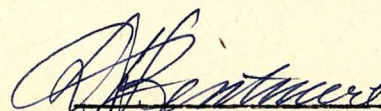
Two more farm plans were approved:

#67	Stefen Bros.	110 acres
#69	Iowa County Home	237 acres

Misbach adjourned meeting at 11:30.

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R. H. Bush, Secretary Protem


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, Dec. 15, 1947

All commissioners were present plus Oak, Bush and Zentmire.

12-47-23 Farm plans were reviewed for the men listed below and on motion by Kinsey, seconded and carried, were approved with the provision that more wild life protection be included if possible.

No. 65 - Allyn G. Evans	197 acres
66 - J. B. Orris	80
68 - Geo. Schindler	140
70 - Fred Maschmann	160
71 - Rex Foster	257
72 - Ernest Timm, Jr.	120
73 - Noel Coats	120
74 - W. E. Coats	120
75 - E. DeMeulenaere and L. J. Michalek	245

Further discussion of more need for wild life protection in farm plans.

Discussed again a soil conservation meeting with county bankers. Interest justifies such a meeting after January 1.

12-47-24 Moved by Kinsey that the use of the portion of the farm planners time necessary to develop farm plans for Veterans training class members who want them be approved, they to be considered as a work group. Motion seconded and carried.

Montross and Costello are ready to sign cooperative agreements for a big grader and a bulldozer that is coming.

Attention called to the need of having a delegate at the Mississippi Valley Association meeting in Ames January 7 to 9.

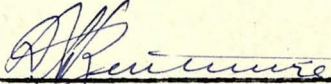
The outlook meeting at Cedar Rapids December 19 was announced.

Availability of seeds of Reed canary grass, Emerson red clover and Iowa lespedeza was announced.

Subscriptions to the conservation magazines will begin with the issue of February 1948, and end with that of January, 1949.

Tabulated material for the annual report was prepared.

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D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

4 COUNTY CONTOUR PLOWING CONTEST

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Report prepared by Ed Kinsey, 4 County Contest treasurer

9:30 A. M.—AIRPLANE DUSTING DEMONSTRATION

Iowa Insect Control Service, Marengo, Iowa

9:45 A. M.—CONSERVATION DEMONSTRATION

Contour Plowing and Layout

Terracing with Whirlwind and Disc Terracers

Shaping Waterways with Bulldozer and Disc Terracer

Two-Way Plow

Demonstrations of Equipment by Implement Companies

11:30 A. M.—CONTOUR PLOWING CONTEST

JUDGES:—Earl Elijah, Farmer, Clarence, Iowa; Chuck Worcester, WMT Farm News Editor, Cedar Rapids; F. S. Yetter, Soil Conservation Service, Burlington.

1:00 P. M.—BAND CONCERT

North English High School Band

2:00 P. M.—MASS MEETING

Kenneth M. Wagner, Chairman, Johnson District Commissioners

SPEAKERS:—

A. C. Gingerich, Host for the Day.

Introduction of Sponsors of the Contest.

Bruce F. Stiles, Assistant Director, Iowa Conservation Commission.

Honorable Tom Martin, U. S. Representative.

Honorable Karl M. LeCompte, U. S. Representative.

Maurice Heath, Grass and Legumes, Soil Conservation Service.

Herb Plambeck, Farm News Editor, WHO.

3:00 P. M.—PRESENTATION OF CONTOUR PLOWMAN AND AWARDS

Chuck Worcester, Farm News Editor, WMT

PRIZES:— First \$50.00, Second \$40.00, Third, \$30.00, Fourth, \$20.00, Fifth, \$20.00, Sixth, \$20.00, Seventh, \$20.00, Eighth, \$20.00.

An additional \$10.00 will be given to the contestant entering the National Plowing Match to be held September 27 at Ellsworth, Iowa in Hamilton County.

3:15 P. M.—AIRPLANE DUSTING DEMONSTRATION

Iowa Insect Control Service, Marengo, Iowa

A number of well known firms have aided in the sponsoring of the 4-district contour plowing contest. The District Commissioners, Extension Service, and the Soil Conservation Service take his means of expressing their appreciation to the following:

List Of Contributors

KEOKUK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

GIBSON—Farmers Elevator Company, Gibson Savings Bank, M. L. Wilhite Hardware.

HAYESVILLE—Hayesville Savings Bank.

HEDRICK—Brain Implement Company, Hedrick Savings Bank, Osterfoss Implement Company.

KEOTA—Amsberry and Adam, Farmers Savings Bank, Security State Bank, Sorden Implement Company, Walden Farm.

KESWICK—Strohman Hardware and Implement Company, C. L. Wilhite.

OLLIE—Andrews Supply Company.

RICHLAND—Day & King Hardware & J. D. Equipment, Hannah & Downey Implement, Union State Bank.

SIGOURNEY—Beach Auto Service & AC Implements, Century Motors, First Trust and Union Savings Bank, Holle Farm Equipment Company, Keokuk County State Bank, Parkhill Service & MH Implements, Sigourney Tire Company, White Implement Company.

SOUTH ENGLISH—Stoner Hybrid Corn Company, White State Bank.

WHAT CHEER—First State Bank, Robinson Motor Company, Jack Woodmansee.

IOWA SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AMANA SOCIETY—Amana Society Homestead Implement Store, West Amana Store.

CONROY—H. G. Plagman Implement Store.

DES MOINES—Pioneer Hi-Bred Seed Corn Company.

MARENGO—Iowa County Savings Bank, Leo Kelly Company, A. G. Koehn. Implement Company, Shaull Implement Company, ~~Sands~~ Implement Company.

MILLERSBURG—Frank Seaton Implement & Hardware, Alfred E. Shaull Implement Store.

NORTH ENGLISH—English Valley Creamery, Farmers Savings Bank, North English Hardware Company, North English Produce and Implement.

VICTOR—Farmers Savings Bank, Koeken Motor Company, Meyer Tractor Service, Miller's Bros. Implement Company, Wm. Nowatny Implement Store, Victor State Bank.

WILLIAMSBURG—Burg Implement Company, Farmers Trust and Savings Bank, O'Neill Oil Company, Security Savings Bank, Smith Motor Iowa Implement Company.

WASHINGTON SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AINSWORTH—Ainsworth Saving Bank.

BRIGHTON—Brighton Farm Store, Rubio Saving Bank of Brighton.

CRAWFORDSVILLE—Crawfordsville Saving Bank, Henss Hardware, Huston Implement Service.

KALONA—Farmers Saving Bank, Farmers Supply and Sales, Kalona Farm Store, Kalona Motor and Implement, Kalona Saving Bank, Snair Hardware, Yoder Implement & Ford Motor.

RIVERSIDE—Joe Pailliotet (McCormick-Deering) Peoples Trust & Savings Bank.

RUBIO—Rubio Motor Company.

WASHINGTON—Farmers Implement Store, Loveless Implement Company, National Bank, Smart Implement Company, Washington State Bank.

WELLMAN—Wade Implement, Wellman Implement, Wellman Savings Bank.

WEST CHESTER—Miller's Garage, West Chester Savings Bank.

JOHNSON SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

HILLS—Hills Bank and Trust Company.

IOWA CITY—Capitol Implement Company, Cline Farm Implement Company, Dunlap Implement Company, First National Bank, Iowa State Bank & Trust Company, Kelly Farm Implement Company, Lenthe Equipment Co. Mann Implement & Appliance Store, Inc., Sears Roebuck & Co.

LONE TREE—Bywater Farm Implement Company, Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank, Lone Tree Farm Store, Lone Tree Savings Bank, Swails Implement Company.

OXFORD—Oxford Hardware & Implement Company.

SOLON—Bittner Ford Garage, Solon Implement Company, Solon State Bank.

The Contour plowing contest committee, cooperating agencies, and farm owner and operator, assume no responsibility in case of accident or damage to person or property.

FOUR DISTRICT

Contour Plowing Contest and Field Day

Sponsored by the District Commissioners of
IOWA, JOHNSON, KEOKUK and WASHINGTON
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

A. C. Gingerick River Ranch
2 Miles South of North English on Highway 149

Saturday, Sept. 20

Cooperating With Extension Service Soil Conservation Service

CONTESTANTS

IOWA COUNTY

Earl D. Voss Marengo, Iowa
William Ward Marengo, Iowa

JOHNSON COUNTY

Emil Novy North Liberty, Iowa
Clarence Zimmerman Oxford, Iowa

KEOKUK COUNTY

Floyd Yahnke Sigourney, Iowa
Joe Mather Webster, Iowa

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Harold C. Brown Wellman, Iowa
Frank J. Patterson Kalona, Iowa

CROSS REFERENCE FOR SCD MINUTES

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MOTION</u>
1-48-1	Outstanding Bills Paid
1-48-2	Basic Plans Approved
1-48-3	Letter to Regional Office
1-48-4	1947 Annual Report Approved
2-48-5	Basic Plans Approved
3-48-6	Amendment to Basic Plan Approved
3-48-7	Basic Plans Approved
3-48-8	Work Group 14 Approved
3-48-9	Work Group 15 Approved
3-48-10	District Program Amended
3-48-11	Amend District Work Plan
3-48-12	Drainage Petition Approved and Made Group 16
3-48-13	Use of Inquiry and Appointment Post Cards Be Used
3-48-14	District's Allotment of Alta Fescue Be Claimed
4-48-15	Cooperation From State Game Conservation Commission and Local Game Club
4-48-16	Farms Added to Groups 2, 5, and 14
4-48-17	Conservation Construction Record Farm Adopted
5-48-18	Wildlife Conservation Plan Approved
5-48-19	Congratulatory Letter to K. M. Wagner
6-48-20	Publicity for Soil Conservation Week
6-48-21	Thank You to 4-H Club Committee
6-48-22	Thank You to Washington District
7-48-23	Dues for Commissioners Paid to I.S.A.S.C.D.C.
7-48-24	Basic Plan Approved
7-48-25	Enter 1948-49 Goodyear Contest
9-48-26	Subscription to "Soil Conservationist"
9-48-27	Work Groups 17 and 18 Approved
10-48-28	Added Acres to Group 6
12-48-29	Elect Delegate and Alternate to Attend Mississippi Valley Association Meeting

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, Jan. 19~~4~~, 1948

All commissioners were present plus Oak, Bush and Zentmire.

1-48-1 Moved that the Pioneer Republican bill of \$19.74 for District envelopes and letterheads be allowed and ordered paid. Seconded and carried.

1-48-2 Moved that the following farm plans, reviewed by the commissioners, be approved:
63 - N. O. Wyant 120 acres
64 - N. Dean Wyant 160 acres

The District was represented only one day of the Mississippi Valley Association Conference at Ames. Kinsey reported on that day.

Bush reported the Regional SCS criticism of our recommended brome seeding rates. The Commissioners reviewed the general recommendation sheet included with each farm plan.

1-48-3 Moved by Kinsey that the secretary prepare a letter of reply and suggestion to the Regional office to be signed by the three commissioners. Seconded and carried.

1-48-3 Moved by Kinsey that Oak bring the reviewed plans and the criticisms from the other three districts for purposes of making comparisons and drafting improvement in our plans. Seconded and carried.

Consideration of the meeting with bankers of the county. The evening of February 2 was chosen as an approximate date. The cashier of each bank and another staff member or a director of his choosing are to be invited to attend the meeting as guests of the District.

1-48-4 Moved by Owen that the 1947 annual report be approved. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved _____ 1948

D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Report on Meeting With Bankers
Ames, Feb. 2, 1948

In attendance were these:

Farmers Savings, North English: R. S. Ferris and Director W. C. Carson
Security Savings: C. A. Stewart
Iowa County Savings: R. R. Schroeder and W. R. Hatter
Victor State: Henry Von Aswege and Director P. J. DeMeulenaere
Roy A. Denzler (PWA); R. H. Bush, Howard Oak and George Fonken (SCS); J. D. Misbach, R. G. Owen and Ed Kinsey (Commissioners); and D. H. Zentmire (Extension)

The program in charge of Misbach was approximately this:

Review of soil conservation education up to District formation - Zentmire
FMA's part in conservation - Denzler
Function and program of the District - Kinsey
Assistance from the Farm Planner - Bush
Drainage service from SCS - Fonken
How bankers can help a conservation program - Oak
Discussion - anybody

D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, Feb. 16, 1948

All commissioners were present plus Oak, Bush and Zentmire.

2-48-5 Farm plans as noted below were reviewed and approved by motion seconded and carried:

76 - C. F. Feller	290 acres
77 - H. Art Schwiebert	159
78 - H. Art Schwiebert	119
79 - H. G. Folkert	80
80 - Everett Brandt	120
81 - L. H. Brandt	120
82 - Karl W. Heitmann	320

Commissioners agreed that unless other suitable places were found, the entire 180 pounds of Fisher brome seed for increase purposes may be put on the Ed Kinsey farm.

The running calendar summary was completed for January.

The farm plans from other districts were reviewed in conjunction with Regional office criticisms and recommendations for those same farms.

Discussion of a training school in the county for Iowa County earth movers. Answers concerning their interest and possible attendance are to be secured from contractors.

Discussion of contouring training schools in the county. GI classes will have a series of demonstrations to which the public will be invited. SCS and Extension Service will fill in the vacant places.

Farmer-Sportsman Cooperative plan for wild life promotion discussed.

National convention of Soil District Commissioners is to be in Des Moines Feb 27 & 28.
Meeting adjourned.

Approved _____ 1948

D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Soil Conservation Service

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF ASSISTANCE

To: IOWA COUNTY Soil Conservation District, State of IOWA

for the period

February 15, 1948 to June 30, 1948

In accordance with the terms of the Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding between the Soil Conservation Service and the above-named Soil Conservation District, and in accordance with recent discussions between Service representatives and the District Commissioners, the following additional assistance for the period of _____, 194 to _____, 194, will be made available to the District during the above mentioned period, subject to the limitations outlined herein.

Species and Quantity

H2-10203-47 Fischer bromegrass seed 180 lbs.

1. The materials outlined herein are available for distribution with the concurrence of the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station as a part of the cooperative forage crops program undertaken jointly by the Soil Conservation Service, Bureau of Plant Industry and the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station.
2. These seed materials will be used by the District for the production of certified seed. To this end acceptance of these materials by the District is contingent upon its agreement to meet the requirements set forth in the rules and regulations of the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Association.
3. In using this seed as a part of the District work plan, the District will select farmer-district cooperators whose fields have suitable soil requirements and are free from noxious and secondary noxious weeds, and who will include in or amend their farmer-district agreements in compliance with the terms set forth in this supplemental schedule.

4. Farmer-district cooperators accepting this seed will agree to turn over to the District certain percentages of the total of the first two seed crops on the original acreage as may be determined by the District Commissioners, providing, however, that in no case shall less than twenty or more than thirty percent of the first two seed crops on the original acreage be returned to the District by the farmer-district cooperators.

5. The maximum quantity of any one strain to be distributed to any one farmer-district cooperator by the District Commissioners shall not exceed 100 pounds.

6. The farmer-district cooperators further agree that those fields which will not pass certification requirements of the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Association shall be cut for hay or utilized other than for seed production purposes, unless harvest for seed is approved by the District Commissioners.

7. The District agrees to redistribute all seed returned by the farmer-district cooperators, and to this end the District agrees that it will distribute such seed in accordance with the same policies as outlined in paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

8. In the event the seed returned to the District by farmer-district cooperators is not required in the furtherance of the District work plan, the District shall so advise the Soil Conservation Service which may at its discretion require the District to turn such seed over to the Soil Conservation Service for distribution in other soil conservation districts which may have need for such materials. In the event that the Soil Conservation Service has no need for these materials, it shall so advise the District, in which case no further returns need be made for the particular strains or species involved, and any such seeds on hand at such time may be disposed of by the District Governing Body for the purposes for which the District was established.

9. In the interests of obtaining a more widespread distribution of these new or improved species or strains this procedure will carry in effect for five years unless adequate distribution for the purposes of the District work plan has been obtained in a shorter period of time as outlined in the preceding paragraph.

10. This material is being made available in order to further the regularly approved work plan of the District and it is understood that the District will develop special arrangements with the farmer-district cooperators concerned covering the requirements by which this seed is being made available. A suggested amendment form for use with farmer-district cooperators will be made available.

(over)

Approved

Recommended

/s/ Frank H. Mendell
State Conservationist

E. L. Howard
District Conservationist

Date 3-16, 1948

Date 3-15, 1948

Concurred in:

Iowa County #55

Soil Conservation District

J. D. [unclear] Chairman, District Board of Commissioners

Date 3/15, 1948

The procedure as outlined in the attached Supplemental Schedule of Assistance for the Iowa County Soil Conservation District meets with the concurrence of the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station and the Iowa Agricultural Extension Service.

3/15/48
(Date)

[Signature]
County Agricultural Agent
for Iowa County

February 23, 1948
(Date)

/s/ H. H. Kildee
Director, Iowa Agricultural Extension Service

February 23, 1948
(Date)

/s/ R. E. Buchanan
Director, Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, March 15, 1948

All commissioners present plus Oak, Bush and Zentmire. Dr. A. H. Kraus and Wayne Stake attended to present a drainage petition.

3-48-6 Moved by Owen that the amendment to Kinseys farm plan providing for placing with him 180 pounds of Fisher brome seed for increase purposes and also the supplementat schedule of assistance for brome grass be approved, seconded by Kinsey and carried.

Bush made a progress report on the wild life aid on specific farms in cooperation with wild life conservation clubs. More yet to be done.

3-48-7 Moved by Kinsey, seconded by Owen and carried, that these reviewed farm plans be approved:

84 - Henry Uthoff.....120 A.
85 - H. M. Carter.....120 A.
86 - Paul H. Mueller.....160 A.

Kinsey reported his schedule for spring G.I. contour planning. Has 10 farms in 9 townships available for demonstrations to which the public will be invited. Townships are English, Hartford, Lenox, Lincoln, Marengo, Pilot, Sumner, Troy, Washington.

3-48-8 Petition for a new work group in Washington township was presented. It contains 8 farms totaling 1390 acres. Moved by Kinsey that the petition be approved and made Group 14, seconded by Owen and carried.

3-48-9 Petition for a new work group of 8 veterans I.O.F.T. students in 6 townships was presented. Moved by Owen that it be approved and made Group 15. Seconded by Kinsey and carried.

Petition presented by a group of 13 farmers in the area bordering Marengo on the south and south east asking for survey assistance and counsel concerning a drainage problem affecting their farms.

3-48-10 Moved by Kinsey that, since there are numerous places in Iowa County where drainage is a problem, the Iowa County Soil District program be amended to include service on drainage problems. Seconded by Owen and carried.

3-48-11 Moved by Owen that, since the Districts program recognizes drainage problems the District work plan be amended to permit the Commissioners to arrange for such service on cooperating farms whose owners' or operators' requests have been made through work groups. Seconded by Kinsey and carried.

3-48-12 Moved by Kinsey that the drainage petition presented be approved and made Group 16, seconded by Owen and carried.

Letter read from F. A. Fisher, SCS Regional office, concerning previous recommendations for the Faltinson farm. Discussion. No action required.

3-48-13 Letter read from Frank Mendell concerning the use of inquiry and appointment post cards to cooperators. Moved by Kinsey that the practice be approved for use to the extent that the farm planner considers them helpful. Seconded by Owen and carried.

Ten pounds of Ioreed Canary Grass seed is received for use on cooperators farms, 45 lbs. of Lincoln brome seed is yet to come. Arrangements to secure these seeds were made by Bush and Oak during the time between Commissioners meetings and these arrangements are approved by the Commissioners.

3-48-14 Moved by Kinsey that the District's allotment of Alta Fescue be claimed. Seconded by Owen and carried.

Oak announced the availability of a planners aid about April 1. Oak had requested his appointment to Iowa County.

Misbach reported briefly on his attendance at the national convention of soil district commissioners.

Misbach read a communication from "Friends of the Soil" urging emphasis on soil conservation events.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved _____ 1948

D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Ames, Iowa
March 26, 1948

Mr. J. D. Misbach, Chairman
District Commissioners
Iowa County Soil Conservation District
Williamsburg, Iowa

Dear Mr. Misbach:

It has been a pleasure to review your Annual Report for the year 1947 in spite of the fact that progress during the year was not entirely to your own satisfaction, as well as that of the other commissioners and the agencies assisting you.

We were very sorry that it was necessary for us to terminate the services of Mr. Howard Watkins on July 1st due to Congressional retrenchment. You were only one of some 25 or 30 Districts that suffered similar reductions in personnel last June. We were sorry not only because of the reduction, but because of the fact that it was necessary to terminate able men such as Howard Watkins who have displayed a great deal of ability in the field assigned to them.

Your acknowledgment of appreciation extended to those agencies who have assisted you during the year is very worthwhile in my opinion, and I am very happy to see them listed in your Annual Report. I am sure this recognition of their help and cooperation will do much to secure their continued activity in the conservation work in the future.

We are happy to note also from your report of the joint meetings of commissioners and the agencies assisting them in Keokuk, Johnson, Washington and Iowa counties. This is a good way to help each other understand the problems that are confronting the commissioners and also to observe how they are being handled in other Districts. These joint meetings were no doubt responsible for the cooperation that existed among all of the groups in connection with the contour plowing contest and field day held on the Gingerich farm near Wellman. The fact that you and the other commissioners secured enough contributions to conduct this contest and have money left over is most encouraging. You men are certainly to be congratulated on using your extra funds to provide a subscription to the magazine "Soil Conservation" for all contributors.

I have also been impressed with the program that has been initiated by Ed Kinsey in connection with the veteran students in his class. The contest that he has set up whereby the student who does the best job of controlling the gully and developing a grassed waterway will receive a prize, is one of the first that I have observed. Mr. Kinsey is certainly to be congratulated on this project and for contributing the purebred gilt as a top award for the G. I. who wins the contest. I shall be very much interested in following the results of this undertaking.

Mr. Misbach

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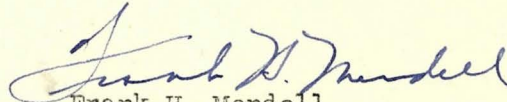
March 26, 1948

In spite of the progress that has been made during the past year it is quite sobering to note the statement near the close of your Annual Report to the effect that at the present rate of progress it would take 48 years to bring all farms in the District under complete conservation plans. It is even more sobering to note the following statement to the effect that before the 48th year has passed unchecked erosion and other abuses of land will have resulted in the destruction of many farms that we can ill afford to lose.

We in the Soil Conservation Service are continually looking for better ways and means of speeding up the adoption of conservation on the land. I am sure that if you have any comments or suggestions as to how with the help that is available we can do a better job or help others to make a greater contribution to the program, we shall appreciate receiving them.

Congratulations on the progress you have made to date, and may we wish you the best of luck for getting more conservation on the land in 1948.

Very truly yours,


Frank H. Mendell
State Conservationist

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Williamsburg, April 14, 1948

Meeting called to order by the chairman with all commissioners present plus Oak, Bush and Zentmire.

M. J. Carney, a non-cooperator asked for Bush's help in laying drainage lines preparatory to machine tiling job on his farm. To him was given the suggestion that he have the tiler run the lines because Bush is very busy with cooperators requests.

W. E. Ashby, Game Conservationist, explained the state plan for establishing game cover on farms in cooperation with local farmers, local fish and game clubs and the soil conservation district. He asked for this districts approval of and signature on the cover agreement with Cornelius and Fred Faltinson.

4-48-15 Moved by Kinsey that the offer of cooperation from the State Game Conservation Commission and the local game club be accepted and that the agreement for the Faltinson farm be approved. Seconded by Owen and carried.

Farm plans for these cooperators were reviewed and signed by the chairman.
No. 87 - Glen Schwiebert No. 90 - Wm. C. Nace - 160 A. (Lester farm)
88 - Elmer Schulte 92 - Byron Goldthwaite - 80 A. (Lenox)
89 - Cecil Schrader - 120 A.

4-48-16 Moved by Owen that these farms be added to the work groups indicated:
W. J. McDonald to No. 5, John C. Ohland to No. 2, Wm. L. Peshek and Byron Goldthwaite to No. 14. Seconded by Kinsey and carried.

Marengo drainage project (Group 16) has been reviewed by Engineer Fonken. Being over 1000 acres in size, the project must be referred to the Milwaukee regional office. That has been done.

Kinsey reported that the G.I. boys have begun their gully control work without the preliminary inspections because drafting the contest rules has developed into a complicated job, the boys are busy and the committee has been too busy to make inspections.

Supplemental schedules of assistance to provide 50 pounds of Alta fescue and 10 pounds of Ioreed Canary grass seeds were signed.

A letter from Frank Meridell, State Conservationist, concerning this District's 1947 annual report was read and made a part of these minutes.

Names of several dirt-moving machine operators were added to Bush's list for Extension Director Kildee.

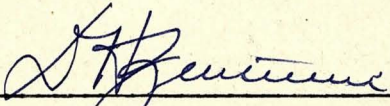
4-48-17 Moved by Kinsey that a Conservation Construction Record (printed form) be adopted for use with machine contractors. Seconded by Owen and carried.

Discussion of a field conservation day on September 11, probably on the Carl Anderson farm near Wellman.

Robert Lord of Brooklyn, an ex-SCS employee now in the conservation construction business in Poweshiek County, appeared to explain his available service. A working agreement with him was prepared and signed.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved _____ 1948



D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Williamsburg, May 17, 1948

All commissioners present plus Oak, Bush, Miss. Ethel Weeler from the D.C. office, N. W. Widmer and Zentmire. Widmer reported today for work as planners aid.

Minutes of the meeting of April 14 were read and approved.

5-48-18 Moved by Kinsey that the wild life conservation plan for the Erwin W. Langlas farm, prepared in cooperation with the state game conservation commission, the Marengo fish and game club and the soil conservation district be approved and signed by the chairman. Seconded and carried.

The Regional office reported its preliminary approval of the request from the Marengo drainage group #16, including a letter of suggestions from John Glass. Next process is for Tonken to make a preliminary survey.

Discussion of plans for the G.I. gully control project, including July inspection by the committee, a field day on soil conservation in July, probably the 24th on Kinseys farm beginning with a picnic dinner and a later program. In case of rain a hall will be used.

A summary of contour lining demonstrations showed 1643 acres involved in the 13 meetings attended by 128 people.

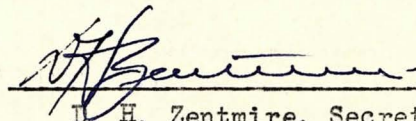
Goodyear Soil Conservation program state banquet set for September 9 but conflicts with the Des Moines Tribune Conservation field day so one change must be made.

Farm plan 93, Lacy Doty, 160 acres, was approved.

5-48-19 Moved by Kinsey that this group send a congratulatory letter to K. ^{M.} Wagner concerning his appointment to the Iowa Soil Conservation Committee. Seconded and carried.

Kinsey was instructed to subscribe to the Soil Conservation magazine to be sent to Paul Sacco, Diocesan Director of Agriculture, St. Ambrose College, Davenport.

Meeting adjourned.


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

Approved _____ 1948

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Williamsburg, June 21, 1948

All Commissioners present plus Howard Oak, R. H. Bush, N. W. Widmer and Howard Watkins.

Meeting called to order by Misbach at 9:20.

Minutes of the meeting of May 17 read and approved with K. M. Wagner's initials being corrected.

Instructions given by Committee to check and see if K. M. Wagner was sent a letter of congratulations.

Ed Kinsey reported on finances of district and has some \$53.00 plus on hand after all known bills were paid. There being some \$25.00 collected from contractors to date.

Work report was given by Bush and letter from Paul Sacco read thanking the Iowa County Committee for subscription to Soil Conservation magazine.

6-48-20 Ed Kinsey moved and Dick Owens seconded that Bush contact Zentmire and see that publicity be given for Soil Conservation week, especially on Ed Kinsey's and Ralph Bush's transcriptions for broadcasts and their aeroplane trip over the county.

H. Oak and R. Bush gave a joint report on trip to the pasture farm demonstration at Albia, June 15, 1948.

Ed Kinsey gave outline of program for field day to be held July 24, 1948, states that Mr. and Mrs. Mendell both are to be present and that Chuck Worchester is planning on broadcasting part of the program.

H. Oak suggested that a letter to Co-operators be sent every 3 months by the committee with some business house sponsoring them, letter to give timely suggestion on Conservation work.

Every one was urged to be at the meeting of Extension and Soil Conservation organizations Thursday June 24, 1948, to be held in Federal Building, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

6-48-21 Motion was made by Ed Kinsey and seconded by Dick Owen that the District thank the 4-H Club Committee for space in the Premium booklet for Soil Conservation advertising.

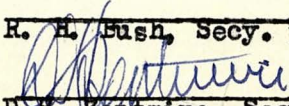
6-48-22 Motion was made by Dick Owen and seconded by Ed Kinsey that Secretary send a letter of thanks to Washington District for their being hosts at the four county picnic held Sunday June 20, 1948.

Considerable time was spent in making it clear to the work unit conservationist, Bush, that they expected a more detailed work report from his office, and that the matter of publicity should be his duty as well as that of the extension directors, That probably some personal contacts with the papers would help to some extent.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 by Kinsey, saying he had to go, and left.

Approved _____ 1948

R. H. Bush, Secy. protem


D. H. Zentmire, Secy.

Wellman, Iowa
July 1, 1948

Mr. Frank Mendell
State Conservator
Soil Conservation Service
Ames, Iowa

Copy

Dear Mr. Mendell:

The District Commissioners in Iowa, Johnson, Keokuk, and Washington Counties met at Wellman, Iowa, the evening of June 30, to give consideration to your letter and request of June 29, concerning our District Conservationist.

We wish to list the number of reasons why this group wishes to retain Howard Oak as our District Conservationist. In your letter of the 29th, you suggested that we list reasons for our decision in this matter. We had 100% attendance of commissioners from each county and again we had expression from the entire group that we wish to retain Mr. Oak in this territory. The reasons are as follows:

1. Mr. Oak has the ability to work with people and to inspire people to work with him.
2. Mr. Oak has ability to organize his work groups and get them to assume the responsibility of district operation.
3. It is to Mr. Oak's credit that the four districts, in their commissioner's meetings the past year, had only six absences out of a possible total attendance of 108. Reasons for the six absences were sickness and emergency.
4. The commissioners in these four districts are primarily concerned with saving our soil, and we are sure that we have the man in Howard Oak, who is helpful to us in getting the job done.
5. Our field day at North English last season proved Mr. Oak's ability to organize and promote further soil conservation. We are planning a field day this season and would dislike very much to interrupt the harmony of this group.
6. We feel the first four items that you enumerated in your letter concerning both of the men involved, would fit the situation of each man somewhat equally.

The Soil Conservation Service has been accused by various other

groups that the District Commissioners have no particular authority in operating their local program. This group understands that we, as commissioners, have authority over our district personnel and farm planners under Iowa District law. For the best interest of our districts, we request Howard Oak be retained.

In your letter of the 29th, you also asked for reasons why Mr. Boatman could not return and do a good job of soil conservation. Here are a few reasons which we wish to submit:

1. The districts feel Mr. Boatman is not a leader, but is more dictatorial in his method of working through districts.
2. In one of the districts, Mr. Boatman provoked a poor working relationship which might still be a factor in district harmony.
3. Mr. Boatman, when in our area, did not acquaint the district commissioners of their duties and responsibilities of operation of the program. Therefore, we feel the work did not progress as it should have.

Respectfully yours,

District Commissioners from Iowa, Johnson, Keokuk and Washington
Counties, Iowa

cc: R. H. Musser, Regional Conservator, Soil Conservation Service,
4400 North Port Washington Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
H. H. Bennett, Soil Conservation Service, Washington 25, D. C.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Williamsburg, July 19, 1948

All commissioners present plus Bush, Widmer and Zentmire. Minutes of the June 21st. meeting were read and approved without change. Treasurer reported a balance of \$75.57.

7-48-23 Moved by Kinsey that the \$3 membership dues in the Iowa State Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners for each of Iowa County's commissioners be paid from local District funds. Seconded by Misbach and carried.

By unanimous consent the farms of A. H. Kraus (226 A. on Hilton Creek), Ferdinand Teggatz (160 A.) and Fred Koenig (136 A.) were added to Work Group 2.

Bush reported 80 hours on planning, chiefly with the Amana Society farms; additional time on yearly records and reports, cooperative time with the G.I. conservation field day program, contractors agreements and farm planning.

Contractors agreements approved with A. N. Wilson, Belle Plaine; G. M. George, Keswick; and Hibler and McKinley, Oskaloosa.

7-48-24 The group reviewed the Jake Roemig farm plan and approved it by a motion seconded and carried.

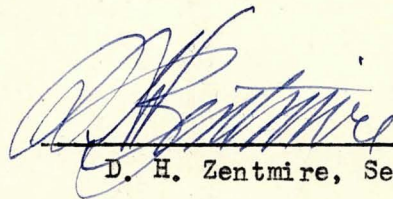
Committee assignments for the second 4-County field day were reviewed and the rules reviewed briefly.

7-48-25 Moved that this District enter the 1948-49 Goodyear Soil Conservation Award program. Seconded and carried.

Kinsey reviewed plans for the G.I. conservation field day July 24.

The Yoder-Hochstettler pond proposal was reported briefly by Bush. Nothing for the Commissioners to do until Yoder and Hochstettler enter into agreement with the District.

Meeting adjourned.



D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

Approved _____ 1948

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, August 16, 1948

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Misbach. All commissioners were present plus Oak, Bush and Denzler.

Application of Cloyd Fuller, North English, to enter plowing contest was approved.

There was a discussion of the Good Year Contest Banquet to be held in Des Moines, September 7, 1948.

Bush was made responsible for seeing that the local contestants: S. F. Sherman, Henry Morse and Allen Evans, went and for their arrangements for going.

Jesse Misbach read a letter from Goodyear Corporation; also a letter from Mendell concerning change in personnel of the district office.

The commissioners approved taking the Mary L. Pittman 120 acres in Dayton Township into Group #6.

Plans for service of personnell for coming year in Iowa County: one farm planner, one soil planner helper, and necessary soils surveying. Each district furnished two referees for field day September 11. Bush is to make these arrangements.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Approved 9/20/1948

R. H. Bush, Secretary

4-COUNTY SOIL FIELD DAY

Financial Statement
October 1, 1948

Receipts

Iowa County.....	\$217.50	(Also an unknown amount of gasoline donated by Iowa County Farm Bureau Service Company)
Johnson County.....	172.50	
Keokuk County.....	168.50	
Washington County.....	275.50	
Total		\$834.00

Disbursements

Date	To Whom	For What	Amount
Sept. 11	R. G. Owen	Queen's cash	\$20.00
	Washington School Band	music	30.00
	Joe Mather	contestant	60.00
	Chas. R. Bond	contestant	40.00
	Wm. R. Spratt	contestant	30.00
	Don J. Dillon	contestant	20.00
	Bruce Taylor	contestant	20.00
	Cloyd C. Fuller	contestant	20.00
	Emil Novy	contestant	20.00
	James F. Lutz	contestant	20.00
15	Johnson County Democrat	Programs	87.95
	Pioneer Republican	sashes, stickers, ribbons	15.56
	Paul Boetcher	material	14.60
	Homer Vincent	material	10.92
	H. Howard Oak	material	1.84
	Howard Anderson	material	.61
	Frank Andrews	P.A. system	25.00
Total			\$436.48
Balance			\$397.52

Distribution of Balance

County	Total Contribution	Share of Expense	Balance for County
Iowa County	\$217.50	\$109.12	\$108.38
Johnson County	172.50	109.12	63.38
Keokuk County	168.50	109.12	59.38
Washington County	275.50	109.12	166.38
Total	\$834.00	\$436.48	\$397.52

Report submitted by Ed Kinsey, 4-County Field Day Treasurer

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE

All of them in Conference
District Commissioner

Address _____

Iowa County
Soil Conservation District

I
1. District Administration:

Do you believe that since a Soil Conservation District is a subdivision of the State Government, that the State should provide the office space for each soil conservation District?

This is a function of SCS

Yes _____ No X

2. Should the State Legislature pass a law requiring the county to furnish office space for each soil conservation district?

This is a function of SCS

Yes _____ No X

3. Some of the clerical work done in a district involves district administration. A more than necessary portion of the technicians time is spent on clerical work which could be done by an office girl. As each district becomes older the number of cooperators and office callers increases. Should the State furnish funds to hire office help to keep each county soil conservation district office open full time?

Yes _____ No X Half time? Yes X No _____

II
State Aid for Soil Conservation Districts:

1. Do you believe that the State should supplement funds of the Soil Conservation Service for hiring of additional technicians?

Yes _____ No X

2. Should the State purchase equipment for districts to do soil conservation work? Yes _____ No X

3. Should the State make available funds for hiring additional technicians on a part time basis during rush layout seasons?

Yes _____ No X

4. Should the State make funds available for district commissioner's expenses? Yes X No _____

5. It has been suggested that the State match federal funds provided through the Soil Conservation Service in Iowa?

Yes _____ No X

6. Do you have any other suggestions for obtaining additional technical help?

Increase salaries so the positions are more attractive

III SOIL CONSERVATION EDUCATION

1. Is there need for additional soil conservation education help in your district? Yes X No
2. If so do you need one man for every soil conservation district? Yes No X Every four districts Yes X No X
3. What are your suggestions for additional educational help? *Arrange With State Board of Education for college credit for teachers who spend a week or more ~~under~~ intensive instruction in soil conservation, change college curricula to include more conservation work for agricultural students.*

IV LAND USE LEGISLATION

A number of states have land use regulation paragraphs in their soil conservation district laws. Iowa does not. A few Flood Control Projects are being held up because someone right in the key spot in the sub-watershed has refused to go along on the project. Also there is a need to protect some of these expensive investments made by the public. Would you be in favor of land use legislation which would be entirely locally controlled with at least 90% in favor of a regulation before it could be adopted? Yes X No

V EQUIPMENT

1. Do you believe that soil conservation equipment should be owned and operated by the district or let the work be done entirely by private contractors? Yes No X
Some lawyer must have framed this question and the answer form. Read them and laugh. Contractors should do the work with District Cooperation.
2. Do you believe that the district should operate equipment when private contractors do not have the right kind of equipment to do the job? Yes No X
If there is justifiable demand, contractors will invest. Then train them.

VI GENERAL

1. How many additional farm plans do you think could be written if an additional technician were assigned to your district? *Perhaps double, Depends much on individuals,*
Number
 2. At the present time it is illegal to use county road building equipment on private land. This law prevents the county from sloping grade banks properly and also the use of the right kind of structures! Would you favor having this law amended to allow this to be done? Yes X No
 3. Should the drainage district law be changed to put the administration of these districts under the Soil Conservation District Commissioners? Yes No X
- "Any other comments will be welcome on the back of this page!"

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg Sept 20, 1948

Meeting called to order by the chairman with all commissioners attending plus Oak, Davis, Bush, Widmer and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meeting of August 16 was read and approved.

Howard Oak pronounced his benediction on his work with this District and introduced Wm. G. Davis, the new District Conservationist. Davis expressed assurance that working relationships would be pleasant and profitable, stating that the D. C. job is new to him and he has to learn as he goes.

9-48-26 Moved by Kinsey that subscriptions to the "Soil Conservationist" for Bush and Zentmire be paid from District funds. Seconded and carried.

Bush reported work for the month: 4800 ft. of tile, 1000 cu. yd. pond, new work group in Fillmore ready to go, diversion terrace on Glider farm, surveyed pond on Eash farm, 3000 ft. of waterways and diversion terraces on Amana, outlined pasture terraces and improvement program on Coover farm for G.I. program, terraces for Sherman.

9-48-27 Discussion of new work groups in Fillmore and in Washington-Hilton. Moved by Kinsey that the Fillmore area be made Work Group 3¹⁷₆ and the Washington-Hilton area be made Work Group 1₈. Seconded and carried.

State Soil Conservation Committee questionnaire about District operation and finance read, studied and answered. Copy included here.

Letter from Chuck Worcester read commending the 4-county field day.

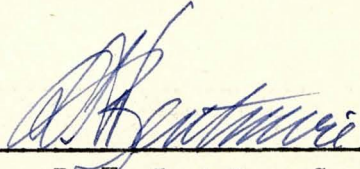
Kinsey explained more about his G.I. pasture improvement contest. Ditch filling to begin right away in preparation for the demonstration.

Kinsey has been asked to lead a panel discussion in the state meeting of commissioners October 6, the discussion relating to the question of comparative merits of education and legislation to secure more soil conservation.

Approval given to plan to give rural teachers academic credit for a summer period of intensive work on soil conservation. Davis asked to carry that request to those at higher conservation program level.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 10/18 1948


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, October 18, 1948

Meeting called to order with all commissioners attending plus
Wm. G. Davis, Bush, Widmer and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meeting of September 30 were read and approved.

Discussion of results from the state meeting of district commissioners
October 5 and 6. Total attendance very small. Panel discussion led by
Kinsey went off okay, emphasizing the need for soils education supplemented
by judicious legislation.

Discussion of special conservation work in 1949. On the docket now
are G.I. class days, 4-H project, fall field day and emergency events that
may appear.

Commissioners suggestions for the annual report will be supplied at
the November meeting.

During the month Bush has planned for Amanas, Gibbens, Fedderson,
terraces for Fedderson, contour layouts for several and a pond.

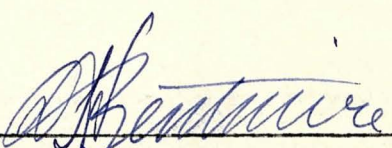
Letter read from Hawk concerning orchard grass, alta fescue, reed
canary grass and ladino clover seeding tests. S.C.S. can furnish orchard
grass and fescue seeds, farmer to supply reed canary and ladino clover.
Amana Society approved by commissioners as host for this trial.

Farm plan #98 on Fedderson farm is to be sent to the area office
for examination.

Bush described progress of planning on J. D. Gibbens farm. This
plan, #94, was approved by commissioners.

10-48-28 By motion the G. M. George 45 acres in Dayton was added to Group 6.

Meeting adjourned.


D. E. Zentmire, Secretary

Approved 11-13

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes Of Commissioners Meeting

Williamsburg, Nov.15, 1948

Meeting was called to order by the chairman with all commissioners present plus Davis, Bush and Widmer. Zentmire was in Des Moines.

Minutes of the meeting of October 10 were read and approved.

Discussion concerning the opportunity to get 100 pounds of birds-foot trefoil for experimental purposes, also to get enough alta fescue for a 5 acre experimental planting.

Four-county commissioners meeting will be Tuesday, November 30, at the Gobble Inn, Wellman, from 10 a.m. to about 3:30 p.m. Turkey dinner will be \$1.50 per plate.

Annual report discussion continued to next meeting. Program chart to be brought up to date before the December meeting.

Suggestions for coordination in developing a county extension education program in soil conservation postponed to the December meeting when the county extension director will be present.

Progress report given by Bush: 2 book reviews on Malabar Farm, 4-H meeting in Iowa township, farm plans for S. S. Swain, Noble Brockschink, W. A. Gabriel, Dean Humphrey, Marvin Humphrey, J. C. Rank, Robert M. Hedges, plus the seven Amana farms; 35 agreements to date, 110 in the county.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approved 12-20-1948

N. W. Widmer
N. W. Widmer, Acting Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, Dec. 20, 1948

Meeting called to order by the chairman with all commissioners present, plus Bush, Widmer and Zentmire. Minutes of the November 15th meeting were read and approved.

Progress report charts were posted and discussed.

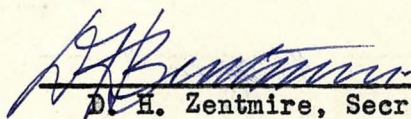
12-4829 Moved by Owen that since the Commissioners who can attend the Mississippi Valley Association meeting in Ames have already attended once or more, then Henry G. Morse be elected delegate and E. J. Schmuecker alternate. Seconded by Kinsey and carried.

Letter from Musser concerning a flood survey was read. Kinsey has a situation that will answer the request so he was asked to prepare a statement concerning the watershed in which his farm is located.

Progress report by Bush indicated the annual report is using more than the ordinary amount of time; he has had some leave because of a family health situation; total of 35 farm plans made in the year, 7 of which are the Amana Society farms that are the equivalent of about 150 ordinary farms.

Iowa County will be host to the 4-county commissioners meeting about February 21. David Dohrmann is to be asked for a part on the program.

Discussion of the annual report not yet written. The chairman was instructed to sign it when it is completed and typed.


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

Approved 1-17 1949

CROSS REFERENCE FOR SCD MINUTES

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MOTION</u>
3-49-1	Basic Plans Approved
3-49-2	Transfers and Additions in Work Groups Be Made
3-49-3	Names on Commissioners Petitions
4-49-4	Names Added to Work Groups
4-49-5	Names of Work Group Members Filed in an Inactive List
4-49-6	Basic Plans Cancelled
4-49-7	Basic Plans Approved
5-49-8	Law Changed in District Commissioners Election
5-49-9	Audit Treasurer's Account
5-49-10	Ex-officio Commissioner Appointed
5-49-11	Farm Added to Work Group 3
6-49-12	Buy Film for District
6-49-13	Appoint District Chairman
8-49-14	Hire Plane & Pilot for Photographs During Flowing Contest
8-49-15	Contractor Work Approved
9-49-16	Thank You Letter to Be Written
9-49-17	Letter of Appreciation to Be Written
9-49-18	Provide Reception Committee Next Year
9-49-19	Contribute for Gift for Miss Willer
9-49-20	Farm Added to Work Group 3
9-49-21	Substitutes be Sent to State District Commissioners Meeting
9-49-22	Plan of Operations Reviewed Toward End of Year
9-49-23	Farm Kept on Active List
9-49-24	Outstanding Bills Paid
9-49-25	2 New and 2 Renewed Subscriptions to "Soil Conservation"
10-49-26	Pictures Enlarged of Field Day for Display
10-49-27	2 Subscriptions Renewed to "Soil Conservation"
10-49-28	1950 District Dues Paid
10-49-29	Farm to be Mapped and Planned
11-49-30	Conservation Scrapbook and Essay Contest for Elementary Grades
11-49-31	Basic Plan Approved
11-49-32	Work Groups 19 and 20 Approved
11-49-33	District Checks sent to District Secretary
12-49-34	Basic Plan Approved

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, Jan. 17, 1949

Meeting called to order by the chairman with all commissioners present plus Davis, Bush, Widmer and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meeting of December 20 were read and approved.

Annual report is to be written soon.

Goals for 1949 were presented, discussed and adopted as follows: contouring 2370 acres; strip cropping 104 acres, pasture improvement 168 acres, woodland management 20 acres, farm ponds 2, terraces 3.7 miles, diversion terraces 1 mile, closed drains 19100 feet, open drains 1320 feet, structures 2, constructed waterways 19100 lineal feet, new work groups 4, 38 more farm plans on 6080 acres.

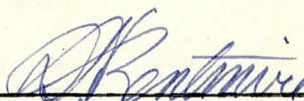
Henry Morse reported on the program of the Mississippi Valley Association.

The 4-county commissioners meeting is to be at the Coffman Cafe in North English February 21. The program will include Secretary David Dohrmann on legislation, Davis on flood control, Ken Wagner and Frank Mendell on their own choices of subjects, Kinsey on watershed and pasture improvement and a discussion on how to improve the 4-county field day.

Discussion of soil conservation credit classes for teachers. Davis instructed to learn whether such can be done.

Farm plans for Henry Schmuecker (83), Jake Roemig (111), and James Sauter (112) were approved.

Meeting adjourned.


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

Approved _____ 1949

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
North English, Feb. 21, 1949

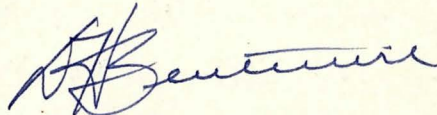
Attending were Misbach, Kinsey, Bush, Widmer and Zentmire. With the 4-County commissioners meeting soon to open, this business meeting was short. *R. G. Owen arrived later.*

These farm plans were inspected and approved as presented:

113 - Arthur H. Schultz	118 - W. J. McDonald, Jr.
114 - W. H. Vette	119 - Harry Heitman
115 - Mrs. J. R. Wallace	120 - Fred L. Wardenburg
116 - Evan Schulte	121 - S. S. Swain--Gerald Newberry
117 - Robert Wallace	122 - Van Nevel Brothers

Meeting adjourned for the quarterly meeting of the 4-County commissioners.

Approved _____ 1949



D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Williamsburg, March 21, 1949

Meeting called to order by the chairman with all commissioners present plus Davis, Bush, Widmer and Zentmire.

3-49-1 These farm plans were inspected and on motion seconded and carried were approved:

123 - Carl L. Lantz	127 - Aldine Gingerich
124 - Wayne K. Stake	128 - Walter Hudepohl
125 - Dr. A. H. Kraus	129 - Lon Bigbee
126 - J. P. Gaffney & John H. Schlesselman	130 - Chas. Hedges & Robert N. Wieneke

3-49-2 Moved, seconded and carried that these transfers and additions in work groups be made:

Robert Hedges from Group 13 to Group 4, Roy Yoder to Group 11, Wm. Rusbult to Group 10, Orville and Howard Horras to Group 13.

Bush reported for February: completed 8 farm plans, 4 publicity stories printed and more written, did work on planning soil conservation course for rural teachers credit, Amana Society will entertain the 4-county fall field day, met with county USDA Council and was elected chairman, held 5 informational meetings, planned these trial plots on Amana land: forage variety tests, wet ground seeding, sandy ground seeding with rates of liming.

Davis reported an interview with Hew Roberts on teacher's credit course; new pick-up coming to Iowa County; progress analysis.

H. D. Hughes forage crop letter presented suggesting subscriptions for the letter. Affirmative action not taken.

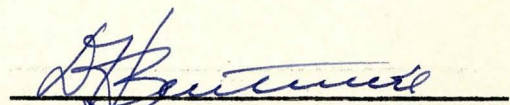
A contour training school was arranged for March 28 on the Les Bell farm for representatives from SCS, AAA, V.A. and Extension.

Wes Ashby appeared with cooperators memoranda in the wild life conservation program. Moved by Owen that the chairman be instructed to sign the necessary papers for replacing trees on the Faltinson wild life conservation area and for a new wild life conservation area sponsored by the Ladora Game Club. Seconded and carried.

Discussion of SCS commissioner election. Secretary was asked to contact Chuck wooster as speaker for the event early in June.

3-49-3 Moved by Kinsey that H. G. Morse and E. J. Simsⁿⁿ be contacted to permit names on commissioners petitions. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned.


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

Approved 4-18- 1949

IOWA SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, April 18, 1949

Present were Commissioners Misbach and Owen, Personnel Davis, Bush, Widmer and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meeting of March 21 were read and approved. Letter read from G. M. George telling of his further inability to do conservation contract work.

4-48-4 Moved by Owen, seconded by Misbach and carried, that these names be added to the indicated work groups: Lloyd Pope to 13; John D. Garringer, W. J. Good, Fred J. E. Miller all to 17; Connor and Naughton to 11.

4-48-5 Bush presented list of named of work group members who haven't shown enough sustained interest to develop plans. Moved by Owen, seconded and carried, that accordingly these applications be filed in an inactive list for use at such time as their interest justifies further assistance:

- Group 1 - Von W. Jones (moved to far west)
- Group 2 - A. Lillie, R. A. Simmons, S. P. Chimpanis, C. A. Gieskieng (deceased)
- Group 3 - F. R. Blythe, H. F. Witte, J. J. Monnett Estate
- Group 4 - L. B. Churchill
- Group 5 - John J. Cahill
- Group 6 - Alfred Wyant, Chester Erteld, Elmer Erteld, E. B. Warner, Albert Rauch.
- Group 7 - Emil Svoboda, Jacob Rosdail, Emil Votroubek, Otto Melsa, John C. Miller, Broz Brothers, H. W. Bierman
- Group 8 - Wm. Stevens
- Group 13- J. W. Torrence (sold), M. M. Hitchcock (sold)

A letter telling of this action will be mailed to each man.

4-48-6 Bush presented another list of plan owners whose death or removal justifies cancellation of cooperative agreement. Moved by Owen that these plans be cancelled: Plan No. 17 F. G. Turner (deceased), 44 Martin E. Paulson (sold), 49 E. E. Goodman (sold), 52 Geo. V. Fiser (sold), 62 Carl Lester (sold), 91 Hal Trosky (sold, 97 Robert Hedges (sold).

4-48-7 These farm plans were reviewed and on motion seconded and carried, were approved and the chairman signed: 131 - Homer Kirkpatrick; 132 - Joe W. Erb; 133 - Wm. N. Eash; 134 - Geo. H. Berry; 135 - James C. Hotka;

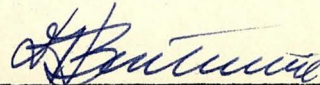
Bush reported: trial seedings on 40 x 40 plots at Amana; 5 farms planned, mostly in conjunction with lay-out work; layed contours on 409 acres; strip crop lay-out 84 acres; pasture improvement seeding 238 acres; terrace construction 3450 feet; 2 demonstrations; 2 night meetings; 2 news stories; trip to Cedar Falls working on conservation credit course for teachers; 1/2 day on Evans farm on tile lay-out that resulted in request for a farm plan.

Davis reported on a letter from Milwaukee concerning teacher conservation training and offering assistance from the regional office.

James J. Wallace announced as speaker for the June 6th election meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 5-16 - 1949


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, May 16, 1949

All commissioners present plus Davis, Bush and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meeting of April 18 were read approved without change. Plans for the district commissioner election and program June 6 were reviewed. Judges and tellers named are Ray Maschmann, James Hartz Jr. and Mervin Guehrn.

5-49-8 Moved by Kinsey that the secretary write the state soil conservation committee that the law should be changed so that an interested tenant can vote in a district commissioner election. Seconded by Owen and carried.

5-49-9 Moved by Owen that an auditing committee reviews the treasurers accounts and report about the time the new commissioner takes office (June 22). Seconded by Kinsey and carried.

5-49-10 Moved by Kinsey that Misbach be made an ex-officio commissioner. Seconded by Owen and carried.

Supplemental Schedule of Assistance for the grass seedings made on the land at Amana, West and Homestead signed by Chairman Misbach and County Extension Director Zentmire.

Discussed the need for additional mapping. We seem to be in good supply now.

Commissioners approved farm plan 136 - Orlo Buswell.

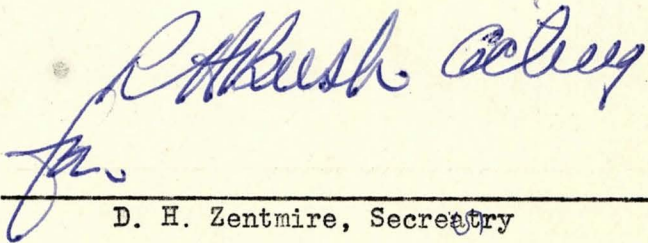
5-49-11 Moved that A. H. Evans farm in Hilton be added to work group 3. Seconded and carried.

Discussed work progress and distribution of technicians time.

Bush reported his last months work: contouring established-355 acres, pasture improvement-51 acres, farm drainage-90 acres, tile line established-21602 linear feet, prevention of grazing damage-100 acres, waterways established-14950 linear feet, educational meetings-1, other meetings-4, news articles-6, plans written 1 for 160 acres.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 6-22 1949


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Record of Biennial Election
Williamsburg, June 6, 1949
Presbyterian Church

Two candidates: Henry G. Morse and E. J. Sinn, both of Pilot township, were officially nominated as candidates for commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of J. D. Misbach who was not a candidate for reelection.

With Richard D. Schumacher and Mervin H. Guern^h as judges and Wallace D. Smith as clerk of the election board, 25 farm owners voted. They gave Henry G. Morse 16 votes and E. J. Sinn 9 votes.

The election followed an illustrated description of the work being done by Iowa State College on its 12 Foundation Farms, manager James J. Wallace presenting the story. The farms are badly depleted farms that are operated on a self sustaining and self improving basis. Wallace's story is one of soil management, farm business management and tenant family reinspection and rejuvenation. It is the hope of the Foundation trustees that the tenants may eventually buy the farms they operate and that has already been done in a few cases.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Williamsburg, June 22, 1949

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A. M. with all commissioners present plus Davis, Bush and Widmer.

Minutes of the last meeting read, one correction, Prevention of grazing damage - 100 acres was omitted in report by Bush.

6-49-12

Motion made and seconded that the District buy the films for the Conservation pictures and Ed Kinsey supply the camera for the District.

The treasurer, Ed Kinsey reported the balance on hand at the present date was \$265.09. Total expenses and purposes of checks read and records approved by committee.

6-49-13

Motion made by D. Owens and seconded by J. Misbach that Ed Kinsey be appointed Chairman of the District. Motion Carried.

Report of Teachers Training Program in Iowa County given by R. H. Bush. It is reported that there will be two hours of Class Work for 10 consecutive weeks on Fridays, to start on the 10th of September, and there will be either 4 hours field work on Saturdays for 5 Saturdays or 2 hours field work on Saturdays for 10 weeks.

Report on State Appropriation give by William G. Davis. Nothing definite, just in the stage of Speculation, probably something official on it at the four County Commissioners meeting July 10th.

Four County Commissioners meeting set for July 10th, at Wellman, Iowa at the Gobble Inn, to be there precisely at noon or somewhere thereabouts, and bring the families.

Field Day to be discussed at 4-County Picnic.

Publicity was written by R. H. Bush on Soil Conservation for Soil Conservation Week to be printed in local papers. Radio publicity was given by W.G.Davis to local station in his area.

These four farm plans were inspected and a motion seconded and carried were approved:

Plan #137	Orville K. Ruegsegger,	Greene Twsp.	160 Acres
138	D. I. Ruegsegger,	Greene Twsp.	240 Acres
139	Harold Stutzman	Greene Twsp.	91 Acres
140	G. A. Ruegsegger	Greene Twsp.	160 Acres

Also had three amendments to three Farm Plans approved:

Plan #9	R. G. Owens	6,000 L. F. Tile, benefited 20 acres in field 1 & 2.
15	C. D. Rumphe	2,900 L. F. Tile, benefited 10 acres in field 1.
24	Ray Kelly	1,411 L. F. Tile, benefited 19 acres in field 6 & 8.

Progress Chart posted by W. G. Davis.

Showed slides taken in Iowa County.

Meeting adjourned 11:15 - by majority consent.

Approved 1949

R. H. Bush, Acting Secretary

SCORE CARD
for awards to
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan
Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin

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FOR PERFORMANCE BETWEEN JULY 1, 1948 AND JUNE 30, 1949

		Rate	Points Score
I. Administration (Stewardship by the District Board)	350 points		
To be filled in by the district governing body.	<u>306</u>		
A. Business Affairs and Activities.			
1.a. Regularly scheduled board meetings (such as the 1st Monday, 2nd Thursday, etc.) Yes or No. (10 points if yes, none if no.)	10	10	
b. Number of board meetings-1 point per meeting	20	12	
2. Adequate minutes maintained by the board. Yes or No.	25	25	
3. Adequate Bookkeeping system in operation. Yes or No.	10	5	
4. Assignment of responsibilities by the Board. This will include such things as the responsibility for field and office equipment, distribution of materials, publicity, etc. (5 points per member with definite responsibility.)	25	25	
5. A meeting program planned in advance for board meetings and prepared by a member of the board who advises the other members in advance of the program. Yes or No.	20	10	
6. Regular procedure established for board's review and action on all applications and agreements to be entered into by the district with farmers and cooperating agencies. Yes or No.	20	20	
7. Board meetings conducted according to a regular and orderly procedure. Yes or No.	15	15	
8. Annual report written by the <u>Board members</u> . Yes or No.	25	25	
B. Leadership of the Board Members.			
1. Percentage of attendance at board meetings $1\frac{1}{2}$ point per 10 percent of attendance.	15	14	
2. Percent of Board members having complete farm conservation plans in effect on their own farms. 5 points for every 10 percent.	50	50	
3. Number of farmer tours, civic club discussions, radio broadcasts, newspaper articles, etc. conducted or prepared by board members, 3 points for meetings and tours, 2 points for news stories and radio broadcasts.	50	50	

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| 4. Inter-district cooperation. State and area meetings, tours, etc., between and with other districts. 5 points per inter-district activity. | 25 | 25 |
| 5. Developing new and effective techniques. This includes such activities as the appointment of assistant or advisory governing body members, having new cooperators meet with the board before farm conservation plans are approved, visits by board members to cooperators' farms to check on progress of work, etc. 5 points per effective technique. | 30 | 10 |
| 6. Annual meeting of cooperators. Yes or No. | 10 | 10 |

II. Speeding the present and future work-acquainting rural and urban people with the need for and the approach to conservation. 275 points. To be filled in by the district governing body.

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A. Through sight.

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| 1. Farm conservation tours for farm people. 1 point per tour. | 15 | 5 |
| 2. Conservation demonstrations for farm people. $\frac{1}{2}$ point per demonstration. | 20 | 5 |
| 3. Newspaper articles. $\frac{1}{3}$ point per article. | 15 | 15 |
| 4. Tours and demonstrations for business, civic, church, school and other non-farm groups. 1 point per activity. | 15 | 1 |
| 5. Window or lobby display or exhibits. $\frac{1}{2}$ point per display. | 10 | 1 |
| 6. Conservation movies shown in district. $\frac{1}{4}$ point per movie shown. | 10 | 10 |

B. Through hearing.

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| 1. Farmer conservation discussion meetings. (Not group planning or group application meetings) 1 point per meeting. | 30 | 30 |
| 2. Conservation discussion meetings with business, church, school and other special groups. 1 point per meeting. | 25 | 10 |
| 3. Radio programs. $\frac{1}{2}$ point per broadcast. | 15 | 2 |

C. Through Doing

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| 1. Grade and high schools teaching conservation. | | |
| a. Without regular outline and course of study. $\frac{1}{2}$ point per school. | 10 | 1 |
| b. With regular outline and plan for teaching. 1 point per school. | 20 | 20 |

Points
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| 2. | 4-H, FFA, Boy and Girl Scouts and youth groups conducting soil conservation activities. 1/2 point per group carrying on activity. | 15 | 10 |
| 3. | Ministers and churches sponsoring soil conservation interest. 1/2 point per religious group. | 10 | .5 |
| 4. | Women's, civic, sportsman, professional and other groups conducting soil conservation activities. 1/2 point per activity. | 15 | .5 |
| 5. | Farmers, without outside aid at meeting, conducting planning, application and maintenance meetings. 2 points per meeting. | 15 | 10 |
| D. | Other activities not listed. This will include such things as: printed leaflets prepared and published in the district on work plan, annual reports and general educational matter, conservation advertising in the newspapers and others. 20 points allowable for printing of leaflet; 1/4 point per conservation advertisement, and 1 point per other activity. | 35 | 20.5 |

III. Conservation Planning. 250 points. To be filled in by the District governing body. 108

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| A. | Applications on hand at the close of the contest for <u>complete</u> 45 <u>farm conservation</u> plans. | | 19 |
| | 1/3 point per application from 1-100 | | |
| | 1/4 point for application above 100 | | |
| B. | Neighborhood group action in developing complete farm conservation plans and complete group enterprise farm conservation plans in groups organized during the period of this program. 5 points per group. | 80 | 10 |
| C. | Complete farm conservation plans approved and signed during the period of the program by the district and the farmer cooperators. 1 point per plan. | 95 | 49 |
| D. | Use of equipment. Operation of equipment by the district or by entering into agreements with private, commercial or public groups for use of machinery to establish conservation practices. 10 points per arrangement or 10 points for each piece of power equipment operated by district. | 30 | 30 |

IV. Conservation accomplishments on the land. 375 points. To be filled in by the district governing body. 264

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| A. | All neighborhood group action in applying, maintaining and improving complete farm conservation plans and complete group enterprise conservation plans. 3 points per active group during the period of the program. (However this includes all groups organized in the district which have been active in the above during the period of the program.) | 100 | 54 |
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- B. Establishment of conservation practices arranged for in complete farm conservation plan or complete group enterprise plan—for the year during the period of this program. 200 200
1. Contour farming - 1 point per hundred acres.
 2. Strip cropping - 3 points per hundred acres.
 3. Terracing - 6 points per 100 acres.
 4. Grass waterways - 1 point per 1000 lineal feet.
 5. Stock ponds - 1 point per pond.
 6. Tile drainage - 1 point per 20 acres.
 7. Open ditch drainage - 1 point per 20 acres.
 8. Cover crops - 1 point per 500 acres.
 9. Complete pasture renovation - 1 point per 100 acres.
 10. Tree planting - 1 point per 2-1/2 acres.
 11. Orchards established on contour - 1 point per 10 acres.
 12. Diversion terraces - 1 point per 1000 lineal feet.
 13. Adequate cropping system - 1 point per 500 acres (maximum of 50 points)
- C. Completed establishment of complete farm conservation plans during the period of this program. 5 points per completed plan. 75 10

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Name & Address Three Winning Farmers Signatures - Chairman and Members
Soil Conservation District Board

1. Allyn G. Evans
Name
Willaismburg, Iowa
Address

2. S. F. Sherman
Name
Ladora, Iowa
Address

3. Henry G. Morse
Name
Marengo, Iowa
Address

Chairman Edward Kinsey

Member R. G. Owen

Member H. G. Morse

Member _____

Member _____

Iowa County # 55

Name of District

Iowa

State

The following sections are to be filled out by the State Judging Committee.

- V. Program Development and Plan of Undertaking. 250 points. To be determined by the state judging group.
- A. Analysis of problems and needs.
1. Adopting a pattern (map) showing resources or problem sub-areas in the district. 25
 2. Listing the problems by district sub-areas. 25
 3. Determining conservation needs. This will include land use conversions, soil conservation practices and other needed information by sub-area and for the entire district. 50
- B. Plan of attack.
1. Development of an annual plan of work in writing, establishing priorities of assistance, expected accomplishments and proposed use of resources available to the district. This will include enlisting the cooperation of cooperating agencies, civic, religious, commercial, women's groups and the other available facilities. 70
 2. Regular and periodic review of the annual work plan and calendar, and the making and applying of necessary revisions. 40
 - 3.a. Analysis of district obligations to farmer cooperators and other arrangements for giving necessary assistance. 20
 - b. A plan of action to carry out these obligations to farmer cooperators. 20
- VI. Additional factors. To be filled in by the state judging group. 100

The state judging group will have these points to use as they see fit and to compensate for such factors as:

- a. Difference in amount of personnel assisting district.
- b. Equipment available to district.
- c. Difference in age of district.
- d. Spread of practices.
- e. Outstanding performance of districts and district governing bodies as observed by the state judging group.
- f. Other factors.

TOTAL 1600

Zentmire

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioner meeting
Williamsburg, July 18, 1949

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A. M. with Kinsey and Zentmire absent.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Reviewed and approved 3 farm plans:

141	Sinn Brothers	160 acres
142	Keith L. Bean	80 acres
143	Robert M. Hedges	95 acres

Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 to be discussed at the next months meeting.

Item #8

29 F. R. PlanE, keep on the active list.

35 E. B. Warner automatically cancelled due to death.

13 Charlie Langlass is left up to Henry G. Morse to see and talk to.

11 Mervin Knock - undecided.

18 Clark Heitman - undecided.

Progress chart posted by W. G. Davis.

Rarks working agreement approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A. M. due to the absence of the chairman and secretary.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg Aug. 15, 1949

Meeting was called to order by the chairman with all commissioners present plus Davis, Bush, Widmer and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meeting of July 18 were read and approved.

Farm plan 144, Leslie Bell, was reviewed, approved and signed.

Goodyear individual awards were made to H. G. Morse, S. F. Sherman and A. G. Evans. Secretary was instructed to send a letter to Goodyear Rubber & Tire Co. informing them that Iowa County wishes to enter the 1949-50 contest.

Owen Jones and Roland Holden will be Iowa County's entrants in the 4-County plowing contest.

Secretary was instructed to write the Highway Patrol asking for traffic help on field day.

Complaint was expressed against the Iowa Conservation Commission for having in its wild-life conservation exhibit at the All-Iowa Fair a hilly field in which corn was planted up and down the hill.

The Soil District, together with SCS and Extension, agreed to help Williamsburg with its field days that include some educational feature.

8-49-14 Moved by Owen that a plane and pilot be hired to photograph grounds during the plowing contest. Seconded and carried.

Davis reported on SCS personnel for 1949-50. Probably be the same as this year.

8-49-15 Moved by Owen that the Virgil J. Brower bull-dozer work contract be approved. Seconded and carried. Moved by Morse that R. G. Owen be elected District treasurer. Seconded by Kinsey and carried.

Budget building discussed, possible items listed, Bush and Zentmire instructed to complete the budget.

Discussion of Farm Planners use of time on teachers soil conservation training course of 10 weeks. Davis gave approval for Bush's time to be spent as necessary in developing and executing the course.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved _____ 1949


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, Sept. 19, 1949

Meeting called to order with all members and attaches attending. Minutes of the meeting of August 15 were read and approved.

Plan #145 for James Benishek (Honey Creek) was examined, approved and signed.

Davis reported having written letters of appreciation to officials who functioned at the September 10th. Conservation Field Day.

9-49-16 Moved, seconded and carried that the secretary write Harry Geiger and the Highway Patrol the thanks of this District for their Field Day cooperation.

9-49-17 Moved, seconded and carried that the commissioners of the other three counties be asked to send to Ed Kinsey for the G. I. Class a letter of appreciation to the Veterans for their cooperation in handling Field Day traffic and parking.

9-49-18 Moved, seconded and carried that in next years plans a reception committee be provided to meet guests like radio station dignitaries, the state secretary of agriculture, etc.

Exhibits of livestock at future Field Days to be encouraged as a means of utilizing forages (hay burners).

9-49-19 Moved by Kinsey that each commissioner in the 4-counties contribute \$1.00 toward a gift for Miss. Ethel P. Willer in recognition of her excellent work in the field conservation. Seconded and carried.

9-49-20 Moved, seconded and carried that the farm of Willard Maas (Troy) be added to Work Group 3.

9-49-21 Moved, seconded and carried that substitutes be sent for commissioners who can't attend the state meeting of district commissioners.

9-49-22 Moved, seconded and carried that the plan of operations be reviewed toward the close of the year.

9-49-23 Morse reported a conservation interview with Charles Langlas and Owen reported similarly for F. R. Plank. On each farm some conservation practices are being followed, though not a complete set. Moved, seconded and carried that these farms be kept on the active list and that the technicians make follow-up visits to each work group cooperator once or twice yearly.

Bush reported that the teachers training course is progressing nicely. Two lessons given to date.

Commissioners and cooperators in Work Group 16 (Marengo-Washington drainage) plan to meet with SCS Engineer George Fonken September 23 to discuss the status of the proposed drainage project. Davis is to notify commissioners if Fonken can attend on that date.

Davis posted the progress chart.

Treasurer Owen reported a balance of \$108.20 after having advanced \$145.00 to the Field Day kitty.

9-49-24

Moved that bills of \$4.¹⁶~~24~~ to Bush for teacher training material and \$1.63 to D. H. Zentmire for District treasurers rubber stamp be approved, seconded and carried.

9-49-25 Moved by Owen that subscriptions of \$1.00 each to "Soil Conservation" be renewed for R. H. Bush and D. H. Zentmire and that new ones be added for H. G. Morse and Harry Geiger, seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

RH Bush. acting

D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

Approved 10-17 1949

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, October 17, 1949

Meeting called to order by the chairman with all commissioners present plus Davis and Bush.

These plans were reviewed and approved:

No. 146	Fred C. Koenig	132 A
No. 147	Kenneth Hinkle	120 A
No. 148	Erwin J. Maas	160 A
No. 149	Leo W. Ruegsegger	160 A
No. 150	Cleone Miller & Russell Herdlicka	154 A
No. 151	Orris R. Voigtman	160 A

Amendments were approved for additional work on Plan 19 (Ed Kinsey) and Plan 106 (Amana Society).

Kinsey read a letter of appreciation from Ethel Wiler Clark for the wedding gift sent her.

10-49-26 Moved, seconded and carried ^{that} one of a number of pictures taken of field day activities be enlarged for display, also that a cut of the picture be made for letterheads to be secured within the county.

Discussed was the change in manner of requesting fish for stocking ponds. Letter read concerning Form 36188 which is to be sent to commissioners as soon as it is available.

The soil testing laboratory and its relation to fertilizer test plots for Iowa County was discussed. Agreed that the cooperation of the G.I. group would benefit the program and aid the cooperating agencies carrying the project. Commissioners approved the idea of scheduling meetings with farmers who have received laboratory test reports in order to analyze and evaluate the reports. It was suggested that all reports be sent only to the county extension so that evaluation contacts could be made with the farmer.

Bush gave a short report on the teachers conservation training course being conducted in Iowa County. Commissioners directed the secretary to write Game Conservation Officer Wes Ashby of Oxford a letter of appreciation for his valued assistance in the teacher training program and in conservation in general.

The PMA conservation program was discussed at length. The secretary was directed to write a letter recommending that any cut in crop acres be based on land capabilities and not on past history and that the PMA conservation program be made conservation in fact as well as in name. The letter is to be sent to the state Extension Service, the state PMA office, the state Soil Conservation Committee, Representative Thos. E. Martin, Senator B. B. Hickenlooper and the state Farm Bureau Federation office.

A letter concerning asking about three items in our proposed A₁ budget was read and discussed. The secretary was directed to clarify the points with the state

*10-49-26
increase*

committee. Any allowable expense for the field day event must have vouchers to support the claim; expenses, must comply with instructions in the state soils committee's letter of July 25.

10-49-27 Moved, seconded and carried that a years subscription to "Soil Conservation" for commissioners R. G. Owen and Edward Kinsey be renewed from District funds.

10-49-28 Moved seconded and carried that the secretary pay from District funds the 1950 District dues in the state association of districts.

10-49-29 Moved seconded and carried that the Percy Norton farm be mapped and planned with the intent of holding an interest meeting at a later date.

Bush was instructed to write Successful Farming about securing 85 to 100 copies of the booklet "Better Living From Your Soil" to be given to rural teachers and to G.I. class members.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 11/22/ 1949

R. H. Bush, Temporary Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Williamsburg, Nov. 22, 1949

Meeting called to order by the chairman with all members present plus Davis, Bush, Widmer and Zentmire. Minutes of the meeting of October 17 were read and approved without change.

Bush reported that 24 teachers passed the test for credit in the 10-lesson conservation course. Teachers have formed a rural teachers conservation organization that is to have monthly meetings for discussion of conservation. They have asked for a spring conservation course that will add two more credit hours and the request has been granted by Iowa State Teachers College.

11-49-30 Moved by Morse that a conservation scrap book and essay contest for elementary schools be sponsored by this Soil District, the rules to be developed in cooperation with the county school superintendent and soil conservation service. Seconded and carried.

Progress chart posted; voucher progress reviewed.

11-49-31 Farm Plan #152, Wallace Eash, was reviewed and on motion by Owen, seconded and carried, was approved.

Discussed the use of group approach to formation of work units.

Approved the addition of L. B. Swezey to Work Group 14 and of E. M. Holden and Bruce Holden to Work Group 17.

11-49-32 By motion, seconded and carried, approval was given to formation of Work Group 19, the Pleasant Valley group in Marengo township, and to Work Group 20 in Dayton and English townships.

The name of the January conservation short course delegate is to be reported to the state office by chairman Kinsey.

11-49-33 Moved by Owen that the state soil conservation committee be instructed to send District checks to District Secretary D. H. Zentmire. Seconded by Morse and carried.

Secretary was instructed to secure more 3¢ envelopes.

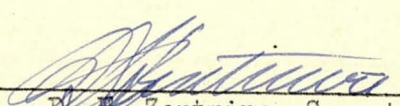
Reviewed prospects for 1950 fertilizer test plots. There are now 13 cooperators in 12 townships.

Discussion of the 2-A Budget (equipment and help). Secretary directed to submit it as reviewed in this meeting (copy is in the finance book).

Hawk wants another 3 acre old blue grass pasture for a second seeding of birdsfoot trefoil. Soil conservation service will furnish the seed. Prospective farms are those of Orlo Buswell and R. G. Owen.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved _____ 194 _____


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, Dec.19, 1949

All commissioners were present plus Davis, Bush, Widmer and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meeting of November 22 were read and approved.

Probably no delegate will attend the conservation Short Course at Ames.

State check for \$82.58 was received in payment of the county's share of the 4-county field day expense.

Conservation scrap book rules discussed, including the Dubuque County rules and the program under way in the G.I. Class.

The birdsfoot trefoil seeding sponsored by SCS is to be made on the Orlo Buswell farm.

12-49-34 The Carroll Marine farm plan, #153, was reviewed and approved by motion.

Discussion of 2A budget. In the January meeting, consideration will be given to proposed work under that budget.

Cooperation between AAA, SCS, District and Extension in doing spring lay-out work was discussed with Carl H. Maas from AAA. Prospect for combination of resources is good.

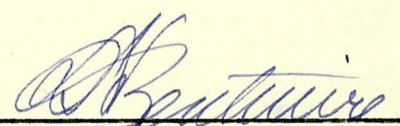
Progress chart posted. Treasurer instructed to get prices on bonds and to report at the January meeting.

Davis read a new instrument: "Creed of the Soil Conservationist". Secretary instructed to order 50 copies for SCS, Kinsey to take an additional 50 for his classes.

An annual report, Bush will provide information from his files and on the work of PMA on conservation. Commissioners are to supply the secretary with their suggestions about report content.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved _____ 1950



D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

CROSS REFERENCE FOR SCD MINUTES

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MOTION</u>
1-50-1	Basic Plan Cancelled
1-50-2	Basic Plans Approved
1-50-3	Contour Lay-out Help Available on Request
1-50-4	State Committee Provide and Charge District with Accounting Set
2-50-5	Write State Committee for Suggestions on Charge for Use of Terracer
2-50-6	Bookings for Terracer and Use Priority
2-50-7	Basic Plans Approved
2-50-8	Working Agreement with Gahring Bros. Approved
2-50-9	Awards for G.I. Poster Contest
3-50-10	4-H Club Conservation Project Awards
4-50-11	Bids on 2A Material Be Obtained
4-50-12	Buy one Tire and Tube
4-50-13	Order Sod Cutter
4-50-14	Work Group 21 Approved
4-50-15	Surrender 2A Budget Items
5-50-16	1A and 2A Budget Requests Approved
5-50-17	Buy 3 Army Hand Levels
5-50-18	Provide Dinner for Ministers on their Tour
5-50-19	Basic Plans Approved
5-50-20	Elect District Chairman
6-50-21	Basic Plan Tabled
6-50-22	Basic Plan Approved
6-50-23	Goodyear Recognition Program
6-50-24	Rent Office Space
7-50-25	Prepare Titles for Slide Set
7-50-26	Omit District Booth at State Fair
7-50-27	Basic Plans Approved
8-50-28	Basic Plans Approved
8-50-29	Enter 1950-51 Goodyear Contest
8-50-30	Bush Represent District at Goodyear Dinner
8-50-31	District Conservationist Provide More Soil Surveys
8-50-32	Names Added to Group
9-50-33	Plan and Demonstrate Terrace Building
9-50-34	Outstanding Bill Paid
9-50-35	Names Added to Work Group 11
9-50-36	Basic Plans Approved
9-50-37	Request Aide
10-50-38	Basic Plans Approved
10-50-39	No Charge for Use of Terracer in Demonstrations

Cross Reference Continued
Year 1950
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<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MOTION</u>
11-50-40	Work Group Program Adopted
11-50-41	Work Group 21 Approved
11-50-42	FHA Borrowers and GI Students Considered as a Group
11-50-43	Requests for Basic Plans be Approved
11-50-44	New Cooperators Added to Group 2
12-50-45	Basic Plans Approved
12-50-46	Buy Office Furniture

IOWA COUNTY SOIL DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, Jan. 25, 1950

Attending were Commissioners Morse and Kinsey plus Davis, Bush, Widmer and Zentmire.

1-50-1 Moved by Morse that Farm Plan No. 151, Orris R. Voigtman in Hilton Township be cancelled because anticipated ownership did not materialize, seconded and carried.

1-50-2 Plans for these farms were reviewed and by motion were approved:

154 - Leo Young
155 - Gerald Connor and Gerald Naughton
156 - John C. Ohland
157 - Dr. A. H. Kraus
158 - Friemond Tegatz
159 - Leroy Smith

Consideration of 2-A budget. The one submitted December 7, 1949, met with approval except it was unsigned and unaccompanied by statements of justification. These will be prepared and the request will be resubmitted.

Discussion of equipment to be purchased. Secretary directed to write the State Committee about prices and possible pooled purchases of terracers, cameras and light meters.

1-50-3 Moved by Morse that contour lay-out help be made available to requests from any location in the county, receiving priority in congested periods for Work Group members, seconded and carried.

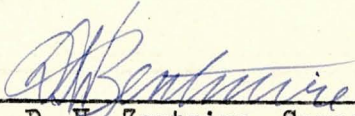
1-50-4 Moved that the State Committee be asked to provide and charge this District with an accounting set, seconded and carried.

Program for 1950 includes 50 new farm plans, a figure approved by the commissioners.

Progress chart was posted.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 4-17- 1950


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, Feb. 20, 1950

Meeting called to order by the chairman with all commissioners present plus J. D. Misbach, Davis, Bush, Widmer and Zentmire.

Kinsey reported the terracer and camera budget items have been approved. The items have been ordered and the camera is already delivered.

Iowa County is to be 4-county host at the North English Farmers Savings Bank February 27 with Kenneth King and D. A. Russell speaking.

2-50-5 Discussion of a fair charge for use of the terracer. Moved by Morse that the secretary write the state committee for suggestions. Seconded and carried.

2-50-6 Moved by Morse that bookings for the terracer be made through the SCS office at Marengo and that use priority be given to Work Group cooperators, seconded and carried. Effort will be made to find a regular operator.

2-50-7 These plans were reviewed and approved on motion by Morse, seconded and carried:

No. 160 - Elmer Dietrich	161 - R. Russell Conn
162 - Fred Louth	163 - Lloyd Pope
164 - Horras Bros.	165 - J. P. Gaffney & Leo Jordan
166 - Percy Norton	

Dietrich, Louth and Jordan were present for personal conferences.

2-50-8 Moved by Morse that the working agreement with Gahring Bros. for their bulldozer and scoop be approved, seconded and carried.

This order for planting stock for spring use was approved: 250 Red Cedar, 250 White Pine, 250 Red Pine, 250 Bush Honeysuckle, 5000 Multiflora Rose and 8 Wild Life Packets.

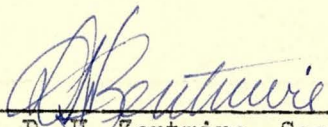
Additional lay-out help is not yet located, still needed.

Discussion of sending a news letter to cooperators. Bush and Zentmire delegated to send such a letter concerning spring lay-outs.

2-50-9 Moved by Morse that \$10 of District funds be used to buy 10 conservation magazine subscriptions for awards in the G.I. poster contest, seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 4-17-1950


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 Soil Conservation Service
RECEIPT FOR SCS MATERIALS

This is to certify that the kind and quantity of materials listed below have been received by the Iowa Soil Conservation District, State of Iowa. These SCS materials are a part of the assistance being made available to the District by the Soil Conservation Service for the period January 1, 1950 to June 30, 1950.

Quantity	KIND (General description of materials)
250	Red Cedar
250	White Pine
250	Bush Honeysuckle
4750	Multiflora Rose
5	No. 1 Wildlife Packets
8	No. 2 Wildlife Packets
30 lbs.	Birdsfoot Trefoil Seed

Received on March 24, 1950
 Signed: Edward Kinsey
 (Authorized Representative of District Governing Body)

 Delivered by: N. Widmer
 (SCS Representative)

 Title: Conservation Aid

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Soil Conservation ServiceSUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF ASSISTANCE

TO: Iowa Soil Conservation District, State of Iowa
for the period
March 17, 194 50 to June 30, 194 50

In accordance with the terms of the Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding between the Soil Conservation Service and the above named Soil Conservation District, and in accordance with recent discussions between Service representatives and the District Commissioners the following additional assistance over and above that listed on the original schedule of assistance for the period of _____, 194 _____ to _____, 194 _____, will be made available to the District during the above mentioned period, as a part of the cooperative forage improvement program of the Soil Conservation Service, and the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station, subject to the conditions outlined herein.

Species and Quantities:

Lotus corniculatus **M2-11348** **30**

1. These materials are being made available by the Nursery Division for trial purposes only, with the concurrence of the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station, and as such will be distributed to Farmer-District Cooperators selected by the District Commissioners.

2. Farmer-District Cooperators obtaining this material will agree to establish, maintain and manage all fields following specific recommendations which will be set forth and furnished by the Nursery Division of the Soil Conservation Service.

3. When, and if, one of these promising grass or legume species or strains is recognized as making a definite contribution in the soil conservation program, and is generally recommended by the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station and the Soil Conservation Service for a particular use in an area where adapted, the Farmer-District Cooperators will set the field aside for seed harvest and cooperatively with the District Commissioners make this seed available locally. (The District Commissioners will be advised when such species, or variety, is generally recommended for use in their district).

(over)

APPROVED:

RECOMMENDED:

/s/ Frank H. Mendell
State Conservationist

/s/ William G. Davis
District Conservationist

Date: April 17, 1945

Date: April 17, 1945

Concurred in:

Iowa County Soil Conservation District # 55

/s/ Edward Kinsey Chairman, District Board of Commissioners

/s/ D. H. Zentmire County Extension Director

Date: 4-17-, 1945

IOWA COUNTY SOIL DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, March 20, 1950

Meeting called to order by the chairman with all commissioners present plus Davis, Bush and Widmer.

Seven farm plans were reviewed and approved:

- 167 - Willard Maas, 230 acres
- 168 - H. E. Northey, 255 adres
- 169 - Roy Yoder, 160 acres
- 170 - Don Turner, 120 acres
- 171 - J. H. Nidey-Young Sisters, 130 acres
- 172 - R. L. Nidey-Young Sisters, 179 acres
- 173 - Dynise Collum, 160 acres

Plans were cancelled for Robert Wallace-Young Sisters and for Don Turner on a pation he previously owned.

Annual report was mentioned. It is not finished and is over due.

Progress chart was posted.

Charles Healey is a prospect for a part-time summer employee with the District. He is to be contacted. A budget request for a hatchet, laths and hand levels for extra help needs to be submitted.

Equipment and service supplies for the terracer were discussed. Grease and a greese gun should be requisitioned. Needed also is a contract between the District and terracer users that provides definite undersanding about where to secure the machine, how long it is to be kept and where to leave it. Kinsey is to talk to Kelly Company about storage arrangements there.

Treasurers bond should be provided.

Second quarter vouchers must be submitted by the end of this month.

Fourteen farmers have agreed to run fertilizer test plots this year. These will be used as demonstration plots for public information.

3-56-10 Moved that this District provide \$50.00 for 4-H club conservation project awards, the exact distribution plan to be decided later. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

N. W. Widmer, Secretary pro tem

Approved 4-17 1950

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Williamsburg, April 17, 1950

Meeting called to order with all commissioners attending plus Davis, Bush, Widmer and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meetings of March 20, February 20 and January 25 were read and approved without change.

Kinsey reported that the Kelly Company will provide storage for the terracer.

Discussion of supplies needed from budget. One thousand lath will classify as demonstration material in 1A; 2 hatchets, 100 feet steel tape and 2 hand levels from 2A.

4-50-11 Moved by Morse that 3 local bids on the 2A material be obtained if possible and the articles ordered, seconded and carried.

7 These farm plans were approved by motion: 174 Hugh Landa, 175 Hugh Landa, 176 Lyle Hartz.

The 1949 annual report was submitted, approved and signed by the chairman and the secretary. By agreement the Commissioners will name a date by which time they will write the 1950 report.

4-50-12 Moved that District #55 buy from Soil Conservation Service one tire and one tube, seconded and carried.

Bush reported that rural teachers are not willing this year to supervise a conservation essay contest, but will consider another year.

Soil Conservation week activity discussed. Considered District advertising, also business-sponsored advertisements and news stories featuring 4-H, GI and individual participation.

4-50-13 Moved by Morse that Bush prospect for a purchase price ^{on a sod cutter} and if a reasonable one is found that he order one, seconded and carried. They are costing about \$30.00 in some counties.

4-50-14 Discussion of new groups. Moved by Morse that Work Group 21 (west of North English) be approved, seconded and carried. This is a duplication of Gr. 20, therefore Void.

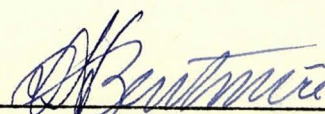
Allan Schrader, Administrative Assistant to the State Committee, appeared. Discussed need of current assistance in 2A budget. Schrader is to be notified by April 30 if the District can't use any portion of technical help provided in the budget.

4-50-15 Moved by Morse that the 2A budget items for 20 days of clerical help and 1742 miles of technicians travel be surrendered, seconded and carried.

Agreed that all state committee forms, printed material, checks, etc. for the District be sent officially to the secretary.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 5-15 - 1950


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55
Minutes of Special Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, April 21, 1950

Meeting was called to prepare the District budget for the year extending from July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951. All commissioners were present plus Bush and Zentmire.

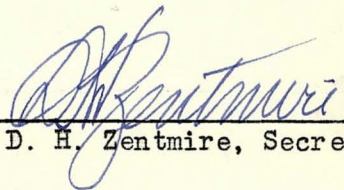
The 1-A budget calls for \$500.00; the 2-A budget calls for \$3312.05. The latter supposes that additional office space will be secured and subsequently an office secretary and an additional technical fieldman. All of this will be paid from the 2-A budget.

Other reports pertinent to the budget requests were prepared for submission to the State Soils Conservation Committee.

S 4-50-16 Moved by Owen that the two budgets and the supporting statements be approved and submitted to the state committee. Seconded by Morse and ~~carried~~.

Commissioners agreed to arrange a date when they might call collectively on Postmaster George C. Brauch to ask for the use of the Civil Service room in the Marengo post office.

Meeting adjourned.


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

Approved 5-15- 1950

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT # 55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, May 15, 1950

Meeting was called to order by the chairman with these attending; Kinsey, Owen, Davis, Bush, and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meetings of April 17 and 21 were read and approved.

5-50-17 Moved by Owen that the District buy three Army Hand Levels for technicians use, seconded and carried.

Letter from Frank Mended concerning annual report was read.

Kinsey reported attending the final meeting of the rural teachers spring conservation course. Result of the program is gratifying. Several rural teachers will attend the conservation camp at Guthrie Center.

Bush has the sod cutter built and in use.

Kinsey reported a conference with Marengo Postmaster Brauch and correspondence with Schrader and Davis concerning office space in the Marengo Post Office building.

Kinsey reported also a conference with Rev. Emerson concerning soil conservation week activity. Emerson, through County Ministerial Association, is trying to arrange a county-wide effort on that subject. Will use G. I. posters and other exhibits. Davis suggested a tour of ministers to view conservation practices, if possible before conservation week.

5-50-18 Moved by Owen that the District provide dinner for the ministers on their tour. Seconded and carried.

5-50-19 These places were reviewed and on motion by Owen, seconded and carried, were approved.

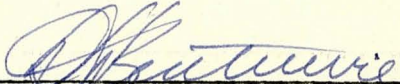
176 - John Garringer
177 - J. D. Misbach (Pilot)
178 - William Peshek

Progress chart was posted.

5-50-20 Moved by Kinsey that Morse be elected District chairman, effective July 1, 1950. Seconded by Owen and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved _____ 1950


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Williamsburg, June 19, 1950

6-50-21 All commissioners were present plus Davis, Bush, and Zentmire. Farm plans reviewed were: 180, A. H. Evans and 181 Guy Allison. R. H. Hinrichs, tenant on the Evans farm came for interview. Moved by Morse that the Evans plan (180) be tabled for a time so that the tenant may more favorably consider contouring. Seconded and carried.

6-50-22 Moved by Owen that the Allison plan (181) be approved. Seconded and carried.

Progress chart was posted to date.

Report on soil conservation week activities. Letter of appreciation from Rev. A. G. Emerson read. Discussion of P-R edition.

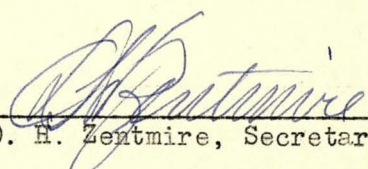
Kinsey's report on the 4-County meeting was supplemented by Bush and Davis. To be no 4-County field day this year.

Voucher situation discussed. Vouchers for all known unpaid accounts to July 1, 1950, are prepared and will be submitted.

Correspondence regarding District office location read. Secretary was directed to apply to the state soil conservation committee for office rental.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved _____ 195__


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Soil Conservation Service
MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

BLOCK A
District Java Name Java No. 100
Work Group No. 100
State of Java
Month of 194

BLOCK B WORK LOAD GOALS AND PRACTICES APPLIED (Farm Conservation Plans)						
(1) Practices	(2) Unit	(3) Goal	First	Last	Applied	Total
			1/1	1/1	(4) This Mo. (5) Cal. Yr.	(6) mos. S/P
1. Contour Farming	Acre	346	3164	3510	74 1596	1670
2. Cover Crops	Acre		54	54		
3. Strip Cropping (contour)	Acre	8	95	103	20	20
4. Pasture Improvement	Acre	165	459	624	83	83
5. Seeding of Pasture	Acre		16	16		
6. Wildlife Area Improved	Acre					
7. Woodland Management	Acre					
8. Tree Planting	Acre		12	12	1	1
9. Farm Ponds	No.	2	2	2	2	2
10. Terraces	Mile	1.6	1.3	3.1		
11. Diversions	Mile	.4	.7	1.1	.04 .003	.1
12. Farm Drainage	Acre		1235	1235	22 8	30
13. Closed Drains	L.F.				3137 1550	4687
14. Open Drains	Mile	.1	1.9	2.1	.5 .1	.6
15. Prevention of Grazing Damage	Acre					
16. Fence Row Management	L.F.		.7	.7		
17. Structures	No.	1				
18. <u>Canal Waterways</u>	<u>Mo.</u>	<u>18875 (3.6)</u>	<u>33.9</u>	<u>37.5</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>1.3</u>
19.						
20.						
21.						
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24.						
25.						

BLOCK C WORK LOAD GOALS AND PRACTICES APPLIED (Group Enterprises)						
(1) Practices	(2) Unit	(3) Goal	Applied			
			(4) This Mo.	(5) Cal. Yr.	(6)	
1. Clearing	Acre					
2. Open Drains	Cu.Yd.					
3. Open Drains	Mile			5.3		
4. Closed Drains	L.F.			2		
5. Spoilbank Leveling	Cu.Yd.			10.6		
6.				37.5		
7.				130		
8.				5		
9.				74		
10.				318		
11.				597.50		

BLOCK D

FARM CONSERVATION PLANS AND GROUP ENTERPRISES

Item	Goal		Month		Actual		To Date	
	Cal. Year				Cal. Year			
	No.	Ac.	No.	Ac.	No.	Ac.	No.	Ac.
1. Applications Received	xxx	xxx						
2. Active Applications	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx		
3. Plans Prepared & Signed								
4. Plans Canceled	xxx	xxx						
5. Amended Plans (/ or - ac.)	xxx	xxx						
6. Active Conservation Plans	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx		
7. Farms Starting Practices		xxx		xxx		xxx	xxx	xxx
8. Gr. Enter. - Requests		xxx		xxx		xxx		xxx
9. " " Prelim. Reports		xxx		xxx		xxx		xxx
10. " " Jobs Planned		xxx		xxx		xxx		xxx
11. " " Jobs Completed		xxx		xxx		xxx		xxx
12.								
13.								
14.								
15.								

BLOCK E

SOIL CONSERVATION AND OTHER SURVEYS

Item	Goal		This Month		Actual		To Date	
	Cal. Year				Cal. Year			
	Acres	Acres	Hrs.		Acres		Acres	
1. Farm Planning A								
2. " " B								
3. Basic Surveys								
4. Reconnaissance								
5. Flood Control - Farm Planning A								
6. " " " " B								
7. " " Basic Surveys								
8. " " Reconnaissance								
9.								
10.								

BLOCK F

DISTRICT ASSISTANCE

(Man-Months)

Class	Grade						
	P-3	P-2	P-1	SP-6	SP-5	SP-3	CAF
1. Conservationist							
2. Soil Scientist							
3. Engineers							
4. Foresters							
5. Clerks							
6. Temporary Employees (WAE)							
7.							
8.							

Signed _____

(District Conservationist)

CROSS REFERENCE FOR SCD MINUTES

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MOTION</u>
1-52-1	Increase Clerk's Per Diem
1-52-2	Basic Plans Approved
2-52-3	Basic Plans Approved
2-52-4	Cancel Working Agreements Between Contractors and District
2-52-5	Annual Report Approved
3-52-6	Basic Plans Approved
3-52-7	No 2A Budget Funds to be Returned to State
4-52-8	Basic Plans Approved
8-52-9	Pay National Dues
8-52-10	Elect District Chairman
8-52-11	Basic Plans Approved
10-52-12	Basic Plans Approved

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, Jan. 28, 1952

Present were all Commissioners plus Davis, Bush, Murphy and Zentmire.

1-52-1 Moved by Owen that effective January 21, the office clerk's per diem be \$6.00. Seconded and carried.

1-52-2 These farm plans were reviewed and on motion by Owen, seconded and carried, were approved.

254-M. C. Gates
255-Libbie S. Spicka
256-Harold M. Smith
257-Ernest Timm, Jr.
258-Delmar Wetjen
259-Adolf Zuber
260-Milford Langlas (York farm)
261-Roy Swartzendruber
262-Harvey G. Maas
263-Dean Wyant
*264-Ernest D. Huedepohl
*265-Lothar Huedepohl
*266-Carl Brockhus
267-Cecilia Johnson

* advanced plans

Murphy reported on follow-up contacts with old cooperators. Found most of them going along well on at least some parts of their plans. Nobody was at a stand-still, some were in practically 100 percent operation.

Progress chart posted.

Work load analysis and goals reviewed and discussed from this tabulation:

	District Cooperators	PMA
Contours, acres	2500.	8000.0
Terrace, miles	4.5	1.0
Diversions, miles	1.3	.3
Open ditch, miles	1.5	1.5
Tile, rods	1300.	28700.0
Waterways, miles	5.0	1.5
Ponds	8	6
Structures	3	3
Pasture Impvt., acres	500	---

Estimated that this would require 260 days of planning and 86 days of follow-up.

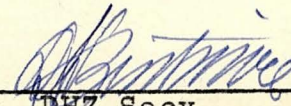
Dr. Sacco appeared in answer to invitation to discuss Father Hart's proposal for another K.C. conservation school similar to the comparatively unsuccessful one held in 1951. Suggested a workshop with either school teachers or ministers or both. Combined judgment dictated that it be a one day preacher-teacher workshop late in May or early in June.

Discussed annual report. Nothing done but ready to begin.

Davis presented the flat-land project proposal north east of Marengo along the Iowa River.

Meeting adjourned.

app. 1/28/52


D. H. Zentmire
D. H. Z. Secy.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, Feb. 18, 1952

Present were all Commissioners plus Davis, Bush, Murphy and Zentmire. Minutes of the meeting of January 28 were read and approved without change.

These farm plans were reviewed:

- 268 - Lloyd E. Schumacher
- 269 - Herman Redwine
- 270 - Albert D. Simmons
- 271 - R. E. Aiken
- 272 - E. L. Swartzendruber
- 274 - Burton Gardner Jr.
- 275 - Milton Heitshusen

Moved by Owen that they be approved. Seconded and carried.

2-52-3

Progress chart was posted. Good meeting in Iowa Township on soil conservation. Five signed a work group petition.

Five men responded to an SCS-PMA invitation to a dirt movers school at Williamsburg February 15: two Gahrings, Marvin Morse and Roy Swartzendruber.

PMA has asked its state office to approve the use of 3% of this county's money to be used on SCS technical help.

Discussion of how contractors' agreements for commission to the District should be handled. Commissioners and not SCS should be collectors.

2-52-4

Moved by Maas that working agreements between contractors and the District be cancelled as of January 1, 1952, but that presently signed contractors be urged to pay the 2% due for work already done and for which payment has not been made. Seconded and carried.

Morse reported on the District Jubilee at Ames

Consideration given to new work groups. Murphy reported on 104 follow-ups, about a half day more necessary to complete the round. Found only 4 stalled and 4 more just barely moving.

2-52-5

Annual report presented. Moved by Owen that it be approved. Seconded by Maas and carried.

4-County District fixed for February 29 at North English at 10 A.M. Harry Geiger and Rex Conn to be asked for a program on grass farming.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved **** 1952.

D H. Zentmire, Secy

4-COUNTY DISTRICT MEETING
North English, Feb. 29, 1952

Represented were all counties plus Davis and the PMA chairmen from Keokuk and Iowa counties. All Iowa county Commissioners were present plus Bush and Zentmire. Montgomery attended from Johnson.

Discussion on grass farming with Rex Conn leading.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, March 17, 1952

All commissioners were present plus Davis, Bush, Murphy and Zentmire. Minutes of the meeting of February 18th were read and approved without change.

These plans were reviewed, the stage of the plan indicated by its initial:

B 276 - Ray Hostettler & L. Fisher
A 277 - Kores M. Yoder
B 278 - Catholic Diocese
B 279 - A. B. Patterson
B 280 - A. B. Patterson
A 281 - Glenn Scott
A 282 - Harlan Hawkins
A 283 - Chas. F. Misel
A 284 - Wm. F. Slaymaker
A 285 - Carl F. Schumacher
A 286 - John Myers
IA 287 - Otto Schaub
IA 288 - L. W. Martin
A 289 - Lewis Rabe
B 290 - Clark Lekin
IA 291 - Gerhard O. Hinrichs
IA 292 - Gerhard and Mrs. C. F. Hinrichs
IA 293 - J. E. Winter
B 294 - James Fetzner

352-6 Moved by Owen that they be approved. Seconded and carried.

Progress chart posted.

Maas reported on the Soil Conservation meeting held at Iowa No. 5 school. Township PMA committeemen took exception to the educational information offered by SCS, insisting that SCS was invading their field of service. Judgment of the Commissioners was that this experience should not terminate repeated efforts in the interest of soil conservation in that township nor similar endeavors in other townships but PMA men should be consulted prior to such future meetings.

Davis reported on the status of the drainage area along the Iowa River Northwest of Marengo. Davis and Morse to contact Ray Shaull to initiate a meeting of those in the proposed drainage area.

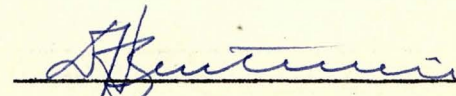
Davis reviewed initial instructions for preparing the 1953 ACP program.

Secretary presented the 1951-52 budget and expense statement to determine whether any of the 2A budget can be returned for reallocation. Discussion.

352-7 Moved by Owen that these commissioners consider there is no 2A money in this budget to be returned for reallocation. Seconded and carried.

Adjourned by motion.

Approved April 21 1952



D. H. Zentmire, Sec'y.

INFORMATION REGARDING STATE OWNED EQUIPMENT
FOR HIRE OR RENT ASSIGNED TO INDIVIDUAL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
SURVEY COMPLETED - MONTH OF MARCH - FISCAL YEAR 1951 - 1952

1. Following is a list of equipment now assigned to this district;

Whirlwind Terracer

2. The condition of this equipment is:

O.K.

3. Would the district be interested in transferring this equipment?
If so, explain why.

No

4. Is there a definite need for this equipment in your district?
Please explain.

Yes, terracing here has only begun

5. What established rate is used for the operation of the equipment in
your district and what type of agreement do you have with cooperators
for the use of this equipment?

\$1.00 per hour, no charge for use in demonstration events

6. The purchase price of Whirlwind terracer was \$ 559.00
(Type of Equipment)

7. Total amount received to date from use of equipment. \$ 19.00

8. Total amount expended to date for maintenance & repairs. \$ 2.59

9. Balance now on hand. \$ 16.41

The Budget and Equipment Committee has asked that a minimum fund of 20%
of the purchase price be set aside in a maintenance and repair fund at
all times. They further recommend that the equipment be maintained in a
state of good repair.

REMARKS:

Iowa County #55
(Soil Conservation District)

RM Bush
(Representative in charge of equip.)

March 25, 1952
(Date)

Henry G. Moore
(State Soil Conservation Committee)
(Representative)

Infra

Soil Conservation Committee

STATE HOUSE
DES MOINES 19

2A BUDGET REVISION

FISCAL YEAR 1951 - 1952

Please fill out both forms and forward the original to the State Soil Conservation Committee and retain the duplicate for your files. In order to assist in the re-allocation of unused funds we hope that you will give this prompt attention.

1740.00

Total amount of 2A budget allocated for the fiscal year 1951-1952.

\$ 1740.00

831.99

Total amount of 2A budget expended to date.

\$ 831.99

690.40

Amount needed from now to June 30, 1952 including district retirement.

\$ 690.40

BALANCE

\$ 217.61

We, the district commissioners of Iowa Soil Conservation District feel that we can release \$ none for re-allocation to other districts.

Henry E. Marse
CHAIRMAN

3/24/52
DATE

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, April 21, 1952

Present were: Morse
Owen

Davis
Bush

Murphy

Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved without change.

4-52-8 Farm plans as follows were reviewed and on motion by Owen, seconded by Morse, and carried were approved:

295 - Harold Collingwood
296 - Ralph E. Myers
297 - Harold M. Brown
298 - G. O. Jones
299 - Alvin Teggatz
300 - Wynter West
301 - J. E. Cox
302 - Ervin Sandersfield
303 - Raymond Sandersfield
304 Seth Eimen
305 - Carl Maas
306 - Joe Black (Raymond Butter)
307 - Chas. Hannon
308 - Cleyment Dermody
309 - Arthur Dermody

310 - Merwyn Betz
311 - Orlo Mitchell
312 - Albert J. Timm
313 - Arthur Timm
314 - Ervin Koehn
315 - Otto Fruendt
316 - Martin Timm
317 - Ray Schauhl
318 - Michael Laylor
319 - W. S. Shepherd
320 - ~~Robert~~ Burdette Jack
321 - Agnes Goodman (Harold Goodman)
322 - Earl Davis (E. Burdette Lortz)
323 - Leonard Lower
324 - Isaiah Litwiller
325 - Arthur Pundt

Report on field work given. Iowa River Drainage Project discussed.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 5/19/52

Edith Bush, Secy. Pro Tem

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
STATE HOUSE - DES MOINES

DISTRICT Iowa County #55 DATE May 19, 1952

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. List names and addresses of State Personnel now employed in your Soil Conservation District and paid from State Funds, and also the length of time that they have been with the District.

(Name)	(Address)	(Length of time with District) (Months) (Regular) (Part time)
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Edith Clara Bush	Marengo	10 X
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2. Total number of SCS personnel assigned to your District. 2

3. How does your personnel request for the new fiscal year differ from the current program you have had in operation?

None, except addition of a state technical man for part of the year

4. Farm Plans in force July 1st, 1952:
- | | |
|----------|------------|
| Initial | <u>44</u> |
| Advanced | <u>19</u> |
| Basic | <u>267</u> |

5. What do you feel is a fair percentage of increase in the amount of soil conservation accomplished in the District with the use of State Funds?

20 to 25 %

6. Does the District have sufficient equipment available for efficient operation of State Employees? If not, show under "Remarks". This is for general information and will not be considered as an equipment request.

Yes

7. Date and time of your regular District Commissioners meetings.

Date Third Monday each ^{month} Time 9 A.M.

8. What changes in any policies made by the State Soil Conservation Committee would you recommend to increase conservation in your District? (Including budgets, procedures, and etc.)

No suggestions

9. REMARKS:

Approved by District Commissioners in
Minutes of meeting held May 19, 1952 (te)

Signed Henry L. Marne
(Chairman)

Form 1012
Rev. 5-6-52

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
STATE HOUSE
DES MOINES, IOWA

DISTRICT Iowa County # 55

DATE May 19, 1952

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT WORK LOAD
ANALYSIS FOR CALENDAR YEAR OF 1952.

WORK LOAD PRACTICES		GRAND TOTAL DISTRICT WORK LOAD "UNIT" (INCL.ACP)	SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT GOAL (INCL. ACP)	BALANCE
Follow-up	No. .	80	80	.
Re-planning	No. .	.	.	.
Farm Planning (Basic)	NO..	60	50	10
Soil Surveys	Ac. .	15000	12000	3000
Contour Farming	Ac. .	6500	2760	3740
Pasture Imprvmnt.	Ac. .	120	120	.
Strip Cropping	Ac. .	.	.	.
Wildlife Area Imp.	Ac. .	.	.	.
Terraces	Mi. .	5.5	4	1.5
Closed Drains	L.F. .	296700	120000	176700
Open Drains	Mi. .	.3	.2	1
Diversions	Mi. .	1.6	1.6	.
Structures	No. .	.6	.4	2
Cons.Waterways	L.F. .	6.5	4.5	2
Roadside Eros.Con.	Mi. .	.	.	.
Seeding Pastures	Ac. .	.	.	.
Reorg.of Fields	Rods .	.	.	.
Land Reclamation	Ac. .	.	.	.
Farm Ponds	No. .	14	4	10
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	.	.	.	.

Remarks:

Approved by District Commissioners in
Minutes of meeting held May 19, 1952 (Date)

Signed: Henry G. Marse
Chairman

Iowa
Soil Conservation Committee

STATE HOUSE
DES MOINES 19, IOWA

QUESTIONNAIRE

With the new fiscal year just around the corner and the problem of allocating 2-A Budget funds coming up soon, we would like to have you answer a few questions for the Budget & Equipment Committee.

1. Should the funds be distributed about as they were for the fiscal year 1951-1952? **No change suggested**
2. Should more emphasis be placed on the number of farms and acres per District? **No**
3. Should more emphasis be placed on work load in the District?
Yes
4. Should more emphasis be given to the hiring of regular payroll employees?
Yes
5. If your District were allowed to have only one full time employee which would you prefer, clerk or technician?
Technical assistant with clerical ability
6. Should the practice of employing part time personnel be continued as in the past? **Yes**
7. Can desirable personnel be employed and maintained on a part time basis? **Yes, if part-time employees are constant.**

OTHER SUGGESTIONS AND REMARKS:

May 19, 1952

Date

Iowa County #55

District

Henry J. Mann
Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, May 19, 1952

Present were Morse, Maas, Davis, Bush, Murphy, Zentmire..

Minutes of the meeting of April 21 were read and approved.

Progress chart posted, Bush reported field work quite current.

Discussion of farm plans, Approved these:

A 326 - Robert Rehfeldt

A 327 - Ronald Mohr (Lincoln)

328 - Stanley Warner

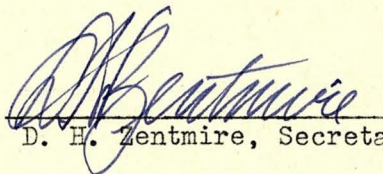
A 329 - Raymond F. Murphy

330 - Arnold Heitshusen

Budgets studied and finally approved as shows in the Districts budget folder.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved _____ 1952


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, June 16, 1952

Present was only Commissioner Owen plus Davis, Bush, Murphy, Huedepohl and Zentmire. With only one commissioner present no complete official action could be taken.

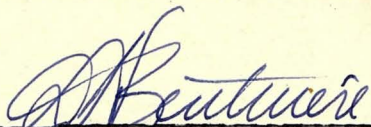
These farm plans were reviewed and signed:

- I 331 - Ronald L. Sanders
- I 332 - John D. Keil
- A 333 - Will Kelly
- A 334 - Edith Buswell by Paul Harned
- I 335 - Edith and Ivan Wagner
- B 336 - Norman McCaw
- I 337 - Amos Gingerich
- I 338 - Joe Lower
- I 339 - Harry Agnew

District treasury shows a balance of \$223.97. Budgets were reviewed and a 2A balance of \$233.66 estimated. Secretary instructed to inform the state committee that this District can release \$200.00 of 2A money. 1A budget shows an estimated balance of \$53.92.

Field work reviewed by Bush. Discussion of events for Soil Conservation Week. Plan a public pasture day at Amana on June 21.

Approved 8-18- 1952


D. H. Zentmire, Sec'y

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, July 21, 1952

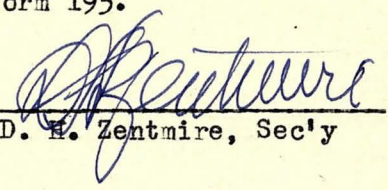
Only commissioner present was Owen plus Davis, Murphy and Zentmire. These farm plans were reviewed and signed:

B 340 Forrest and W. J. Good
I 341 John Jennings
I 342 Walter Olson (Hilton)
A 343 L. B. Swezey
A 344 W. J. Wilkinson
I 345 Bert Hanson & Wilfred Lillis
I 346 Ralph F. Sandersfeld
A 347 Ronald Mohr
I 348 George Bender
I 349 Dwight Bender
B 350 Mamie Jordan
B 351 Charles R. Jordan
I 352 Howard Frick

Progress chart was posted.

Field work reviewed briefly, including report Form 195.

Approved 8/18 1952


D. H. Zentmire, Sec'y

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, August 18, 1952

Present were all commissioners plus Davis, Bush, Murphy and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meetings of June 16 and July 21 were read and approved.

Discussion of payment of 1952 dues to state and national association of soil district commissioners. By motion the commissioners agreed to each pay \$10 and have the District pay \$5 for state dues. Each commissioner paid his \$10.00.

8-52-9 Moved by Owen that 1952 national dues of \$55 be paid from the District's treasury. Seconded and carried.

8-52-10 Moved by Owen that Maas be elected District chairman. Seconded by Morse and carried 2 to 1. Maas took over immediately.

8-52-11 These farm plans were reviewed, some changing from initial to basic, and approved on motion by Morse, seconded and carried.

B 254 Maynard Gates

B 257 Ernest Timm, Jr.

B 269 Herman Redwine

B 281 Glenn Scott

B 296 Ralph E. Myers

B 324 Isaiah Litwiller

I 353 Ben J. Hochstettler

I 354 E. J. Rowe

I 355 Keith Jordan

I 356 A. T. Boedeker

I 357 John C. O'Meara

I 358 M. F. Sauter

I 359 M. F. Sauter

I 360 Edward Reitzler

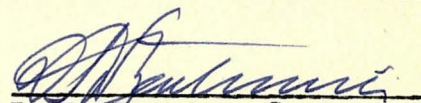
I 361 Earl Schafbuch

I 362 Elwood Bros.

Owen reported on 4-County District Meeting at Wellman July 21.

Agreed that the September District meeting be held on September 22 to avoid conflict with the state meeting of the Iowa Soil District Association Commissioners. Meeting adjourned.

Approved 9/22/1952


D. H. Zentmire, Sec'y

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, September 22, 1952

All commissioners present plus, Davis, Bush and Zentaire. Minutes of the August 21st meeting were read and approved.

Farm plans were reviewed and approved as follows:

363 - Henry and John Van Otegham
364 - John and Joe Black
365 - Ray O'Brien
366 - Leonard J. Thys
367 - Henry Noyes
368 - John B. Maxey
369 - H. W. Haffner
370 - Vernon Gorsch
371 - M. Louis Schultz
372 - Frank R. Allen
373 - William Riess
374 - Layton Riess
375 - Henry J. Meyer

Bush reviewed progress of field work. Getting along well.

50 copies of "Down the River" to be ordered for schools. Progress chart posted. Morse, Davis and Zentaire reported on state meeting of District Commissioners at Cedar Rapids.

4-County district picnic soon at Ding Darling Lake, date to be set soon.

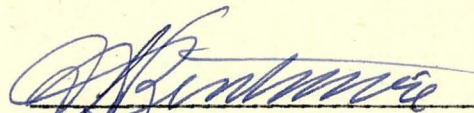
Discussion of Ag. Resources Committee meeting this afternoon and the probable program.

Davis reported prospect for SCS help for the District during the coming year.

Bush reported on condition of trefoil seedings in the county. Recommended removal of nurse crop by pasturing or early clipping in order to favor trefoil. Have 4463 acres now ready to be mapped.

Adjourned by motion.

Approved 10/27/52


D. H. Zentaire, Sec'y.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL DISTRICT
Minutes Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, October 27, 1952

Present were Commissioners Maas and Morse, also Davis, Bush and Zentmire.
Minutes of meeting of September 22 were read and approved.

10-52-12 These farm plans were examined and on motion were accepted:

I - 376 - R. T. & H. W. Smith
B - 377 - S. F. Pazdera
I - 378 - Francis Gaffey
I - 379 - T. M. Donahoe
I - 380 - Ora Hall
I - 381 - R. G. Jacoby
I - 382 - Truman Erb
I - 383 - Roy Scandridge
A - 384 - Arlo Cronbaugh
I - 385 - Dale Risdon
I - 386 - Francis O'Rourke
I - 387 - Hugh Kirkpatrick
B - 388 - Fred Kotezy
A - 389 - G. R. Danskin
I - 390 - A. G. Keil
A - 391 - Ervin Kimm
I - 392 - Glenn E. McArtor
I - 393 - John T. Werner
I - 394 - E. N. Martin

Elevated from A to B classification were these:

B - 277 - Kores Yoder
B - 310 - Merwyn Betz
B - 323 - Leonard Lower
B - 326 - Robert Rehfeldt
B - 327 - Ronald Mohr (Lincoln)
B - 329 - Raymond Murphy
B - 343 - L. B. Swezey
B - 347 - Ronald Mohr (Hartford)

Presented for cancellation:

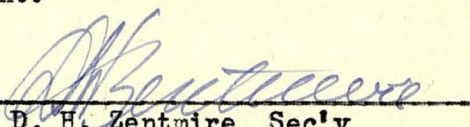
293 - J. E. Winter (deceased)

Progress chart was posted.

As of now there have been written 44 basic and 96 initial and advanced plans this year.

Discussion of PMA program training and of utilization of PMA help and funds. PMA practice inspections and reports by SCS are current.

Approved _____ 195__


D. H. Zentmire, Sec'y

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, November 17, 1952

All commissioners were present plus Bush and Murphy.

These plans were approved:

<u>Initial</u>	I 396 - Floyd Baethke
<u>Advanced</u>	A 395 - George C. Hinrichs
	A 396 - Martin Glandorf

Basic (from Advanced)

- B 270 - Albert D. Simmons
- B 284 - William F. Slaymaker
- B 295 - Harold Collingwood
- B 298 - G. O. Jones (Charles Gahring)
- B 335 - Edith Wagner (Ivan Wagner)
- B 364 - John and Joe Black

Without Davis present the progress chart was not posted.

Bush reported tiling and open drainage as the major projects of the month.

District Conservationists narrative report last month should have given Iowa County credit for 10 basic plans approved instead of the 7 that it did contain.

Meeting of December 19 was discussed but detail of attendance was delayed to the December 15 meeting.

Motion to adjourn carried.

Approved 1-19- 1953

Mitchell Murphy
Sec'y Protem

CROSS REFERENCE FOR SCD MINUTES

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MOTION</u>
1-53-1	State Dues Paid
4-53-2	Purchase Copy of Film "Soil Conservation Districts and Iowa People"
4-53-3	Increase Office Helper's Pay
5-53-4	Unused Balance of 2A Funds
5-53-5	Tuition for Attending Springbrook Conservation Camp
8-53-6	District Sponsor Land Capabilities Contest
11-53-7	Annual Report - Preparation
12-53-8	Letters to Farmers on Cancellation of Plans
12-53-9	State and National Dues

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, January 19, 1953

All commissioners were present plus Davis, Bush and Zentmire. Minutes of the November and December meetings were read and approved.

These plans were reviewed and approved:

B 401 - Howard Buswell
B 402 - Fred Donald Turner
I 403 - Arnold Boethke
I 404 - Forrest Peters
I 405 - Henry Wille
I 406 - Clarence W. Lortz
I 407 - John R. Miller
A 408 - W. L. Misbach

B 409 - James ^{W.} Welsh
I 410 - John J. Welsh
I 411 - Ivan J. Smith
A 412 - Joseph J. Vicktor
A 413 - Henry F. Witte
A 414 - Byron Goldthwaite
A 415 - W. A. McKusker
A 416 - Arthur McKusker

Bush reported on field work:

	<u>Cooperators</u>		<u>Non-cooperators</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Units</u>
Miles tile layout	38	22	130	47
Miles open ditch	14	16	18	5
Acres contouring	38	1392	35	937
Earth dams	2	2	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Stock ponds	4	4	2	2
Miles standard terraces	6	$1\frac{1}{4}$	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Miles diversion terraces	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$1\frac{1}{3}$

62 became cooperators through PMA contacts, and 5 through FHA contacts.

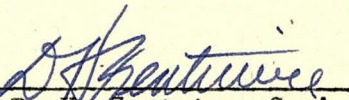
PMA transferred 4.6% (\$4000.00) of the allowable funds for program inspection work. SCS spend \$266.88 more of their own money on the same program.

Maas may go to tilers short course at Marshalltown January 29. No takers for attendance at state Commissioners short course at Iowa State College January 20 to 22.

1-53-1 Moved by Morse that state dues of \$50.00 be paid to the state Association of District Commissioners. Seconded by Owen and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 5-18 - 1953


D. H. Zentmire, Sec'y

IOWA COUNTY SOIL DISTRICT
Minutes Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, February 16, 1953

Present were Owen, Morse, plus Bush, Murphy and Zentmire. Morse served as temporary chairman.

These farm plans were presented, checked and approved:

I 418 - Ora L. Marner
I 419 - C. F. Schrock
I 420 - Ervin H. Kempf
I 421 - Carl T. Emde
I 422 - Wallace Bender
I 423 - Russell Kinsinger
I 424 - Russell Kinsinger
I 425 - Leroy Bender
B 426 - Glenn McKinstry
A 427 - Frances Bender
B 428 - Floyd R. Faas
A 429 - Robert L. Faas
I 430 - Charles E. Struble
I 431 - Alfred Van Dee
I 432 - Clifford Bair
I 433 - Clem Bender

Murphy contacted 134 cooperators on follow-up during January and this far into February. Some farms needed replanning. Need places for 3 or 4 more terrace demonstrations. Work is to be divided so that Murphy will do most of practice application, Bush will be supervisor of all but wants to spend most time on basic plans.

PMA program plans not ready to be submitted yet.

Membership in National Assoc. of Soil District Commissioners discussed but no action taken.

Hedges and Lambert Elwood suggested as candidates for county commissssioner to replace R. G. Owen.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 3/16/53


D. E. Zentmire, Sec'y

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, March 16, 1953

All commissioners were present plus Backus, Bush and Zentmire. Minutes of the meeting of February 16 were read and approved.

These farm plans were examined and by motion approved:

Changed from Initial to Advanced:

- 337 - Amos Gingerich
- 348 - George Bender
- 349 - Dwight Bender
- 353 - Ben Hockstettler
- 361 - Earl Schafbuch
- 364 - John & Joe Black
- 368 - John B. Maxey
- 371 - M. Louis Schultz
- 376 - R. T. & H. W. Smith
- 378 - Francis Gaffey
- 385 - Dale Risdon
- 386 - Francis O'Rourke
- 387 - Hugh Kirkpatrick
- 390 - A. G. Keil
- 392 - Glenn McArtor
- 394 - E. N. Martin (G. E. Coover)

Changed from Advanced to Basic:

- 264 - Ernest D. Huedepohl
- 265 - Lothar Huedepohl
- 266 - Carl Brockshus
- 275 - Milton Heitshusen
- 354 - E. J. Rowe
- 395 - George C. Hinrichs

Initial:

- 434 - James Foley
- 435 - Arlo Cronbaugh
- 436 - Alfred Maas
- 437 - Earl S. Bahr
- 438 - Dan V. Martin
- 439 - Lawrence Bender
- 440 - Harold Grimm

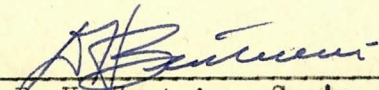
Review of ACP applications disclosed requests for practice aid on 87A strip cropping, 9788A contouring (365 applicants), 28160 rds tile, 19 ponds, 14 pasture improvement, 24 grassed waterways, 28 open ditches and 8 terraces.

Discussion of extra field help for spring work and of replacement help in the office. Can only keep looking for help and weight the need again in 60 days.

Discussion of contour training school locations. Will confer with PMA for possible trainees.

Discussion of budget balance and possible overage. Estimate that unless we get extra field help we will have \$150.00 surplus but final report to be delayed until after the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned. Approved 5-18- 1953


D. H. Zentmire, Sec'y.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, April 20, 1953

Present were Commissioners Owen and Morse pluse Backus, Bush and Zentmire.

These farm plans were reviewed and approved:

Changed from Advanced to Basic:

- 367 - Henry Noyes
- 385 - Dale Risdon

Changed from Initial to Advanced:

- 441 - Vernon Wiedemeier
- 450 - Otto Schwalbe
- 452 - Clark Lakin
- 453 - Clark Lakin
- 454 - Pearl Warner

Initial:

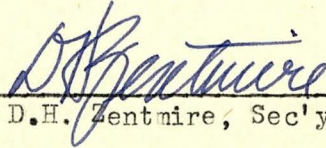
- 442 - Clifford Heitshusen
- 443 - Carl J. Kuch
- 444 - W. D. Herzberg
- 445 - Raymond Beran
- 446 - Howard E. Beyer
- 447 - Leslie C. Oliver
- 448 - John F. McCune
- 449 - Alex W. Herring
- 451 - Leonard L. Rensberger
- 455 - Earl S. Bahr (sec. 36 Lincoln)

Field work done as of this date includes 1746 acres contouring, 60190 ft. tile and other practices. Discussion of prospect for additional help. Effort to stage a contour training school didn't materialize because there weren't candidates to train. Breeding Association technicians were suggested as possibilities for part time work.

4-53-2 For speaker at the District election meeting, preferably during the week of June 22, Rex Conn is to be asked. Moved by Morse that the Iowa County District cooperate in the area purchase of a copy of the film "Soil Conservation Districts and Iowa People."

4-53-3 Moved by Owen that Mrs. Bush's pay as office helper be increased to \$7.00 per day, effective April 1. Seconded by Morse and carried. This must be approved by the state committee.

Approved 5-18- 1953


D.H. Zentmire, Sec'y.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, May 18, 1953

Present were Commissioners Maas and Owen plus Bush and Zentmire. Minutes of the meetings of Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16 and April 20 were read and approved without change.

These farm plans were reviewed and approved:

I 456 - Merle Spratt
I 457 - Merle Schauff
I 458 - Raymond Mumm
I 459 - Marvin Miller
A 460 - Roy E. Rowe
I 461 - William Charles Rauch
I 462 - Horace B. Mullin
I 463 - Alfred Wyant
I 464 - William Shine
I 465 - McCleary - Harvey Von Ahsen
I 466 - Laura Shaul
I 467 - Alfred McCammant
I 468 - Elmer South & Son

From Initial to Basic:

A 396 - Martin Glandorf

From Advanced to Basic:

Housel Estate & Marvin Norton

5-53-4 Budgets considered and adopted (copy in secretary's file). Moved by Owen that the secretary be instructed to report to the State Soil Conservation Committee an unused balance of \$325.00 in our 2A fund. Seconded and carried.

5-53-5 Moved by Owen that the District provide the \$17.50 necessary to pay the tuition of one elementary teacher to attend superintendent of schools to be consulted in the selection. Seconded and carried.

Date of June 26 and Rex Conn were both approved for the District bi-ennial meeting in the Williamsburg Town Hall at 8 p.m. that evening.

Discussion of observance of Soil Conservation Week June 14 to 20. No specific action. News stories to go in to May 23rd issue of Iowa County Farmer.

Annual report approved.

Owen was reelected treasurer and an extension of his bond arranged.

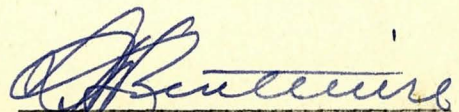
Discussion of proposals for 1954 ACP program meeting to be held May 20.

Recommended Kinsey and Daniel Yoder for "Soil Conservation Achievement awards for Iowa Farmers" program.

Spokesman proposition for Soil Conservation Week advertising not approved because we have the Iowa County Farmer with more complete county coverage.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 6/18/ 1953

Springbrook Conservation Camp, the

D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, June 15, 1953

Present were Commissioners Owen and Morse, plus Bush and Zentmire.

Minutes of May 18 were read and approved after correcting the paragraph concerning teacher attendance at Springbrook Conservation camp.

These plans were presented, examined and approved:

From Initial to Advanced:

357 John O'Meara
380 Ora Hall
396 Floyd Baethke
407 John R. Miller
412 Joseph J. Viktor
418 Ora Marner
423 Russell Kinsinger
424 Russell Kinsinger
430 Charles E. Struble
431 Alfred Van Dee
432 Clifford Bair
433 Clem Bender
438 Dan V. Martin
440 Harold Grimm

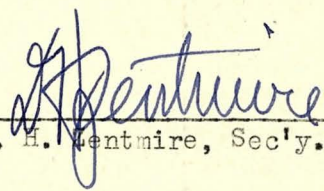
New Plans:

I 469 Kenneth Sippy (Sec. 36 Lenox)
I 470 Alvin J. Blough (Sec. 9 & 16, Greene)
A 471 Glenn Langlas
I 472 W. Wayne Fancher

Names of Edward Kinsey as owner-operator and Daniel Yoder as tenant-operator were submitted in the "Soil Conservation Achievement awards for Iowa Farmers" contest.

Discussion of bi-ennial meeting program. Date is June 26, 8 p.m. in Williamsburg Town Hall with Rex Conn speaking and with a showing of the film "Soil Conservation Districts and Iowa People." The District Commissioner election will close the meeting.

Approved 7/20/ 1953


D. H. Zentmire, Sec'y.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Biennial Meeting and Election
Williamsburg, June 26, 1953

With chairman Maas in charge the meeting was called to order. Sixty two persons attended. Maas appointed Owen Tompkins, Henry G. Morse and R. G. Owen to serve as judges and clerk of election.

Bush summarized briefly the status of the conservation program in the county.

Rex Conn, farm editor of the Cedar Rapids Gazette was introduced. He in turn introduced visitors who came with him, a Lebanese and a Syrian who are studying practices of various kinds in the U. S. Conn complimented Iowa County farmers on their progress in conservation but reminded them that none yet had accomplished all the conservation that is needed.

The film "Soil Conservation Districts and Iowa People" was shown but with less than entire satisfaction.

Results of balloting showed 21 votes cast, 18 for Lambert J. Elwood and 3 for Robert M. Hedges. Polls were closed at 10 o'clock p.m. and the whole meeting adjourned.

Approved _____ 1953

D. H. Zentmire, Sec'y.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT #55

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, July 20, 1953

All commissioners were present, Elwood in his first meeting, plus Backhaus, Bush and Zentmire.

Minutes of the June 15 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given by the secretary. For the benefit of refreshing memories the several budgets of the District were discussed: the sources of income for each and the legitimate uses for each.

These agreements were reviewed and approved:

Advanced:

473 - D. H. Miller

Initial:

474 - Tilman R. Smith
475 - Brown Montague
476 - Daniel J. & Robert M. Murtha
477 - Martin Plotz
478 - Robert T. Buelow
479 - Chimpanies & Cecil Collingwood
480 - Earl Misel

Initial to Advanced:

318 - Michael Lawler
325 - Arthur Pundt
342 - Walter Olson
344 - W. J. Wilkinson
352 - Howard Frick
366 - Leonard Thys
370 - Vernon Gorsh
398 - L. P. Muller
403 - Arnold Baethke
405 - Henry Wille
414 - Vernon Parks
419 - C. F. Schrock
420 - Ervin Kempf
421 - Carl Emde
422 - Wallace Bender
425 - Leroy Bender
434 - James Foley
445 - Raymond Beran
446 - Howard E. Beyer
464 - Wilbur Shine
465 - Mary McCleary & Harvey Von Ahsen

The Memo of Understanding between District and Extension Service was reviewed and discussed. At the next meeting the Memo with USDA will be reviewed.

(more)

These contests were announced: (1) "Best Balanced Forage, Livestock and Soil Conservation award", (2) "Outstanding Commissioner."

Discussed the proposed Homestead land use field day. After dinner at Homestead Maas, Elwood, Backhaus and Zentmire toured the possible stops with Art ~~Baumgartel~~ as guide.

Seizer

Approved _____ 1953

D. H. Zentmire, Sec'y

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, August 17, 1953

Present were all commissioners plus Bush, Murphy and Zentmire. Minutes of the July 20th meeting were read and approved.

These plans were reviewed and approved:

From Initial to Advanced:

381 - Ray G. Jacoby

435 - Arlo Cronbaugh

463 - Alfred Wyant

New ones:

I 481 - Earl Tripses

A 482 - Howard Webster

I 483 - D. P. McCune

A 484 - M. F. Walsh (200A)

A 485 - M. F. Walsh (134 A)

I 486 - Bert O'Brien

I 487 - W. J. Wilkinson Executor Farm No. 1

I 488 - W. J. Wilkinson Executor Farm No. 2

I 489 - W. J. Wilkinson Executor Farm No. 3

I 490 - W. J. Wilkinson Executor Farm No. 4

I 491 - Leonard Lower

I 492 - L. S. Morrin

I 493 - L. S. Morrin

I 494 - Asa Johnson

8-53-6 Discussed proposal to initiate land judging contest for FFA boys. Ed Dakan appeared at this point and joined in the discussion. Moved by Elwood that the District sponsor a land capabilities contest. Seconded by Morse and carried.

Goodyear Soil Conservation award program entry acknowledgement was read. No comment.

Decision on purchasing contour-liner was delayed for more information.

Office landlord's intention to increase office rent from \$40.00 to \$45.00 per month, effective September 1, 1953, was announced. No other course to follow than to accept the increase, an increase that does not seem unreasonable.

Read and discussed the Memo of Understanding between the District and USDA.

Meeting adjourned.

D. H. Zentmire, Sec'y.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, September 28, 1953

Present were all commissioners plus Backhaus, Bush and Zentmire.
Minutes of August 17th meeting were read and approved without change.

These farm plans were reviewed and approved:

I 495 - Carl Wyant
I 496 - Fred C. White
I 497 - C. W. Bonnater

Considered request from Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners for names of men to be invited to take associate memberships. The secretary was directed to invite the Association to send some one to this Districts Commissioner meeting to supply more information about why associate memberships are needed.

Report from SCS advised that for 1953-1954 this District will have two men from SCS funds plus such ACP help as their funds will permit.

Revision of Work Plan postponed until Commissioners have reviewed the present Plan more thoroughly.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved _____ 1953

D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, October 19, 1953

Present were Elwood, Backhaus, Bush, Murphy, Mrs. Carroll Gunderson, Johannes and Mr. Allan Schroder, who represented the State Association of Commissioners.

Regular meeting could not be called to order due to lack of commissioners present to constitute a quorum. However, Maas, by absentee ballot and Elwood approved the hiring of Mrs. Carroll Gunderson as office clerk for the Marengo office effective October 19, 1953.

Mr. Schroder then explained plans of other districts where assistant commissioners are selected to help the commissioners in strengthening the soil conservation program in the district. Commissioners are still in charge of the program and assistants would not have a vote in matters concerning expenditures or other money matters of the district. The idea of the assistant commissioners is to bring about more successful commissioner meetings. Schroder also proposed that the district would be strengthened by holding an annual banquet meeting for the opportunity of explaining the soil conservation program both to cooperators and others interested who would attend the meeting.

Different promotional ideas for the district were discussed by Schroder. Some of those now in use are newsletters published quarterly, cooperators signs for their farms and District signs to be posted on main roads into the county.

Associate memberships were then explained by Schroder along with other details of organization, responsibilities and duties of Soil Conservation Districts and their relationship with State Soil Conservation Committee. This information was especially directed to Elwood.

1953

D. I. Johannes, Acting Sec'y

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, November 23, 1953

All commissioners present plus Bush and Zentmire. Minutes of the September 18 and October 19 meetings were read and approved.

These ten farm agreements were reviewed and approved. No. 502 was substituted for No. 115 in the name of Lois H. Wallace, now deceased:

I 498 - Orval O. Faas
I 499 - B. Charles Murphy
I 500 - Murphy Bros.
I 501 - James L. Murtha
I 502 - Wallace Bros.
I 503 - Harley M. Carter
I 504 - Ernest Harriman (oper)
I 505 - Ernest Harriman

I to A - 382 - Truman Erb
I to A - 408 - Elmer South

Reviewed the proposed revision of the District program of work and made some clarifying **corrections** that will be submitted to the Area Conservationist. Adoption later if approved in its new form.

11-53-7 Moved by Elwood that Zentmire assign portions of annual report preparation to individuals and that he assemble the several sections into the finished report. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved _____ 1953

D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, December 14, 1953

All Commissioners present plus Bachhaus, Bush and Zentmire. Minutes of the November 23 meeting were read and approved after correction "farm plan" terminology.

These farm agreements were reviewed and approved:

- I 506 - Truman Gingerich
- I 507 - Edwin M. Brenneman

These 10 farm plans were dropped for reason indicated:

- 3 Deceased - 38 M. G. McGivern, 50 P.M. McGivern, 84 Henry Uthoff
- 2 Change of Operators - 172 Ruskin Nidey, 273 Cecil Collingwood.
- 5 Change of Ownership - 112 James Sauter, 194 Eldon Schumacher,
208 William Romine, 232 Robert M. Hedges,
235 Charles Kinzenbaw

12-53-8 Moved by Elwood that letters be sent to 120 F. L. Wardenburg, 128 Walter Huedepohl and 413 H. F. Witte telling them of cancellation of their plans and the reasons for cancellation. Seconded and carried.

Annual report assignments were made: technical, Bush; education and administration, Zentmire; outlook, Maas. The finished report is to be printed in the Iowa County Farmer.

Discussion of naming assistant District commissioners. Suggested were Schmuecker, Dean Humphrey, Kinsey, Lantz, Aldine Gingerich, Ernest Timm, Rehfeldt, Atkinson, A. G. Evans, Fred Faltinson, Jim Hartz, Sinn, Otto Fruendt, Ervin Koehn, Leonard Dietrich, Albert Bender, Lloyd Rank, Harley Carter, Amos Gingerich, Daniel Yoder.

Discussion of anticipated 1954 work load. Copy is contained in this minute record.

12-53-9 Consideration of District membership dues in the state (\$50) and national (\$55) Districts associations. Bush said he would raise the \$100 if the local District would raise the \$5. Moved by Morse that Bush's offer be accepted. Seconded and carried and Bush immediately delivered a \$100 check from Roy Yoder in fulfillment of his proposal.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved _____ 1954

D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, December 15, 1953

Present were Morse and Owen plus Davis, Bush, Murphy and Zentmire.

These plans were reviewed and approved:

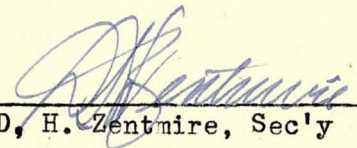
B 241 - J. E. Riegenbach
B 291 - Gerhard O. Hinrichs
B 292 - Mrs. C. F. Hinrichs
B 297 - Harold N. Brown
I 398 - L. P. Mueller
B 399 - Milford W. Groff (E. M. Holden farm)
A 400 - Farmers National Co. and Marvin Norton

Field operations were reviewed by Murphy and Bush.

Regional meeting at Cedar R. discussed. Letter read from Mahaska County District sending check for pond construction work done in Iowa County.

No disposition to transfer our terracer to any other county, unless it be in joint arrangement with an adjoining county.

Approved 2-16-19- 1953


D. H. Zentmire, Sec'y

CROSS REFERENCE FOR SCD MINUTES

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MOTION</u>
1-54-1	Increase Clerk's Salary and Classification
2-54-2	Hire New Clerk
2-54-3	Return Whirlwind Terracer to State Committee
3-54-4	Annual Report ed Approved
5-54-5	Ad in Farm Bureau Spokesman
5-54-6	Quarterly Newsletter
5-54-7	Proposed Budgets Accepted
5-54-8	Adjourn Meeting
6-54-9	Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding Approved
6-54-10	District Work Plan Approved
6-54-11	FFA Land Judging Contest
7-54-12	Resignation of District Commissioner
8-54-13	Prize Money Divided Equally on Soil Sample Contest
8-54-14	Recommend to General Assembly Change in Number of Commissioners, Length of Term and Date of Election
9-54-15	Approve Assistant Commissioners
10-54-16	Basic Plans Cancelled
10-54-17	Basic Plans Approved
10-54-18	Adjourn Meeting
11-54-19	Meeting with SCS and Implement Dealers
11-54-20	Report on Projects Completed During Year Approved
12-54-21	Basic Plans Approved
12-54-22	Basic Plans Cancelled
12-54-23	Delegate to Short Course
12-54-24	Operators Divided Among Commissioners
12-54-25	Resignation of District Commissioner
12-54-26	Appoint District Commissioner to Serve Unexpired Term

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
January 18, 1954 Marengo

Present were District Commissioners Morse and Elwood, plus Bush, Murphy, and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meeting of December 14 were read and approved without change.

Farm Plans 225--Michael Becker, and 462--Horace B. Mullin were cancelled because of sale of farms.

These new plans were reviewed and approved:

Advanced- 508 - C. C. Van Deusen
Initial - 509 - Harvey Wiedemeier
Advanced- 510 - Gerald Newberry
Initial - 511 - John Cunningham
Initial - 512 - Lloyd E. Schaffner
Initial - 513 - Alvin E. Cox

Letters read from Iowa Farm Bureau Federation concerning appropriations for Soil Districts and conservation program administration, and from Secretary Ezra T. Benson concerning reorganization of Soil Conservation Service.

Discussion of the Soil Conservation questionnaire from the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts.

Discussion of delegate to the Soil District Commissioners short course at Ames January 20 to 22. Morse will go and possibly Elwood also for a part of the program.

Discussed setting up a watershed project to qualify for A.S.C. payment on that practice and using it for a demonstration. Prefer a small watershed for a starter. Bush asked Commissioners to be on the lookout for such an opening.

Progress toward selecting assistant commissioners was reviewed but contacts yet made do not justify appointment at this time.

1-54-1 Moved by Elwood that the State Soil Conservation Committee be asked to approve for Dolores M. Gunderson, Office Clerk, a pay schedule of \$7.00 per day and classification as a "regular employee", both to become effective February 1, 1954. Seconded by Morse and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 2/15/ 1954

D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, February 15, 1954

Present were Lambert Elwood, Henry Morse, Harlan Backhaus, Ralph Bush, Albert Murphy, Walt Weiss and D. H. Zentmire with Elwood serving as temporary chairman. The minutes of January 18 were read and approved without change.

Initial

These plans were reviewed and approved:

514, Robert Hawkins; 515, Paul T. Gingerich; 516, Marion Morse; 517, Leonard L. Morse; 518, Lloyd McGuire; 519, J. F. Harriman; 520, J. F. Harriman; 521, Floyd D. Faas; 522, Koehn Brothers; 523, B. H. Behrens; 524, Leo O'Rourke.

These plans went from advanced to basic:

368, John B. Maxey; 409, James V. Welsh; 396, Floyd Baethke; 386, Francis O'Rourke; 438, Dan V. Martin; 429, Robert L. Faas; 446, Howard E. Beyer; 452, Clark Lekin; 453, Clark Lekin.

These farm plans were cancelled because of removal from farm or sale of farm: 383, Roy Scandridge; and 450, Otto Schwalbe.

Discussion of annual report almost finished.

2-50-2

Bush announced the resignation of Mrs. Dolores M. Gunderson, clerk, effective March 1. Announced also the availability of Mrs. Margaret Ferren of Marengo as a replacement. Moved by Elwood that Mrs. Ferren be employed as of March 1, on a Clerk 1 rating with a yearly salary of \$1920.00. Seconded by Morse and carried.

2-54-3

Moved by Elwood that the State Soil Conservation Committee be informed that the Iowa County District does not care to retain the whirlwind Terracer and is ready to turn it over to the State Committee. Seconded by Morse and carried.

Technicians and office clerks reports were given.

Meeting adjourned.

*Approved
3/15/54*

*D. H. Zentmire
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IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa, March 15, 1954

Present were Commissioners Maas and Elwood, Treasurer Owen, plus Bush and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meeting of February 15 were read and approved after adding the word "initial."

These plans were received and approved:

INITIAL:	525 - Robert O'Brien
	526 - Francis Jennings
	527 - John P. Dawson
	528 - Duane G. Olson
	529 - Dean W. Kinzenbaw
	530 - David J. Davies
	531 - Elmer E. Erteld
	532 - John N. Meyer
AMENDED:	198 - Ed Buhrmann, to include an additional 109 acres.
ADVANCED	315 - Otto Fruendt
TO	346 - Ralph Sandersfeld
BASIC:	366 - Leonard Thys
	390 - A. G. Keil
	434 - James Foley
	437 - Earl S. Bahr
	503 - Harley M. Carter

Bush read a letter from the state office concerning the stolen camera. Report forms were signed by the chairman and the work unit conservationist. Zentmire read a letter from the state office accepting for transfer the terracer.

3-54-4 Annual report for 1953 was read and discussed. Moved by Elwood, seconded by Maas, that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

Discussion concerning a land use short course next fall or winter. No decision.

Technicians report given by Bush. Almost as much terracing done now as was done all last year.

Bush reported that Lloyd Bickford is available for 6 to 12 months employment as a state aid or a combination of state-federal aid. No decision, question of keeping his time fully occupied.

Meeting adjourned by motion.

Approved: _____ 1954

D. H. Zentmire, Secretary.

IOWA SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa

April 19, 1954

Present were Commissioners Maas, plus Backhaus, Bush and Zentmire.

Minutes of the Meeting of March 15 were read and approved without change.

These plans were presented and signed:

- I - 533 - Lawrence G. Gates
- I - 535 - Grant Cantwell
- I - 536 - Harry W. Rathjen
- I - 537 - Chris & H. C. Kelting
- I - 538 - Lynn Popham

B - 534 - Lorren D. Stahl

Plan 236, Owen Tompkins was amended to include additional acres and plan 66, J. B. Orris, was cancelled because Orris is deceased.

Bush reported on technical work done the past month.

Commissioners meetings in May, June and July are to be held in the evenings of the third Mondays of these months.

Discussed briefly the letter-urge to have entries in the state plowing contest. No action.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____, 1954

D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

FORM 1013
Rev. 5-7-54

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
STATE HOUSE DES MOINES

DISTRICT Iowa - SCD - 55

DATE May 17, 1954

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. List names and addresses of State Personnel now employed in your soil conservation district and paid from state funds, and also the length of time that they have been with the District.

(Name)	(Address)	(length of time with district)	(Months)	(Regular)	(Part time)
Margaret Ferren	Marengo, Iowa	3 months	x		
Charles Lloyd Bickford	North English, Ia.	2 months			x

2. Total number of SCS personnel assigned to your district. Two

3. How does your personnel request for the new fiscal year differ from the current program you have had in operation? Basically the same - except more clerical time.

4. Farm Plans in force July 1st, 1954.
- | | |
|----------|------------|
| Initial: | <u>38</u> |
| Advanced | <u>153</u> |
| Basic | <u>301</u> |

5. What do you feel is a fair percentage of increase in the amount of soil conservation accomplished in the district with the use of State Funds?

Somewhere between 15 and 20%.

6. Does the district have sufficient equipment available for efficient operation of State Employees? If not, show under "Remarks". This is for general information and may or may not be considered as an equipment request.

No

7. Date and time of your regular District Commissioners Meetings.

Date Third Monday Time 10:00 A. M.

8. What changes in any policies made by the State Soil Conservation Committee would you recommend to increase conservation in your district? (Including budgets, procedures, etc.)

9. Remarks: We are in need of one fluorescent, two-tube, desk lamp, with floating arm.

Approved by District Commissioners in
Minutes of Meeting held 5-17-54
(Date)

SIGNED

Erwin J. Mass
(Chairman)

FORM 1012
Rev. 5-7-54

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

STATE HOUSE
DES MOINES, IOWA

DISTRICT Iowa SCD-55

DATE May 17, 1954

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT WORK LOAD
ANALYSIS FOR CALENDAR YEAR OF 1954

WORK LOAD PRACTICES	GRAND TOTAL DISTRICT WORK LOAD (INCL. ACP)	SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT GOAL (INCL. ACP)	BALANCE
Follow-up	No. 51	51	0
Re-Planning	No. 10	5	5
Farm Planning (Basic)	No. 50	30	20
Soil Surveys	Ac. 12,000	12,000	0
Contour Farming	Ac. 4,600	4,500	100
Pasture Improvement	Ac. 500	500	0
Strip Cropping	Ac. --	--	--
Wildlife Area Imp.	Ac. --	--	--
Terraces	Mi. 10	7	3
Closed Drains	L.F. 310,000	295,000	15,000
Open Drains	Mi. 6	4	2
Diversions	Mi. 10	7	3
Structures	No. 4	3	1
Cons. Waterways	L.F. 10	7	3
Roadside Eros. Cont.	Mi. --	--	--
Seeding Pastures	Ac. --	--	--
Reorg. of Fields	Rods 640	640	0
Land Reclamation	Ac. --	--	--
Farm Ponds	No. 16	10	6
ACP Steps 1 & 4 only	27	25	2

Approved by District Commissioners in
Minutes of meeting held 5-17-54
(Date)

SIGNED

Erwin J. Mass
(Chairman)

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
May 17, 1954

Present were Commissioners Maas, Morse and Elwood; Soil Conservation Service Bush and Backhaus.

Commissioners meeting called to order by Chairman Maas.

Minutes of April 19 meeting were read and approved as read.

The following plans were presented and approved:

INITIAL:	W. J. Schaefer & Sons	- - -	No. 539
	Urie L. Slaubaugh	- - -	No. 540
BASIC:	E. N. Martin	- - -	No. 394
	Martin Plotz	- - -	No. 477

Plan No. 469, Ivan Schmidt, was cancelled due to change in ownership. Plan No. 479, Steve Chimpanis, cancelled as owner is deceased.

Discussed Register & Tribune Contest. Decided to enter. Bush & Murphy to select 12 to 15 farms for consideration by Commissioners at next meeting. Will send entries after June meeting.

5-54-5
Discussed Farm Bureau Spokesman ad for Soil Conservation Week. Motion by Elwood, seconded by Morse to go along with ad. Also that Johnson, Farm Bureau Fieldman, see that an article be written and submitted on "Soil Conservation" for June 13 issue on the Iowa County page. Elwood to contact Johnson.

5-54-6
Discussed quarterly news letter. Moved by Morse and seconded by Elwood that steps be taken to initiate such a program. Elwood encouraged the use of more local news stories.

Discussed activities for Soil Conservation Week. Decided that local newspapers be contacted regarding Soil Conservation Week ads. Elwood to contact Williamsburg paper, Maas to contact Marengo paper, Bush to contact paper in Victor and North English, Zentmire to assist.

Lengthy discussion on price of corn, cattle and corn-sealing program. Also corn acreage allotment.

Discussed land judging contest and program for June 1. Decided not to have a noon program. Prize money to be taken from revolving fund and vouchers be submitted to State Committee after July 1. Total prize to be \$50.00. Final bills, etc. for contest to be handled at June meeting. (Receipts to be obtained for reimbursement purposes.) Approved purposed program and elected Maas to open both sessions.

The following bills were approved: Bond for Treasurer - \$2.50.

5-54-7

The 1955 fiscal year Budgets reviewed by Bush. Moved by Elwood, seconded by Morse that Budget as ^{proposed} ~~purposed~~ be accepted. Carried.

Discussed length of tenure and number of Commissioners. Tabled till June meeting.

Bush gave report of work progress and monthly accomplishments.

5-54-8

Motion by Elwood and seconded by Morse meeting adjourn. Adjourned 10:40 P. M.

Approved _____, 1954

~~D. H. Zentmire, Secretary~~

Bachaus, Amy Proteau

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, June 28, 1954

This was the second effort to hold the June meeting, no one appearing a week earlier. Present were all Commissioners plus Bush, Murphy and Zentmire.

Minutes of the May 17th meeting read and approved. Farm plan 179 was cancelled because of change of ownership. Initial Farm plan 541, V. W. Haas, was approved.

Selection of Register and Tribune conservation contestants was delayed so long that inspection of farms couldn't be made in time to effect the entry of a local winner.

6-54-9 Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding between the Iowa County Soil District and the Federal Soil Conservation Service was read and discussed. Moved by Morse that it be approved. Seconded by Elwood and approved.

6-54-10 Moved by Elwood that the new District work plan be approved. Seconded by Morse and carried.

Class prizes in the recent FFA land judging contest were forfeited because neither class attended in sufficient numbers to meet the requirements. Individual prizes allowed were: 1st Stuart Blythe, Williamsburg, \$10.00; 2nd Leo Schmidt, Williamsburg, \$6.00; 3rd Larry Wichmann, Homestead, \$4.00; 4th Laurel Haas, Marengo \$2.00.

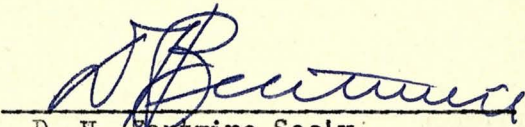
Discussion of land judging contests with respect to improvement; hold before schools close, lower the percentage class attendance required, announce the event soon so students and instructors can begin preparation.

6-54-11 Moved by Elwood that an FFA land judging contest be held next year. Seconded by Morse and carried.

Consideration of office clerk to replace Mrs. Ferren, resigned as of June 30. Applicants who have been interviewed are Mary McGurk Davis and Alberta Smith. Choice was left to the SCS personnel who will work with the clerk.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 7-26- 1954


D. H. Zentmire, Sec'y.

IOWA SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa

July 26, 1954

Attending were Commissioners Maas and Elwood, plus Bush, Murphy and Zentmire.

Minutes of the June 28th meeting were read and approved without change.

These initial farm plans were reviewed and approved:

- I - 542 - Walter Olson
- I - 543 - ~~Orville~~ W. Bloethe

Agreed that if possible the Soil Conservation District present an exhibit at the Iowa County Fair, Bush to learn what can be included. Prizes totaling \$6.00 can be awarded if advisable.

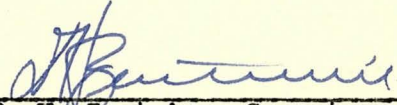
Budgets for 1954-55 were approved in amounts of \$500.00 for 1A and \$3000.00 for 2A.

7-54-12 Resignation of Henry G. Morse as District Commissioner because of his health was presented orally by Secretary Zentmire. Moved by Elwood that the resignation be accepted with regret. Seconded and carried.

Discussion of a successor to serve until the 1955 election offered the names of Edward Kinsey of Marengo and Don Eash of Parnell.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved: 8/24/, 1954


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa

August 23, 1954

Present were Maas, Elwood, Kinsey, plus Backhus, Bush, Murphy and Zentmire.

Minutes of the July 26th meeting were read and approved. The State Committee letter approving Ed Kinsey to fill Morse's term as Commissioner until the 1955 District election was read.

These plans were reviewed:

- I - 467 - Alfred McCamant
- I - 480 - Earl S. Misel

Discussion of fertilizer use and results.

Chairman Maas officially welcomed Ed Kinsey as a new Commissioner.

8-54-13
Four contestants tied on guessing the weight of the two soil samples exhibited at the Iowa County Fair. Samples weighed $27\frac{1}{2}$ and 32 pounds. Howard E. Beyer and Marcellus Langein each guessed 27 and 31; Maurice Hogan and Donald Martinson guessed 28 and 31. Moved by Kinsey that the \$6.00 appropriated for prizes be divided equally between the four, seconded and carried.

Bush reported on his work schedule.

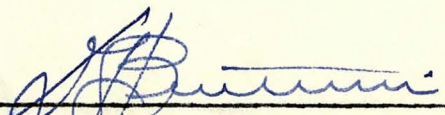
8-54-14
Moved by Kinsey that this District recommend that the next state General Assembly be asked to amend the Soil Districts law to provide that there be five official District Commissioners elected for terms of 5 years each, staggering the terms to provide an election each year; also that the annual District election be held within 30 days before or after March 1st. Seconded by Elwood and carried.

For Assistant Commissioners these men were to be contacted by District Commissioners: Maas see Daniel Yoder or Don Eash; Elwood see Carl Wyant, Glen Banes or Robt Rehfeldt; Kinsey to see H. E. Beyer or E. J. Schumecker.

Commissioners approved the employment of Mary McGurk Davis as office clerk^{L.} at the salary of \$1920.00 per year. Her appointment has been approved by the state committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved: 9 / 20 /, 1954


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa

September 20, 1954

Present were Commissioners Elwood and Kinsey, Assistant Commissioners Glenn Banes and Howard Beyer, plus Backhaus, Bush and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meeting of August 23 were read and approved without change. State Committees acknowledgment of our suggestion about changing the number of commissioners and the time of District elections.

These plans were examined and approved:

INITIAL:	544 - Leonard E. Hartgrave - 160 acres
ADVANCE	355 - Keith Jordon - 120 acres
TO	371 - M. Louis Schultz - 160 acres
BASIC	545 - W. S. Shephred - 80 acres
	546 - Vernon Wiedemeier - 80 acres

9-54-15 Moved by Kinsey seconded by Elwood that these men be approved as Assistant District Commissioners and their appointment recommended to State Committee: Howard E. Beyer, Belle Plaine; Glen Banes, North English; Don Eash, Parnell. Motion carried.

Discussion of how to use A.R.C. money to accomplish the greatest conservation results, also how to secure more conservation by other means.

Approved: Oct. 18, 1954


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa

October 18, 1954

Present were Commissioners Kinsey, Assistant Commissioners Banes and Eash, plus Backhaus, Bush, and Johannes.

Minutes of the meeting of September 20 were read and approved without change. Cancellation of farm plans was discussed. The following plans were introduced for cancellation:

Morse Bros. #5
Joseph J. Viktor #415
Alfred Maas #436

10-54-16 Motion made by Banes to cancel the plans. Second by Eash. Motion Carried.

The following plans were submitted, examined and approved.

INITIAL:	547 - Albert Wille, Jr.
	548 - Larry W. Harris
	549 - Mary Jane Lawler

ADVANCE	341 - John Jennings
TO	342 - Walter Olson
BASIC	405 - Henry Wille
	465 - Mary McCleary

10-54-17 Moved by Banes and seconded by Eash to approve plans as submitted. Motion carried.

Discussion of, and the filling out of the report form for the District Governing body followed.

Announcement was made of the District ACP committee meeting to be held in Cedar Rapids on October 25.

10-54-18 Motion made by Bane, seconded by Eash that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Approved: 11-15-, 1954

D. Ivan Johannes, Acting Sec'y.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa

November 15, 1954

Present were Commissioners Maas, Elwood and Kinsey; Assistant Commissioners Baner and Beyer plus Backhaus, Bush and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meeting of October 18 were read and approved without change.

11-54-19 Moved by Kinsey that Commissioners contact implement dealers regarding a meeting with SCS to discuss soil conservation practices and the furtherance of the District program. Seconded and carried.

These plans were presented and approved:

INITIAL:	550 - Lloyd Campbell
	551 - Russell D. Pence
	553 - Wallace Brothers
BASIC:	552 - Ila Morse
ADVANCE	338 - Joe Lower
TO	360 - Edward F. Reitzler
BASIC:	332 - John D. Keil

Approved the transfer of plan number five from Henry G. Morse (deceased) to Ila M. Morse, his widow.

Backhaus discussed the new watershed act now available for use. Commissioners agreed to support a program of scattering information concerning watershed possibilities and encouraging small groups of farmers to proceed on a local cooperating basis.

11-54-20 Bush reported by types of projects the work done this year. Moved by Elwood that the report be accepted and Bush and Murphy be commended for their work. Seconded and carried.

Bush also reported his tabulated goals for next year.

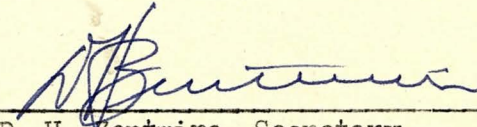
	<u>SCD</u>	<u>SCD-ACP</u>	<u>ACP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Contour - Acres	1806	656	460	2922
Strip Cropping - Acres	27	15	0	42
Terraces - Miles	6.95	3.73	0.50	11.18
Tile - Lineal Feet	32/21170	100/70470	201/916501	1,008,141
Open Drains - Miles	0.45	0.15	1.20	1.8

	<u>SCD</u>	<u>SCD-ACP</u>	<u>ACP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Waterways - Miles	4.20	0.55	0.90	6.0
Diversion - Miles	2.16	1.25	.3	3.71
Ponds - Number	6	7	5	18
Dams - Number	5	1	1	7
Pasture Improvement - Acres	153	0	0	153
Field Division - Lineal Feet	5445	0	0	5445
Surface Drains - Miles	10/1.55	0	7/0.6	2.15
Fencing - Rods	140	0	0	140
Structures - Number	2	0	0	2

Discussion of effect of A.S.C. program (1955) on SCS calls in 1955.
Opinions voiced as to effect.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved: Dec. 20 -, 1954



D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa

December 20, 1954

Present were Commissioners Elwood and Kinsey, Assistant Commissioners Beyer, Banes and Eash, plus Backhaus, Bush, Owen and Zentmire.

Minutes of the November 15 meeting were read and approved.

12-54-21 Plans were presented and motion seconded and carried. They were approved as follows:

INITIAL: 554 - George J. Hanson
 555 - Raymond Roe
 556 - Alfred C. Hansen

BASIC: 65 - Allyn G. Evans (40 additional acres)

12-54-22 Plan 191, Gail Shedenhelm, was cancelled by motion because of change of ownership.

12-54-23 Letter concerning District Commissioners short course at Iowa State College, Jan. 26-28 was read. Moved by Beyer that Don Eash be this District's delegate to the short course. Seconded by Kinsey and carried.

Letter from Merle Travis read regarding this Districts 1954-1955 state and national dues of \$105.00. No money available for this today. Discussion suggested that machinery operators be asked to contribute again to the District treasury about 2 percent of their income from jobs surveyed by SCS technicians.

12-54-24 Moved by Kinsey that operators be divided among Commissioners for personal contacts and Bush be instructed to supply Commissioners with information about the approximate amount of such work each contractor has done. Seconded by Beyer and carried.

This distribution was arranged:

Elwood: Sauter, Gahring, Guehrn
Kinsey: Parks, Helgeson, Morse
Beyer: F. Crow, Wilson, Myers
Banes: Voelkel, Baethke
Eash: Ray Yoder

Discussion of Hilton water shed request. More explanatory work must be done with the farmers involved.

Secretary Zentmire reported that Erwin J. Maas, absent today because

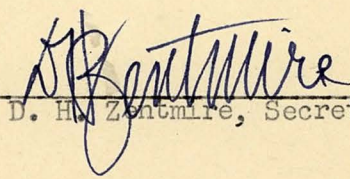
of health, asked that his resignation as Commissioner be presented.

1254-25
Moved by Beyer, seconded by Banes, that Maas' resignation be accepted.
Motion carried.

1254-26
Moved by Kinsey that Don Eash be appointed to serve in the vacant position until the next election. Seconded by Banes and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved: Jan 17/, 1955



D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

CROSS REFERENCE FOR SCD MINUTES

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MOTION</u>
1-55-1	Elect District Chairman
1-55-2	Appoint Assistant Commissioner
1-55-3	Disapperance of 3 Hand Levels
2-55-4	Basic Plan Cancelled
2-55-5	New Cooperators Approved
2-55-6	Basic Plans Approved
3-55-7	Basic Plan Cancelled
3-55-8	Basic Plans Approved
3-55-9	Basic Plans Reviewed
3-55-10	Table Buying Advertising Pencils
3-55-11	State and National Dues
4-55-12	Basic Plan Cancelled
4-55-13	New Cooperators Approved
4-55-14	Enter Des Moines Register and Tribune Contest
4-55-15	Selection of Candidates for Contest
4-55-16	Order Soil Stewardship Kits
4-55-17	Annual Meeting
4-55-18	Surplus of 2A Budget
4-55-19	Sponsor Fish Orders
4-55-20	Hire New Clerk
4-55-21	Tutition for Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp
5-55-22	SCS Report on Work for Month at Meetings
5-55-23	Land Judging Contest
6-55-24	Biennial Meeting and Election
6-55-25	Request Adding Machine for District Office
6-55-26	Budgets, Work Load Report, and General Information Sheet Approved
7-55-27	Elect District Chairman
7-55-28	Outstanding Commissioner
8-55-29	Remaining National Dues Paid
9-55-30	Minister's Tour
9-55-31	Forms for Toewall Structures
9-55-32	Contestant for Contour Plowing Match
9-55-33	Member of Advisory Counsel of Region
9-55-34	Adjourn Meeting
10-55-35	Remaining National Dues Not Be Paid
11-55-36	Basic Plan Cancelled
11-55-37	Basic Plans Revised Approved
11-55-38	New Cooperators Approved
11-55-39	Increase Clerk's Salary
11-55-40	Adjourn Meeting
12-55-41	Basic Plans Cancelled

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa
January 17, 1955

Present were Commissioners Elwood, Kinsey and Eash, Assistant Commissioners Beyer, Treasurer Owen, plus Bush and Zentmire.

1-55-1 By motion Ed Kinsey was elected chairman to fill the vacancy created when Maas resigned.

Minutes of the December 20th meeting were read and approved.

Elwood reported on his contacts with dirt moving contractors concerning an informational meeting and a percentage payment to the District treasury. Reactions were agreeable. Other commissioners not ready to report.

These plans were cancelled because of changes in ownership:

121 - S. S. Swain and Gerald Newberry
533 - Lawrence G. Gates

These plans were approved:

Initial	557 - Kenneth N. Ballard
	558 - Harold C. Kelting
	559 - C. L. Gates
	560 - Lacy Doty
	561 - F. W. Tomasek

1-55-2 Moved by Elwood that Robert Wallace be named Assistant Commissioner to succeed Don Eash. Seconded by Beyer and carried.

Plans for preparing the annual report were discussed. These divisions were suggested and assigned:

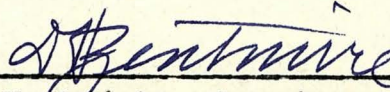
I-Organization - Kinsey
II-Administration - Zentmire
III-Education - Zentmire
IV-Farm Planning - Bush
V-ACP Practice Inspection - Bush

1-55-3 Moved that the State Soil Conservation Committee be informed that the disappearance of three hand levels from the District office is not the result of negligence. Seconded and carried.

Discussion of annual meeting plans. Decision left for thought.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved Feb. 21, 1955


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa

February 21, 1955

Present were Commissioners Kinsey, Elwood and Eash; Assistant Commissioners Robert Wallace; Personnel Backhaus, Bush, Murphy and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meeting of January 17 were read and approved without change.

Eash reported on his attendance at the District Commissioners Short Course at Iowa State College in January. Watershed development was featured and water conservation was urged as a companion for soil conservation. Backhaus reported briefly on the state watershed conference held recently in Des Moines.

2-55-4 Moved by Elwood that farm plan #549, Mrs. Mary Lawler, be cancelled because of change of ownership; seconded and carried.

2-55-5 These requests for cooperators status were presented and approved by a motion seconded and carried.

Initial

562 - Charles E. Lortz

563 - Charles W. McDonald

564 - Wayne Bolger

2-55-6 These plans were presented for consideration as basic plans, examined and approved by a motion seconded and carried.

Advance

372 - Frank Allen

to

373 - William Riess

Basic

374 - Layton Riess

408 - W. L. Misbach

431 - Alfred Van Dee

458 - Raymond Mumm

466 - Laura Shaul

470 - Alvin J. Blough

501 - James L. Murtha

559 - C. J. Gates

The 1954 annual report was read, discussed, approved and signed for transmittal.

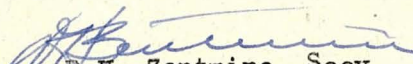
Discussion of the good-will meeting between the District and implement dealers in the county. Arranged as a 6:30 dinner at the Ox Yoke Inn the evening of March 1 with a program explaining to the dealers the organization of the District and its purposes.

Discussion of a meeting with dirt moving contractors and tilers. It is to be an afternoon event during the week of March 7th with ASC cooperating.

Brief suggestions made for crops and soils work in the 1955-1956 extension education program.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

Approved 3-21-1955


D. H. Zentmire, Secy.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa
March 21, 1955

Present were Commissioners Kinsey and Eash; Assistant Commissioners Beyer, Banes and Wallace; Personnel Bush and Zentmire.

Minutes of the February 21st meeting were read and approved without change. Frank Mendell's letter commenting on the District's annual report was read.

Kinsey reported a good meeting with the dirt moving contractors. Yoder paid a percentage check.

3-55-7 Consideration of farmsplans. Moved by Banes that the W. J. McDonald plan on 80 acres be cancelled because of change of ownership. Seconded and carried.

3-55-8 Moved by Beyer, seconded and carried, that these new farm plans be approved:

565. W. E. Kuesel
566. B. H. Butler

3-55-9 Moved by Banes, seconded and carried, that these farm plans be reviewed:

Initial to Basic
495 - Carl Wyant
535 - Grant Cantwell
539 - W. J. Schaefer
542 - Walter Olson
543 - Orville Bloethe

3-55-10 Discussion of proposal to buy advertising pencils. Moved by Wallace that the proposal be tabled. Seconded and carried.

After explanation, approval was signed to secure 25 lbs. of Empire Birdsfoot trefoil for demonstration purposes on sandy soil at Homestead.

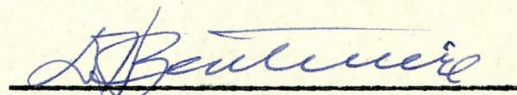
Bush asked Commissioners to be on the look-out for farms that can be entered in the farm conservation progress later on in the year.

3-55-11 Moved by Banes that this District pay it's \$50.00 State District's Association dues and \$27.00 of it's National dues. Seconded and carried.

Commissioners named 8:00 P.M. as the time for their next several monthly meetings.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved April 18, 1955


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa

April 18, 1955

Present were Commissioners Kinsey, Elwood and Eash; Assistant Commissioners Wallace and Beyers.

Minutes approved as read.

4-55-12 Moved by Elwood and seconded by Beyers that the Paul Ryan plan be cancelled.

4-55-13 Motion made by Eash and seconded by Wallace that the following new cooperators be approved:

Initial

567 - Frederic Kinzenbaw

568 - Charles W. Root

569 - Charles W. Root

570 - Mervin Von Ahsen

571 - Sylvester Herdlicka

4-55-14 Motion by Elwood and seconded by Eash that the secretary inform the Register and Tribune that Iowa County plans to enter soils Award Contest - carried. Motion by Elwood and seconded by Beyers that the technicians select candidates for this contest by the next meeting date - carried.

4-55-15 Receipt acknowledgement of 100% State and 50% National dues.

Bush reported on roadside seeding along Earl Gode farm.

Soil Conservation Week was discussed and it was decided that each Commissioner would bring ideas to the next meeting. Backhaus suggested that the winners of the Register and Tribune contest be announced during Soil Conservation Week.

4-55-16 Motion by Elwood and seconded by Beyers that we order 36 Soil Stewardship Sunday kits and that these kits be distributed by the Commissioners to their local churches - carried.

4-55-17 Motion by Beyers and seconded by Elwood to have the annual meeting June 30 - further plans to be made at the next meeting. The chairman was instructed to invite Governor Hoegh to address the Annual meeting.

4-55-18 Bush reviewed the 2A budget, anticipating an \$80 surplus. Motion by Elwood and seconded by Beyers that this surplus be returned to the State Committee - carried.

4-55-19 Motion by Eash and seconded by Elwood to sponsor fish orders for farm ponds - carried.

Discussion held on Commissioners Training School at Des Moines April 22, and Eash and Kinsey are to attend - expenses paid from the LA budget.

4-55-20 Inasmuch as Mary Davis resigned as of April 30, motion by Elwood and seconded by Beyers that the hiring of Mrs. Gunderson be approved. Carried.

4-55-21 Motion by Elwood and seconded by Wallace that if funds are available and a teacher desirous, we sponsor tuition for one at Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp. Carried.

There was discussion on the Land Judging Contest May 5th. Allyn Evans farm was suggested as a good location. Final plans to be made by Bush. Meeting adjourned by order of President.

Approved May 16, 1955

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa

May 16, 1955

Present were Commissioners Kinsey, Elwood and Eash; Assistant Commissioners Wallace and Beyers; Bush, Murphy, Zentmire plus visiting Vocational Agriculture instructors Swanson and Dakan.

Minutes of the April 18th meeting were read and approved.

Eash and Kinsey reported on their trip to the Commissioners Training School at Des Moines April 22.

5-582 Moved by Elwood that Bush and Murphy incorporate in each Commissioners meeting call a brief summary of their work during the month. Seconded and carried.

Discussed meeting with the board of supervisors to induce them to seed and mulch raw roadside cuts. All agreed that such a meeting should be arranged.

These applications for farm plans were presented and approved:

(1) for conservation practice assistance (Initial):

572 - Jim Herdliska
573 - Alfred Lee Carder
574 - John Nidey
575 - Delmer F. Dietrich
576 - Ray Kaufman

(2) Basic Farm Plan

523 - Bert Behrens

F. F. A. land judging contest on the A. E. Evans farm May 5 was discussed. Outside brass attending were Backhaus, John Hyland, Lester Clapp and Frank Schaller. Williamsburg contributed 35 boys and Marengo 26. Results were:

	Name	Place	Score	Prize
Individuals-	Donald Eggerling	1	291.0	\$10
	Donald Teggatz	2 tie	285.5	5
	Tom Slaymaker	2 tie	285.5	5
Teams -	Marengo	1	246.6	\$20
	Williamsburg	2	239.5	10

Dakan suggested that another year all FFA boys compete for individual awards but that prior to the contest the instructor name specific boys to constitute a team. The suggestion did not meet with unanimous approval and no decision was reached. Another suggestion well received was that the Young Farmer classes could profitably spend a session on land use study, both in the class

room and in the field.

5-55-23 Moved by Elwood that a land judging contest be held again in 1956. Seconded and carried.

Otho McMurray's letter of commendation on the 1954-55 annual report was read.

Commissioners instructed Bush and Zentmire to review the 2-A budget again and return to the State Committee any extra funds therein, perhaps as much as \$100.

A letter was read inviting entry in the state plowing and terracing contest but with all other things needing to be done it generated little interest.

Commissioners considered the June 30th biennial District meeting. Though invited to speak, Governor Hoegh cannot come. Moved by Elwood that Earl Elijah and Clyde Spry be invited in that order. Seconded and carried.

At this meeting one commissioner is to be elected for two years to complete the unexpired term of E. J. Maas, in whose place Donald Eash is now serving, and one for a full six year term to succeed Henry Morse whose term is now being completed by Edward Kinsey. As candidates for the short term the commissioners selected Edward Kinsey and Howard E. Beyer. For the full term they selected Donald Eash and Robert L. Wallace. Of course nominating petitions can be circulated for others also.

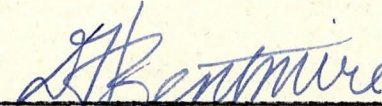
The Williamsburg Journal Tribune and Shopper was picked as the paper in which to publish the official election call. News stories will be sent to all papers.

Bush reviewed the new amendment to the Soil District Law permitting the organization of a sub-district within a district.

Bush suggested names for entry in the R & T conservation contest and commissioners and assistants arranged to jointly visit these farms.

Meeting adjourned by order of President.

Approved 6/20, 1955


D. H. Zentmire, Sec.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, Iowa
June 20, 1955

Present were all Commissioners, all Assistant Commissioners, Backhaus, Bush and Zentmire.

6-55-24 Minutes of the May 16 meeting were read and approved. Moved by Eash that cards be sent to cooperators calling attention to the District biennial meeting and election June 30, seconded and carried.

These new plans were approved:

(1) for conservation practice assistance (Initial)

577 - Wilfred Carder
578 - George Heitshusen
579 - William A. Ward

(2) Basic Farm Plan

532 - John N. Myers
553 - Wallace Brothers
544 - Leonard E. Hartgrave
507 - Edwin M. Brenneman
508 - C. C. Van Deusen

These men were announced as County Winners in the Des Moines Register Conservation Contest:

Division I (owner-operator) Joe Lower, Parnell
Division II (landlord-tenant operation begun before 1953)
Glenn and Leroy Banes, North English
Division III (landlord tenant operation begun after 1953)
Earl Bahr and Ross Roby, Ladora

Annual expenditures for 1A and 2A budgets reviewed. 1A will be entirely used after commissioners absorb \$3.30 to avoid overdraft; 2A balance will be \$78.76 after having previously returned \$484.08 to the State Committee.

6-55-25 Moved by Elwood that with the return of \$78.76, be the request that the returned funds be used to provide an adding machine for the office. Seconded and carried.

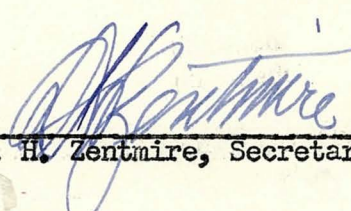
65526
Budgets for 1955-56 were reviewed. Moved by Eash that the budgets, the work load report and the general information sheet be approved as presented. Seconded and carried.

Discussion of program for June 30 meeting. In addition to Elijah's talk, Bush will present a summary of work done and needed.

Bush reported a call from headquarters for the Work Unit Conservationist and the Office Clerk to attend a meeting in Toledo on June 21. Attendance approved by Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 7/18/ 1955


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Notes on Biennial Meeting
Williamsburg, June 30, 1955

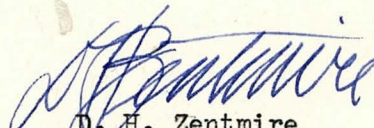
Chairman Ed Kinsey presided over the biennial meeting attended by 51 persons.

From his blackboard Bush described the conservation practices done in the county and those yet needed. Senator Earl Elijah of Clarence reminisced about the early days of Soil Districts and emphasized the need for more conservation practices on the land.

Results of the election were:

For six year term: Donald Eash 18, Robert L. Wallace 24

For two year term: Howard E. Beyer 9, Edward Kinsey 33


D. H. Zentmire
Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, Iowa
July 18, 1955

Present were Commissioners Elwood and Wallace, Assistant Commissioner Eash and Murphy and Zentmire. Elwood served as temporary chairman. Newly elected Commissioner Wallace had previously taken the oath of office. Minutes of the meeting of June 20 were read and approved without change. 7-55-27 Moved by Wallace that Kinsey be named Chairman to succeed himself for the year just beginning. Seconded by Eash and carried. These plans were cancelled for reasons named:

- 155 - Connor & Naughton; change of ownership
- 516 - Marion Morse & Oma Gram; change of tenant

New plans approved:

- 580 - Gerald Naughton
- 581 - Gerald M. George
- 582 - Wm. D. Fox
- 583 - Mrs. Oma Gram

Discussion of contractors' contributions to the District fund. Sauter & Son gave check for \$100.00. Guehrn misunderstands the plan. This shows the need for a terrace builders training school.

Murphy suggested that ministers might be interested in a conservation tour. Discussion indicated it will be wise to consider this suggestion again in August when ministers vacations are more nearly finished. John McCurdy, North English, is chairman of the County Ministerial Association.

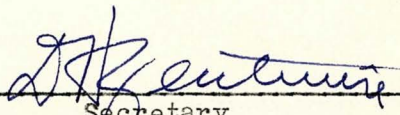
Backhaus' inquiry about grass and legume trial plantings was read. Murphy was instructed to secure more information from Backhaus.

7-55-28 District Commissioner's recognition nominations were invited by the Des Moines Register and its cooperators. Moved by Wallace that Lambert Elwood's name be submitted as our candidate for recognition. Seconded by Eash and carried.

The State Soil Conservation Committee approved our 1A budget for \$500.00 and our 2A budget for \$3049.80.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved Sept 19, 1955


Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa

August 15, 1955

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ed Kinsey. Present were Kinsey, Wallace, Elwood, Banes, Bush and Murphy.

New Initial agreements:

- 584 - Claire A. Beneshek
- 585 - Richard L. Edwards
- 586 - Edward Zeman
- 587 - Hubert Ruth
- 588 - J. C. Gates

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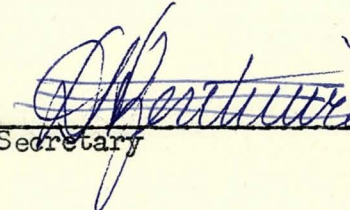
Kinsey read letter about State and National dues to Association. Elwood made motion that the remaining portion of National dues be paid for 1955. Seconded by Banes. Motion carried.

Bush read letter concerning Pilot Rock Plowing Match at Cherokee, August 18, urging Commissioners to attend.

Replan on Cleone Watkins farm was discussed and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M..

Approved Sept 19, 1955


Secretary

not present at this meeting

State Soil Conservation Committee

STATE HOUSE

DES MOINES 19. IOWA

PROOF OF AUDIT

This is to certify that a representative of the State Soil Conservation Committee has completed a physical inventory of state owned equipment and an audit of the bookkeeping records of Iowa Co Soil Conservation District on October 17, 1955. As a result of this audit the following accounts were found to be correct in the opinion of the undersigned and check with the records located in the office of the State Soil Conservation Committee.

\$ 536.92 11 Budget Expenditures - Fiscal Year 1954-55
\$ 2573.16 2A Budget Expenditures - Fiscal Year 1954-55

State owned equipment assigned to this district was found to be in a satisfactory condition with the following exception, None.
One hand level missing - send out disposal forms.

This document is to be placed in the file of the above named district with a duplicate copy to be placed in the files of the State Soil Conservation Committee office. This will also constitute a proof of auditing by the office of the State Soil Conservation Committee. The district should make these accounts and records available upon request to appropriate persons asking to review state fund expenditures within the district.

Eugene L. Cannon Name

Administrative Asst. Title

State Soil Conservation Committee.

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
ANNUAL AUDIT FORM
1954 - 1955

2A B U D G E T

D H. Zentmire
Bookkeeper

Iowa County
District

Edward Kinsey
Chairman

August 29, 1955
Date

List amount spent for each item during fiscal year, 1954-55:

Technical Personnel (Gross) - - - - -	\$	<u>103.50</u>
Clerical Personnel (Gross) - - - - -	\$	<u>1896.00</u>
District's Share of State Retirement - -	\$	<u>50.40</u>
District's Share of Federal Retirement -	\$	<u>39.99</u>
Amount Expended for Equipment - - - - -	\$	<u>136.00</u>
Amount Expended for Personnel Travel - -	\$	<u>32.27</u>
Office Rental - - - - -	\$	<u>315.00</u>
Total Expended for Fiscal Year		
1954-55 from 2A Budget funds - - -	\$	<u><u>2573.16</u></u>

INSTRUCTIONS:

When you are certain that all claims against your 1954-55 fiscal year's 2A Budget have been paid, please complete the above form and return the original to the State Soil Conservation Committee Office. The budget information sheet will be marked "PRIOR" on entries that are to be charged to the 1954-55 fiscal year. Check carefully to see that all warrants received by your office the past two months are entered correctly in the bookkeeping system. Most all warrants for the 1954-55 fiscal year have been mailed to district offices and should be entered in the district books before this audit sheet is completed.

Return one copy to: *Original to Bush 8/29*

State Soil Conservation Committee
State House
Des Moines, Iowa

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
ANNUAL AUDIT FORM
1954 - 1955

1A B U D G E T

D H. Zentmire
Bookkeeper

Edward Kinsey
Chairman

Iowa County
District

August 29, 1955
Date

Commissioners expenses, Secretary's
expenses, mileage, meals, hotel, etc.

AMOUNT EXPENDED
\$ 170.08

Office Supplies

\$ 30.84

Printing

\$ 7.50

Prizes for Contests

\$ 72.00

Rental of Meeting Halls

\$

Material for Demonstrations

\$

Office Expense

\$ 227.50

Meeting Expense

\$ 25.00

Miscellaneous

\$ ~~117~~

Total expended for Fiscal Year
1954-55 from 1A Budget funds.

\$ 536.92

INSTRUCTIONS:

When you have determined that all claims against the 1954-55 fiscal year 1A Budget have been paid, please complete the above audit form and return the original to the State Soil Conservation Committee Office. The budget information sheet will be marked "PRIOR" on entries that are to be charged to the 1954-55 fiscal year. Please make sure that entries for the 1955-56 fiscal year are not entered in this audit report.

We will be visiting the field soon to check on these audits and will send out further information on these visits in the near future.

Return one copy to: *Original to Bush 8/29*

State Soil Conservation Committee
State House
Des Moines, Iowa

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, Iowa
September 19, 1955

The regular meeting of the Iowa County District Commissioners was held in the Soil Conservation Service office in Marengo on September 19.

The meeting was called to order by the President Ed Kinsey, at 10:15 a.m.. Present were Kinsey, Elwood, Eash, Byers, Owen, Wallace, Bush and Murphy.

The minutes of the July meeting were read by Murphy. A discussion was called for on the trial grass plantings to explain the grasses available.

55-30
A discussion was held on the possibility of a Ministers tour for this year. Motion by Elwood, seconded by Wallace that the tour be planned for this coming spring, prior to Soil Conservation Week in June. Motion carried.

The minutes of the August meeting were read by Murphy and both July and August minutes were approved.

The possibility of contacting the contractors for a contribution to the district was planned.

Three initial plans were approved:

- 589- Frank Ahrens
- 590- Herman Wallace
- 591- Pete Kourmoutsos and Francis Fowler

9-35-31
Bush read letter from Engineer Tonken of Iowa City in regard to standard forms for toewall structures. Elwood made motion to have Bush contact the Ready-Mix plants at Victor, Williamsburg, and North English to see if they would build forms and control same. Seconded by Wallace. Motion carried.

Wallace read the Eleventh Commandment and discussed it's possibilities.

Bush read letter concerning Association dues.

R. G. Owen was appointed Treasurer of the Iowa County SCD, and the necessary bond established until June 1, 1956.

9-55-32

Bush read letter concerning a contestant for the contour plowing match in September near Toledo. Moved by Wallace, seconded by Elwood that Bush contact Owen Jones as contestant for the match. District agreed to pay the \$15.00 fee and Jones expenses.

Jones didn't enter

9-55-33

Bush read letter from Travis of State Soil Committee urging the District to appoint a Commissioner as an Advisory Counsel to the Region. Moved by Wallace, seconded by Elwood that Kinsey serve on the Board. Motion carried.

9-55-34

Moved by Elwood, seconded by Beyers that Meeting adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m..

Mitchell Murphy, Sec Pro tem

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, Iowa
October 17, 1955

The regular meeting of the Iowa County District Commissioners was held in the Soil Conservation Service office in Marengo on October 17.

Present were Commissioner Elwood; Assistant Commissioners Baner, Beyer and Eash; Personnel Backhaus, Bush and Zentmire.

Minutes of the September 19th meeting were read and approved.

10-55-35 Discussion concerning payment of the remaining \$28.00 of National Association dues for 1955. Moved by Baner that payment of the remaining \$28.00 to the National Association for 1955 be omitted. Seconded by Beyer and carried.

The Secretary was instructed to draft, for Commissioners signatures, a letter to our earth movers explaining why the local association needs funds and inviting them to contribute on a percentage basis.

New Cooperators were approved as follows:

593-Earl S. Bahr 160 acres
594-Marvin Keller 80 acres
595-Melvin C. Nace 120 acres

Basic Cooperators were approved as follows:

541-Vernon Faas 175 acres
493-L. S. Morrin 320 acres

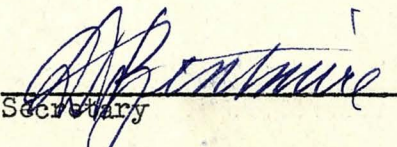
Bush reported on Ready-Mix contacts for support on providing structure forms. Contacted only Victor but answer not ready yet. He will follow through.

Subject of clerk's pay raise delayed until all Commissioners are present.

Letter presented announcing the district meetings of SCS, SCD, ASC and Extension about 1956 ACP program. The closest meeting is Cedar Rapids, November 2.

Meeting adjourned

Approved Nov. 21, 1955


Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, Iowa
November 21, 1955

Present were Commissioners Kinsey and Elwood; Assistant Commissioners Beyer and Banes; Personnel Backhaus, Bush, Murphy and Zentmire.

Minutes of the October 17th meeting were read and by motion approved. Bush had no complete report on structure forms in the county.

11-55-36 Farm plan request for Lloyd Campbell (No. 550 - 160 acres) was cancelled by motion because of change of operators.

11-55-37 These revised basic plans were presented and approved by motion:

560	Lacy Doty	80 acres
521	Floyd D. Faas	200 acres
505	E. W. Harriman	179 acres
519	J. F. Harriman	274 acres
520	J. F. Harriman	177 acres

11-55-38 These cooperator applications were presented and approved by motion:

596	Irving M. Gingerich	120 acres
597	John F. McCune Jr.	200 acres
598	E. W. Harriman	168 acres
599	Francis O'Rourke	122 acres

Certificates of recognition provided by the Iowa Farm and Home Register for county winners in a Soil Conservation Practice Contest were presented to these persons, some of whom were present:

Div. I Owner-operator: Joe Lower, Parnell
Div. II Landlord-tenant operation begun before 1953;
Glenn Banes, operator and Leroy Banes, tenant, North English
Div. III Landlord-tenant operation begun after 1953;
Earl S. Bahr, landlord, Ross Robey, operator, Victor.

Subject of entering a machinery dealer's name in the Machinery Dealers State Contest. No entry made.

Discussion of transfer of Secretary's and Treasurer's records from the Secretary's office to the SCD office. The treasurer was not present, hence a decision was delayed until his opinion can be obtained.

Watershed Conference at Des Moines December 16 and 17 announced. Expenses can't be paid but attendance was urged.

The suggested letter for mailing to dirt moving contractors inviting their financial contributions to the SCD treasury was reviewed and approved after a few changes were made.

Bush and Backhaus were authorized to ask the District office landlord for better lights and more convenience outlets.

Discussion of pay increase for Office Clerk. These points were named to receive specific attention from the employed staff:

- 1- Arrange definitely with Work Unit Conservationist before taking off any time.
- 2- Office hours must be accurately observed.
- 3- Time off from regular work periods must be the minimum.
- 4- When absence is necessary, a sign on the door shall indicate the time of return.

11-55-39 Moved that a pay increase of \$5.00 per month be granted Clerk Gunderson, effective December 1, 1955. Seconded and carried.

11-55-40 Motion to adjourn. Carried.

Approved Dec. 19, 1955


Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, Iowa
December 19, 1955

Present were Commissioners Kinsey and Wallace; Assistant Commissioners Eash and Beyer; Personnel Backhaus, Bush, Murphy and Zentmire.

Minutes of the Nov. 21st meeting were read and approved without change.

Wallace reported on his attendance at the Watershed Conference in Des Moines Dec. 16.

Dirt movers letter was given Commissioners for their signatures. No contact has yet been made on the office lighting request.

These bills were presented and on motion seconded and carried were allowed and ordered paid as follows:

Robert Wallace-mileage, meals and enrollment at Watershed Conference \$25.34

Iowa County Farm Supply Co.-share of tent cost for Conservation exhibit at 4-H fair \$13.12

These new plans were presented and approved:

600	Charles Pirkel Jr.	280 acres
601	Dallas Stratton	303 acres
602	Clayton F. Dietrich	200 acres
603	Cecil Collingwood	159 acres
604	Marlo Mathes	177 acres

These basic plans were presented and approved:

530	David J. Davies	320 acres
594	Marvin Keller	80 acres

12-55-41
These plans were presented for cancellation for reasons indicated and by motion, seconded and carried, were dropped:

87	Glen Schwiebert	<i>sold</i>	160 acres	Basic
156	John C. Ohland	<i>sold</i>	140 acres	Basic
219	Fred Schutterle		80 acres	Basic
240	C. E. Voelker	<i>sold</i>	240 acres	Basic
262	Harvey G. Maas	<i>moved</i>	160 acres	Basic
294	Dr. C. F. Howe	<i>sold</i>	270 acres	Basic
517	Leonard L. Morse	<i>moved</i>	119 acres	Initial
563	C. W. McDonald		120 acres	Advanced

Proposed work load for 1956 was presented and discussed.

No further action was taken on the transfer of record books because Treasurer Owen was not present.

Call made for annual report assignments. No action.

The next meeting is to be called for 9:30 A.M. in order to provide more discussion time.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved Jan. 16. 1955

[Signature]
Secretary

CROSS REFERENCE FOR SCD MINUTES

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MOTION</u>
2-56-1	Approve 1955 Annual Report
2-56-2	Order Soil Stewardship Kits
2-56-3	Resignation of District Treasurer
2-56-4	Elect District Treasurer
3-56-5	New Cooperators Approved
3-56-6	Basic Plans Approved
3-56-7	Basic Plans Cancelled
3-56-8	State and National Dues - Pay by Seperate Checks
3-56-9	Refuse to Supply List of Cooperators Names to Outside Interests
3-56-10	SCS Asked to Absorb Office Rent
3-56-11	Leave Pad and Pencil Outside Office for Messages When Office Closed
4-56-12	Basic Plans Cancelled
4-56-13	Basic Plans Approved
4-56-14	Secure Concrete Construction Forms
5-56-15	Basic Plans Approved
5-56-16	Basic Plan Cancelled
5-56-17	1956 Soil Conservation Achievement Program
5-56-18	Letter to be Sent to Contractors
5-56-19	Arrangement With Bickford for Dam Forms
6-56-20	Basic Plans Approved
6-56-21	Release 2A Budget Sum of \$600
6-56-22	1956-57 A1A and 2A Budget Requests Approved
6-56-23	R & T Conservation Achievement Contest
6-56-24	Elect District Chairman
6-56-25	Omit Naming Furrow Queen Candidate
7-56-26	Basic Plan Cancelled
7-56-27	New Plans Approved
7-56-28	Basic Plans Approved
7-56-29	Bickford Prepare Model Set of Toewall Structure Forms
7-56-30	Omit Conservation Exhibit at 4-H Fair
7-56-31	Tour for Cooperators Contest
8-56-32	Basic Plans Approved
8-56-33	Film Expense Paid from 1A Budget
8-56-34	Purchase "Story of the Land" and "Down the River"
11-56-35	New Plans Approved
11-56-36	Basic Plan Approved
11-56-37	Certificates for Conservation Awards
11-56-38	Structure Forms Note be Paid
12-56-39	Basic Plans Approved
12-56-40	Annual Report Assignments
12-56-41	Activation of Teener Creek Watershed
12-56-42	Delegate to Commissioners Short Course

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, Iowa
January 16, 1956

Present were Commissioners Kinsey and Elwood; Assistant Commissioners Beyer and Eash; Personnel Bush, Murphy and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meeting of December 19 were read and approved without change.

Responses from dirt movers for percentage contributions were reported as coming satisfactorily.

These new plans were presented and approved:

605 Ethel Martin 121 acres
606 Lloyd & Duane Olson 330 acres
607 Franklin Kinzenbaw 99 acres
608 Dean L. Yoder 80 acres
609 Edward Shima 183 acres
610 C. H. Kruse 80 acres

These basic plans were described and approved:

512 Lloyd Schaffner 128 acres
551 Russell D. Pence 213 acres
595 Melvin C. Nace 120 acres
514 Robert M. Hawkins 230 acres
526 Francis Jennings 120 acres
528 Duane G. Olson 305 acres
529 Dean Kinzenbaw 240 acres
576 Ray Kaufman 80 acres

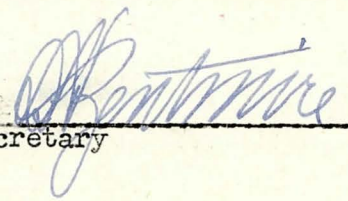
The plan of Ernest Harriman, No. 504 - 121 acres, was cancelled because of tenant.

Plans for annual report discussed. Kinsey and Bush to assign sections for authorship.

Discussion of desirable events and dates. Bush to prepare a list of suggestions. Bush to contact Vo. Ag. Teachers to select date for FFA land judging contest. Bush and Zentmire directed to prepare plans for a terracing demonstration and training school schedule for FFA and 4-H boys.

Meeting adjourned

Approved Feb. 20, 1956


Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa

February 20, 1956

Present were Commissioners Kinsey, Wallace, Elwood; Assistant Commissioners Eash and ~~Wallace~~^{Beyer}; Treasurer Owen; Personnel Backhaus, Murphy and Zentmire.

Robert Higgins, Extension Youth Assistant, outlined a proposed L-H Soil and Water Conservation project and asked for SCS and SCD approval and help. Proposal approved, suggestions made and any possible assistance offered.

Minutes of the January 16th meeting were read and approved without change.

These new cooperator applications were presented and approved:

611 - Chas. L. Kinzenbaw	160 acres
612 - Daniel J. Murtha	160 acres
613 - Marie Ayres	257 acres
614 - Ervin Whitlock	262 acres
615 - Harold L. Shedenhelm	280 acres
616 - Charles E. Myers	80 acres
617 - Glenn Welsh	276 acres
618 - Lee Carder	72 acres
619 - State Conservation Service	398 acres
620 - Robert Sheridan	160 acres

These Basic Plans were presented and approved:

287 - Otto Schaub	152 acres
289 - Lewis Rabe	285 acres
486 - Bert O'Brien	215 acres
500 - Murphy Brothers	200 acres
605 - Gay Kelley (Ethel Martin)	121 acres

2-56-1 1955 annual report read. Moved by Elwood that it be approved. Seconded by Beyer and approved.

2-56-2 Moved by Elwood that Soil Stewardship kits be purchased for Ministers. Seconded by Wallace and carried.

Kinsey, Elwood and Bush met with contractors (10 present) on ACP and SCS practices.

Murphy asked for News Letter contributions from Commissioners and passed out suggestion notes.

Delayed the follow-up conference with cooperators until next winter, making better preparation in the meantime.

2-56-3

Discussion of Owens service as treasurer and of handling treasurers records. Moved by Elwood that Dick Owens resignation as treasurer be accepted and that at least some of the record work be established in the District office. Seconded and carried.

2-56-4

Moved that Howard Beyer be elected treasurer. Seconded and carried.

W. J. B. Boatman, John Highland and Frank Rieken (Soil Conservation Service and Iowa State College) discussed the approaching soil survey of Iowa County, describing its sponsorship by both State and Federal agencies, its usefulness and the mechanics of getting such survey.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 3/19/56 1956

D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

3/19/56 Chair. Edward Knisey

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa

March 19, 1956

Present were Commissioners Kinsey, Wallace; Assistant Commissioners Eash, Banes, Beyer; Personnel Backhaus, Bush, Murphy and Zentmire.

Minutes of the February 20th meeting were read and approved after correcting the second "Wallace" listing to "Beyer".

These letters read: from Mendell commending the District on its 1955 program and report; from the Soil District Commissioners Auxiliary requesting membership from Iowa County. Two paid dollars. For program planning, Backhaus recommended cooperation between Auxiliary women and the Extension Family Living committee.

3-56-5 These new agreements were approved on motion by Banes, seconded and carried:

621 - William A. Ward	120 acres
622 - Midland Farm Mgm. Co.	200 acres
623- Harlen Wetjen	200 acres
624 - Koehn Brothers	72 acres

3-56-6 These basic plans were approved on motion by Wallace, seconded and carried:

554 - George Hanson	160 acres
591 - Peter Koumoutsos	424 acres
579 - Wm. A. Ward	119 acres

3-56-7 These plans were cancelled by motion, seconded and carried, all farms having changed owners:

234 - Ernest Zuber	40 acres
369 - H. W. Haffner	400 acres
389 - G. R. Danskin	160 acres
532 - John N. Meyer	78 acres
618 Lee Carder	72 acres

Parks and Guehrn are the only two contractors who have paid percentages recently. Bush instructed to prepare a follow-up letter to unpaid contractors for Commissioners signatures at the April meeting.

3-56-8 Discussion of paying State and National Commissioners Association dues. Secretary read entries in minute records of August 15, 1955 and October 17, 1955 concerning payment of last years dues. Moved by Banes that separate checks be used to pay \$100 state dues and \$55 national dues for the period from September 15, 1955 to September 15, 1956. Seconded by Wallace and carried.

Discussion of a state aid to do ACP inspection. In addition to C. L. Bickford, Glenn Banes is available.

Discussion of 6 months program of work. The one already outlined was reviewed. Bush and Kinsey were instructed to contact County Auditor Willis for a possible date for a meeting of the board of supervisors with representatives from SCD, SCS, ASC and Extension to get more satisfactory shaping and seeding of roadside banks.

Discussion of a teacher delegate to Springbrook Conservation Training School for three weeks beginning June 3, June 24, or July 15. ^{Kinsey and} Bush had contacted County Superintendent F. E. Meloy who is willing to help find teachers to enroll. The secretary was directed to ask Professor Fowler of ISTC for literature describing the camp and for more information about available scholarships.

3-56-9
Moved that it be the policy of the District Commissioners to refuse to supply or permit to be supplied lists of cooperators names to outside interests. Seconded and carried.

Discussion of Soil Stewardship material and conservation education of ministers. April 30 was selected as ministers tour date, details of the program to be worked out later. Secretary directed to send to ministers a letter of information concerning this tour.

Until another schedule is arranged, Commissioners meetings will be at 8 P.M. on the third Monday of the Month.

Murphy has arranged a show-window tour around the county for the "Soil Conservation Creed". County papers will be asked to carry conservation ads in observance of Soil Conservation Week.

Soil Judging contest will be May 3, the farm to be selected by Bush and Murphy.

3-56-10
Moved that SCS be asked to absorb the office rent charge effective July 1, 1956. Seconded and carried.

3-56-11
Moved that SCS Work Unit Conservationist Bush, being in charge of the SC office, be required to post a notice outside the office door when the office is irregularly closed, leaving pad and pencil outside for callers to write their inquiries. Seconded and carried.

Murphy gave a progress report on the proposed Tener Creek Watershed in Greene township.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved April 16, 1956

D. H. Zentmire
D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

Edward Kinsey
Ed Kinsey, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa

April 16, 1956

Present were Commissioners Kinsey, Elwood, Wallace; Assistant Commissioner Eash; Personnel Bush, Murphy, Mrs. Gunderson, Zentmire; visitors John Highland, and Fred Voigtmann.

Minutes of the March 19th meeting were read and approved after the correction by Bush that Kinsey's name be added in the second line in the second paragraph on the second page.

4-56-12

On motion by Wallace, seconded and carried, these plans were cancelled because of change of ownership:

126 James P. Gaffney	100 acres
401 Howard Buswell	193 acres

4-56-13

On motion by Elwood, seconded and carried, these new plans were approved:

625 Clarence Doehrmann	160 acres
626 William Hannon	176 acres
627 Vernon Gunderson	70 acres
628 Vernon Fisher	160 acres

Discussion of program and arrangements for Ministers Conservation Tour April 30. Meet at the Ila Morse farm at 9 A.M., Secretary to send letter of invitation, including stewardship booklet and conservationists creed.

Voigtmann discussed briefly the proposed County Conservation Commission and its function.

Bush served birthday cake and coffee while President Eisenhower discussed his farm bill veto.

Soil judging contest plans briefly outlined.

Bush and Murphy reported visit of SCS crew for inspection of farm plans and performance.

4-56-14

Moved by Elwood that Bush and Murphy be instructed to contact some lumber yard in an effort to secure concrete construction forms to be paid for out of rental receipts for their use. Seconded and carried.

Clerk directed to send copies of all district minutes to Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners.

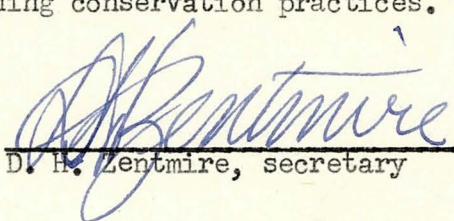
Through his letter, Mendell commended the Don Eash and Robert Wallace contributions to the recent quarterly Newsletter to cooperators. By the same means Othie McMurray complimented the District's annual report.

After discussion of the benefit to be derived from forming a womens conservation auxiliary in the County, a movement of doubtful value considering the present superfluity of organizations, the two dollars paid in the previous meeting were returned to the payers.

Vo-Ag instructors Roemermann and Swanson are to be contacted by Wallace and Kinsey respectively to invite them to bring their classes to farms where Bush and Murphy are at the time engaged in establishing conservation practices.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved May 21, 1956


D. H. Zentmire, secretary


Ed Kinsey, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa

May 21, 1956

Present were Commissioners Elwood and Wallace; Assistant Commissioners Beyer and Banes; Personnel Bush, Murphy, Mrs. Gunderson and Zentmire. Elwood served as Chairman Protem.

Minutes of the April 16th meeting were read and approved without change.

5-56-15
These new plans were presented and on motion by Wallace, seconded by Beyer, and carried, were approved:

629	Melvin J. Peters	244 acres
630	Q. W. Lockridge	460 acres
631	Joe LaGrange	300 acres
632	Milton Heitshusen	150 acres (previously No. 126)
633	Chas. F. Misel	192 acres (previously No. 401)
634	Mrs. M. H. Feddersen	440 acres
635	Clegg M. Betz	160 acres

5-56-16
By motion the plan of Henry Schmuecker, No. 83-160 acres, was cancelled because of his death.

New budget proposals were discussed with action delayed until next meeting. As of next July 1, the rent will be paid by SCS.

Apparently no school teachers are interested in Springbrook Conservation Camp because none have applied.

Bush read these letters: about conservation essay contest sponsored by the Grange and the Iowa Manufacturers' Association; thank you from the Marengo Vo. Ag. class for the Soil Judging Contest; Goodyear conservation program contest.

Results in the Vo. Ag. soil judging contest were:

Marengo contestants 28

Williamsburg contestants 32

Team scores (10 high boys) out of possible 3000 points:

Williamsburg 2315½ prize \$20.00

Marengo 2314 prize \$10.00

Individual scores out of possible 300 points:

Richard Schwarting	Williamsburg	243	\$10.00
David Dietrich	Williamsburg	242½	5.00
Robert Novak	Marengo	240½	3.00
Floyd Neitzel	Marengo	239½	.67
Morey Willis	Marengo	239½	.67
Dwight Lorenze	Williamsburg	239½	.67

5-56-17

1956 Soil Conservation Achievement program letter read. Moved by Wallace that this District file its contestants names. Seconded by Beyer and carried.

State and National Commissioners Associations dues paid in full for the year.

5-56-18

Moved by Wallace that a second letter be sent to contractors who haven't contributed on the percentage program this year. Seconded and carried.

Next news letter contributions to come from Elwood and Kinsey.

5-56-19

Bickford made dam forms, using his own money to be repaid out of rental receipts. Moved by Wallace that the arrangement with Bickford be approved and a note given for the unpaid balance to be ^{recorded} determined at the next meeting. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned by motion.

Lambert Elwood

Lambert Elwood, Temporary Chairman

D. H. Zentmire

D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

appr 6-19-56

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa

June 18, 1956

Attending were Commissioners Kinsey, Wallace and Elwood; Assistant Commissioners Eash and Beyer; personnel Bush, Murphy, Mrs. Gunderson and Zentmire.

Minutes of the May 21st meeting were read and approved after changing the word "determined" to recorded" in the next to last line.

Balance in the District treasury is \$82.65.

6-56-20
By motion, seconded and carried, these new plans were approved:

636 - Evelyn Septer 112 acres

637 - E. L. Icenbice 140 acres

6-56-21
Consideration of old budget balance and of new budget requests. Moved by Elwood that out of the present 2A budget the sum of \$600 be released to the state, seconded and carried.

6-56-22
Moved by Wallace that the 1956-57 budget request be the usual \$500 in 1A and \$2890.25 in 2A. Seconded and carried. As of July 1, 1956, SCS assumes payment of office rent that has been divided previously between 1A and 2A budgets.

6-56-23
Consideration of entries in the R&T Conservation Achievement Contest. Moved by Elwood that these names be submitted in the respective classes: Division I - Ila Morse, Carl Wyant & Son, Lloyd Schaffner, James Welch, Merlin Faas, Francis O'Rourke, August Thys & Leonard Thys, S. R. Humphrey & Dean Humphrey; Division II - Mrs. A. E. Hursh and Leo Von Leinen, Mrs. Laura Shaul and Gerald Fowler; Mrs. A. I. McCleery and Harvey Von Ahsen; Division III - Russell Pence and Marlin Trieschman, Harold Shedenhelm and Henry Mantz, Clayton Dietrich. Motion seconded and carried. Time for visiting farms was tentatively set for the last part of July.

6-56-24
Moved by Kinsey that Robert Wallace be elected Chairman for the year beginning July 1, 1956. Seconded and carried.

6-56-25
Moved by Elwood that this District omit naming a furrow queen candidate this year. Seconded and carried.

Discussion of the new Soil Bank portion of the farm program and discussion of how best to get information to farmers. No decision.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 7/16/56 1956

D. H. Zentmire
D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

Edward Kinsey
Edward Kinsey, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, Iowa
July 16, 1956

Present were Commissioners Kinsey and Elwood, Assistant Commissioners Eash and Banes, Personnel Bush, Murphy and Zentmire. Elwood was named Chairman Protem.

Minutes of the Meeting of June 18 were read and approved.

7-56-26
Moved by Kinsey that the farm plan of Lena Koenig (No. 33 - 120 acres) be cancelled because of sale to Leo Von Lienen. Seconded and carried.

7-56-27
New plans offered and approved by motion were:

638	Leo Von Lienen	120 acres
639	Hurley Long	120 acres

7-56-28
Basic plans offered and approved by motion were:

510	Gerald Newberry	150 acres
511	John J. Cunningham	280 acres
515	Paul T. Guengerich	78 acres
586	Edward Zeman	60 acres

State Conservation Committee reported approval of 1956-57 District Budgets in these amounts: 1-A \$500.00, 2-A \$2890.25.

Roy Yoder and Gahring Brothers paid checks under dirt-moving contractors sharing program.

Letter read concerning entry in the Outstanding Commissioners Award contest. Discussion without decision. Murphy reported on Area Conservation Picnic at West Branch July 15. Only he and Lloyd Bickford attended.

7-56-29
Moved by Banes that Bickford be asked to prepare a model set of toe-wall structure forms to be used for demonstrations in 4-H and other meetings, the models to be booked through the District office. Seconded by Eash and carried.

Suggestions made for content of District News Letters.

Office Clerk is instructed to inform the State Conservation Committee office and other involved offices about the change of chairmen in this district.

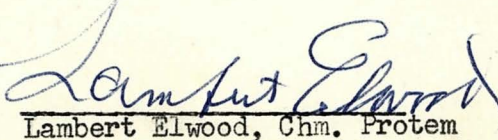
7-56-30
Moved by Kinsey that the Districts Conservation Exhibit at the 4-H Fair be omitted this year. Seconded by Banes and carried.

7-56-31
Moved by Kinsey that the inspection of farms in the cooperators contest be on July 26 and 27 beginning at 8 A.M. and that the office clerk notify all commissioners and assistants about the schedule. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved _____ 1956


D. H. Zentmire Secretary


Lambert Elwood, Chm. Protem

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, Iowa
August 20, 1956

Present were Commissioners Kinsey and Elwood, Assistant Commissioner Beyer, Personnel Bush, Murphy and Zentmire. Kinsey was chosen to serve as temporary chairman.

8-56-32
These new plans were presented and on motion by Beyer, seconded by Elwood and carried, were approved:

No. 640 Marvin Matthes - 160 acres	No. 643 Galen R. Patterson - 80 acres
641 Mrs. Eda Gates - 120 acres	644 Urie Swartzendruber - 165 acres
642 Gail Tripses - 120 acres	645 John J. Morrin - 183 acres
No. 646 William L. Faas - 47 acres	

8-56-33
Moved by Beyer that costs of films and developing pictures used in District work be paid from the district's 1-A budget. Seconded and carried.

County winners chosen by the reviewing committee and submitted in the Des Moines Register conservation contest are: Division I - Leonard Thys, tenant, and ~~August~~ ^{Alphonse} Thys, landlord; Division II - Harvey Von Ahsen, Tenant, and Mary McCleery, landlord; Division III - Clayton Dietrich.

The secretary, under pressure from the sponsors of the Queen of the Furrow contest, and after conference with Kinsey and the mother of the girl selected, entered Nancy Brockschink to represent Iowa County in the contest. Nancy was chosen the County's Better Groomed 4-H Girl and several other counties have used that winner to represent them.

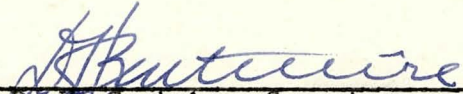
The secretary was directed to inform Commissioners Banes, Wallace and Eash that they are delegated to attend the meeting of District Commissioners at Waterloo September 9, 10 and 11, expenses paid from 1-A budget.

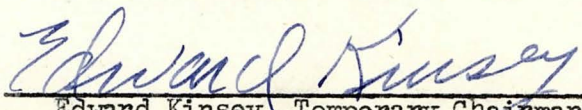
Plambeck's letter read asking for help at the national plowing contest.

8-56-34
Moved by Elwood that 30 copies each of the "Story of the Land" and "Down the River" be purchased for rural school libraries. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved Sept. 18 1956


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary


Edward Kinsey, Temporary Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, Iowa
September 17, 1956

Present were Commissioner Elwood, Assistant Commissioners Banes and Eash, Personnel Bush, Mrs. Gunderson and Zentmire. Elwood served as temporary chairman.

Minutes of the August 20th meeting were read and approved after correcting the name of August Thys to Alphonse Thys.

These initial plans were offered and approved:

643	Louis W. Raim	120 acres
644	L. A. Moffit	220 acres
645	James R. Austin	80 acres
646	Vincent Malloy	320 acres
647	F. H. Barker	242 acres
648	Charles D. Rodgers	20 acres

These basic plans were offered and approved:

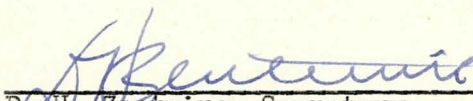
320	Robert B. Jack	90 acres
339	Harry Agnew	100 acres
393	John T. Werner	120 acres
487	W. J. Wilkinson	284 acres
567	Frederic Kinzenbaw	390 acres

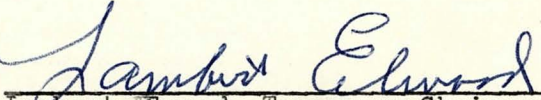
Mitchell Murphy's bill for \$6.30 for films and prints used in District work was filed in accord with the motion passed in the August 20th meeting.

Letter from state office read authorizing expenses for attendance at the national plowing match September 20-22; also authorizing expense for attendance at the meeting explaining the Conservation Reserve program for 1957.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved Oct 16, 1956


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary


Lambert Elwood, Temporary Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, Iowa
October 16, 1956

Regular meeting of District Commissioners was called to order by Robert Wallace, Chairman, at 7:50 P.M.. Present were Commissioners Wallace, Elwood, Kinsey; Assistant Commissioner Beyer; Bush, Murphy, Mrs. Gunderson, Backhaus and a visitor Don Williams, Work Unit Conservationist of ~~Cedar District~~. *Cedar District*

Minutes of September meeting were read by Murphy and approved.

These initial plans were offered and approved:

653	Larry Lown	160 acres
654	Cecil D. Gorsh	314 acres
655	Hazel and Walter Reinhart	160 acres
656	Glenn E. McArtor	40 acres
657	J. V. and Jack Driscoll	280 acres

These basic plans were offered and approved:

656	Glenn E. McArtor	40 acres
353	Ben Hochstettler	191 acres

Letter read by Bush stating the claim for the booklets "The Story of the Land" and "Down the River" were not allowed by the State. They were paid for from District funds and the copies received.

Bush told of his trip to Clinton District and attendance at the regular Commissioners meeting. Also of the inspection conducted by Don Williams and Harlon Backhaus with personnel of this district. Williams also told of his experiences in Iowa District.

Bush read letter from McMurray thanking the District for their participation in the National Field Days September 20 through 22, 1956. The American Fence Company also sent a letter of appreciation for the Queen of the Furrow Contest.

Kinsey told of his experiences as a judge at the State and National Plowing Match.

Mrs. Gunderson read a letter stating that an audit of the books will take place Friday morning, October 26, 1956. She reported that the District Treasury reads \$244.96.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M..

Approved 11-19-56 1956

Mitchell Murphy, Acting Secretary

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa
November 19, 1956

Present were Commissioners Wallace and Kinsey; Assistant Commissioner Beyer; Personnel Bush, Mrs. Gunderson and Zentmire.

Minutes of the October 16th meeting were read and approved without change.

11-56-35
These new plans were offered and approved on motion by Kinsey, seconded by Beyer and carried:

658	Carl Rieck	267 acres
659	Harvey G. Maas	132 acres
660	Henry Malek	282 acres
661	Carroll Pirkel	360 acres

11-56-36
One basic plan was approved by motion:

569 Charles W. Root 160 acres

11-56-37
Conservation award certificates were received for I Alphonse Thys (Leonard Thys), II Mrs. Mary McCleary (Harvey Von Ahsen) and III Clayton Dietrich. Commissioners instructed the office to mail the certificates to the recipients. Moved by Kinsey that J. S. Russell, representing the donor, be asked if the actual operators may not also receive a certificate since they are the ones who do the work. Seconded by Beyer and carried.

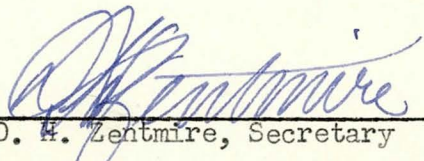
11-56-38
District treasury balance is \$414.54. Moved by Kinsey that the structure forms note of \$125.00 to Lloyd Bickford be paid with interest. Seconded by Beyer and carried.

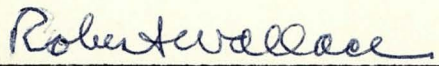
The auditor gave a favorable report on the finance record, suggesting a few changes in system and suggesting also that consideration be given to the purchase of a new typewriter if funds permit.

By unanimous agreement of the Commissioners an increase in Clerks salary was delayed until a future date.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 12-17- 1956


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary


Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa

December 17, 1956

Present were Commissioners Elwood and Kinsey; Assistant Commissioners Beyer and Eash; Personnel Bush, Mrs. Gunderson, Backhaus and Zentmire.

Minutes of the November 16th meeting were read and approved without change. Additional Iowa Soil Conservation Award certificates for Leonard Thys and Harvey Von Ahsen have been received and will be delivered to those men.

12-56-39
No new plans were ready for presentation, these two basics were approved on motion. No. 268 - Harvey Maas 132 acres, No. 574 - John Nidey 80 acres.

12-56-40
Discussion of District 1956 Annual report preparation. On motion by Beyer, seconded and carried, these assignments were made: organization and administration - Kinsey; education - Zentmire; 1956 progress - Bush; outlook and recommendation - Wallace; finances - Mrs. Gunderson. Iowa County Farmer is asked to print the report so that it may reach all farm homes in the county.

Work load for 1957 discussed. Bush presented the planned man-days itemized by practices. More discussion.

12-56-41
Discussion of whether this District wants to promote a watershed project. Moved by Kinsey that the District urge the activation of the Teener Creek watershed, and that the Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners actively support the development. Seconded and carried.

12-56-42
Soil District Commissioners short course January 9, 10 and 11 announced. Moved by Kinsey that Robert Wallace be named delegate from this District, seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 1/21/ 1957

D. H. Zentmire
D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

Lambert Elwood
Lambert Elwood, acting Chairman

CROSS REFERENCE FOR SCD MINUTES

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MOTION</u>
1-57-1	Basic Plans Cancelled
1-57-2	New Plans Approved
1-57-3	Annual Report
1-57-4	State and National Dues
2-57-5	Hire New Clerk
2-57-6	New Plans Approved
2-57-7	Outstanding Bill Paid
2-57-8	Buy 3 County Plat Books
2-57-9	Purchase of Mimeograph Paper
2-57-10	Group Agreements Approved
2-57-11	I.S.T.C. Conservation Camp Material and Tutition
3-57-12	Order Soil Stewardship Material
3-57-13	New Plans Approved
3-57-14	Basic Plans Cancelled
3-57-15	Outstanding Bills Paid
3-57-16	Write Letter Concerning ACP Practice Payment
4-57-17	New Plans Approved
5-57-18	New Plans Approved
5-57-19	Basic Plan Canellled
5-57-20	Election Date Set
5-57-21	Increase Salary for Bickford
5-57-22	Increase Clerk's Classification and Salary
6-57-23	1A and 2A Budgets Approved
6-57-24	New Plans Approved
6-57-25	Basic Plans Cancelled
6-57-26	Outstanding Bills Paid
6-57-27	District's Biennial Meeting
6-57-28	Publish Election Notice
7-57-29	New Plans Approved
7-57-30	Basic Plans Cancelled
8-57-31	New Plans Approved
8-57-32	Conservation Mats and "Story of the Soil" Purchased
8-57-33	Appoint Assistant Commissioner
9-57-34	New Plans Approved
10-57-35	Basic Blan Cancelled
10-57-36	"Why Soil Conservation" Pamphlet Ordered
11-57-37	Plans Approved, Amended, and Cancelled
12-57-38	New Plans Approved
12-57-39	Basic Plan Cancelled
12-57-40	Register and Tribune Contest Awards

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, Iowa
January 21, 1957

Present were Commissioners Kinsey and Wallace; Assistant Commissioner Beyer; Personnel Bush, Murphy, Mrs. Gunderson and Zentmire.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved without change.

1-57-1

By motion, seconded and carried, these plans were cancelled:

122 - Van Nevel Brothers	120 acres
144 - Leslie Bell	292 acres
248 - Robert Burns	120 acres
350 - Mamie Jordan	120 acres
337 - Amos Gingerich	385 acres
582 - Wm. D. Fox	80 acres

1-57-2

By motion, seconded and carried, these new plans were approved:

662 - Paul E. Gingerich	140 acres
663 - Clayton Gingerich	240 acres
664 - Paul E. M. Yoder	78.5 acres

These basic plans were approved:

638 - Leo Von Lienen	120 acres
662 - Paul E. Gingerich	140 acres
663 - Clayton Gingerich	240 acres

The cancelled note for the loan with which to build the concrete structure forms was exhibited, meaning that the loan was all paid.

1-57-3

Annual report sections were presented. Moved by Kinsey that Bush and Zentmire edit and combine the offered sections to make a coordinated whole. Seconded and carried.

Wallace reported his attendance at the annual District Commissioners Short Course at Iowa State College.

1-57-4

Financial status of the District was reported. Check book balance is \$358.66. Moved by Kinsey that the state and national association dues totaling \$165.00 be paid. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 2-18 1957

Robert Wallace
Chairman

Zentmire
Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa
February 18, 1957

Present were Commissioners Wallace, Kinsey and Elwood; Assistant Commissioners Eash; Personnel Bush, Murphy and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meeting of January 21 were read and approved without change.

2-57-5
Bush announced the resignation of Mrs. Carrol Gunderson as Clerk and the availability of Mrs. Clara Lacher to fill that position. Moved by Kinsey that Mrs Lacher be employed as Clerk I at a yearly salary of \$1980.00, effective Feb. 18, 1957. Seconded and carried.

2-57-6
On motion by Elwood, seconded and carried, these new farm plans were approved:

665 - Rudolph Koenig	160 acres
666 - Wilma E. Myers	240 acres
667 - James Malloy	160 acres

These basic plans were received:

418 - Ora L. Marner	80 acres
419 - Cleland F. Schrock	160 acres
423 - Russell Kinsinger	120 acres
424 - Russell Kinsinger	100 acres
506 - Truman Gingerich	124 acres
527 - John P. Dawson	100 acres
537 - Harold C. Kelting	80 acres
540 - Urie L. Slaubaugh	80 acres

2-57-7
A bill of \$3.26 from the Home Lumber Co., for material for an additional panel for structure forms was presented. Moved by Kinsey that the bill be allowed and paid. Seconded and carried.

2-57-8
Moved by Kinsey that three county plat books be bought for the office. Seconded and carried.

2-57-9
Moved by Kinsey that needed mimeograph paper be secured through the local Extension Office. Seconded and carried.

Bush and Murphy described the anticipated technicians' work load for the year. Bickford is to begin work earlier this year and work more steadily as State Aid.

These prospective farm group pooling agreements for drainage were presented: Mrs. Doerzman (V. Newkirk), Alfred Trimpe and Clarence Wichmann in Iowa Twp.; Carl D. Maas and Bernard Madoerin in Hilton; H.J. Frimml Estate and Ralph Mathes in Lenox; Ed Dietrich and Gus Hadenfeldt in Lincoln;

Harvey Maas and John Shanahan in York.

2-57-10
Moved by Kinsey that these groups be approved for agreements.
Seconded and carried.

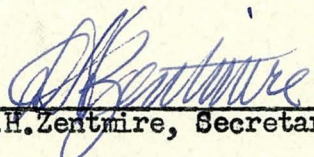
Soil Stewardship Week (May 26 to June 2) program possibilities discussed. Ministers' reaction to be reported at next Commissioners meeting.

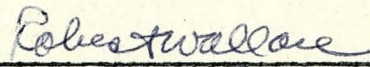
2-57-11
Moved by Kinsey that the I.S.T.C. Conservation Camp material be given to Meloy with the request that he determine whether teachers are interested in attending and that the Soil District pay the tuition for two (\$25.00 each).

Frank Mendell's letter of commendation for our annual report was read and placed in the file.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 3/18/ 1957


D.H. Zentmire, Secretary


Robert Wallace, Chairman

Iowa County Soil Conservation District

No. 55

MARENGO, IOWA

March 18, 1957

Nat'l Assn. Soil Conservation Districts, League City, Texas
Gilbert Fridley, Pres. Iowa Assn. Soil District Commissioners, Indianola, Iowa

District Commissioners

Ed Kinsey, Marengo, Iowa
Lambert Elwood, Williamsburg, Iowa
Robert Wallace, Williamsburg, Iowa

Assistant Commissioners

Howard Beyer, Belle Plaine, Iowa
Donald Eash, Parnell, Iowa
Glenn Banes, North English, Iowa

Gentlemen:

In our District Commissioner's meeting today this motion was passed:

"Moved by Kinsey that the State Association of District Commissioners be asked to urge all Districts to write the State ASC Committee concerning the fact that so much ACP payment money does not achieve soil conservation and to request that in order to be eligible to receive ACP payments a cooperater be required to use definite soil conservation practices and to comply with such acreage control schedules as involve crops grown on his farm. Seconded by Elwood and carried".

This action is provoked by what we consider abuse of ACP practices. A very large percentage of the money spent in Iowa for practices listed in the ACP handbook goes for what are actually production practices and not conservation practices. We are already plagued with production volume.

A farm operator may apply for and receive payment, for a practice, lime or fertilizer for illustration, then till his sloping ground up and down hill and lose much of that material in whose purchase public money was involved.

Furthermore, a farmer may receive payment for a practice, tiling or open ditch drainage for illustration, that adds new acres to tillage or enhances the value of acres already in tillage when the ASC program is endeavoring to reduce acreages for specific crops.

We feel that a barrage of similar complaints from soil districts could produce beneficial changes in the application of the ASC and ACP programs. We feel our attitude as expressed in this letter proves our belief that those programs are worthy, we want them to be more fruitful.

Very truly,
Iowa County Soil District Commissioners

By _____
Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

March 18, 1957

Attending were Commissioners Wallace, Elwood, and Kinsey; Assistant Commissioner Beyer; Personnel Bush, Murphy and Zentmire.

Minutes of the February 18th meeting were read and approved without change.

The clerk's salary rate arrangement had been revised downward as per rules, the state decreeing that Mrs. Lacher's maximum is to be \$7.00 per day until she has opportunity to become acquainted with the work of the District office.

No reports on either the ministers' tour or the teachers' conservation camp.

3-57-12
Moved by Elwood that 36 copies of each of these booklets be ordered: "Soil Stewardship Week", and "Selected Sermons on Soil Stewardship". Seconded by Kinsey and carried.

3-57-13
These new plans were presented and on motion by Beyer and seconded by Kinsey were approved:

668 - Everette Schlesselman	240 acres
669 - Duane Riggensbach	116 acres
670 - Arthur Dermody, Jr.	80 acres
671 - W.P. Marner	100 acres
672 - Dean Humphrey	220 acres

3-57-14
These cancellations were approved by motion:

46 - Earl J. Gode
241 - Dr. J. E. Riggensbach
331 - Ronald Sanders

These basic plans were reviewed:

482 - Howard Webster
669 - Duane Riggensbach

3-57-15
The Pioneer-Republican bills for \$1.00 for a help want adv. and \$3.00 for county plat books were presented and on motion seconded and carried, were allowed and ordered paid.

Vocational Ag. instructors are to be asked if postponing the spring soil judging contest until fall will disrupt the school's agricultural program.

3-57-16

Moved by Kinsey that the State Association of District Commissioners be asked to urge all Districts to write the State ASC Committee concerning the fact that so much ACP practice payment money does not achieve conservation, and to request a rule that to be eligible to receive ACP practice payments a cooperator be required to follow also a definite soil conservation program and to comply with such acreage allotments as apply to crops grown on his farm. Seconded by Elwood and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved April 15, 1957

D.H. Zentmire
D.H. Zentmire, Secretary

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Ia. - April 15, 1957

Attending were Commissioner Wallace, Assistant Commissioners Beyer and Eash; Personnel Bush, Murphy and Zentmire.

Minutes of the March 18th meeting were read and approved without change.

4-57-17
Four new farm plans were presented and on motion by Beyer, seconded by Eash and carried, were approved:

673 - T. I. McDonald	252 acres
674 - Hedrick Bros.	120 acres
675 - Robert Davis	160 acres
676 - Starlan Bair	160 acres

Chairman read an unsatisfactory letter from Nolan Fuqua in reply to this District's letter concerning revision of ACP payments to continue only those that are really conservation practices. No action.

Letters read from Voc. Ag. Instructor Swanson concerning FFA soil judging contest. Agreeable to both instructors to postpone the contest until fall. Commissioners are in agreement with that plan so there will be no contest until fall.

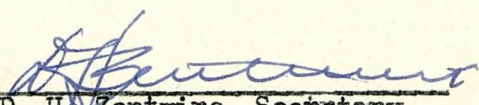
Letter read concerning training school for new commissioners. Field work too pressing now to make attendance possible.

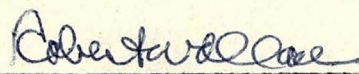
No teachers are interested in Conservation Camp. However they do want a conservation tour next fall. Suggestion made that one tour might include both teachers and ministers. However that would miss emphasis on Soil Stewardship Week.

Stewardship booklets given to Commissioners for delivery to ministers in their areas.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 5/20/ 1957


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary


Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa - May 20, 1957

Present were Commissioners Wallace and Elwood; Assistant Commissioner Beyer; Personnel Bush, Murphy and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meeting of April 15th were read and approved without change. Wallace reported two Williamsburg ministers anxious for the conservation tour.

5-57-18

On motion by Elwood, seconded by Beyer and carried, these new plans were approved:

677 - L. A. Berry	160 acres
678 & 679 - C. F. Runion	160 acres
680 - Max Marner	100 acres
681 - Carl V. Knipfer	37 acres
682 - Ray Heitshusen	160 acres
683 - Hubert Montross	221 acres
684 - Leonard Steele	100 acres
685 - Frank Stastney	78 acres

These basic plans were offered:

603 - Cecil Collingwood	159 acres
608 - Dean Yoder	80 acres
685 - Frank Stastney	78 acres

5-57-19

On motion seconded and carried Plan No. 571 - Alfred Lee Carder, was cancelled.

5-57-20

Discussion of District election, speaker and candidates. Moved by Elwood, seconded by Beyer, that the election be July 22, 1957, in the Farm Bureau building at Williamsburg, Iowa from 8:00 to 10:00 P.M.

Professor Brown (S. U. I.) on the subject "Water Resources and Laws Concerning Them", is to be contacted by Bush. If he isn't available Mason Ladd (S.U.I.) will be asked to speak on the subject "Water Rights".

Candidates suggested for the vacancy caused by Kinsey's term expiration were Howard Beyer, E. J. Schumacher and Carter Atkinson.

John Highland reported about 40,000 acres surveyed, working toward Troy, York and Greene.

Discussion of extra field help. No State funds for any long period,

perhaps SCS might provide extra help.

5-57-21

Moved by Elwood that the State Committee be asked to approve a pay increase to \$13.50 per day for Lloyd Bickford, Seconded by Beyer and carried.

5-57-22

Moved by Beyer that the State Committee be asked to approve for Mrs. Clara Lacher a Clerk I classification at a pay rate of \$2040.00 per year. Seconded by Elwood and carried.

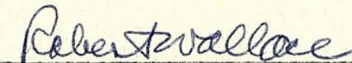
In the discussion of the new District budget agreement was reached to ask for money for an extra state man.

Bush displayed safety award certificates for the Districts no-accident record.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved June 17, 1957


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary


Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa - June 17, 1957

Present were Commissioners Wallace and Kinsey, Assistant Commissioner Beyer, Personnel Bush, Murphy and Zentmire.

Minutes of the May 20th meeting were approved.

6-57-23

The 1957-58 budget was presented as these totals: 1A - \$500.00; 2A - \$3,474.40. After discussion Kinsey moved the adoption of the budgets totaling as above. Seconded by Beyer and carried.

6-57-24

On motion by Beyer, seconded by Kinsey and carried, these new plans were approved:

686 - Carl D. Maas	120 acres
687 - Rose F. Schmoecker & Frank J. Leahy	160 acres
688 - Robert W. Murtha	120 acres

This basic was presented:

688 - Robert Murtha	120 acres
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6-57-25

Moved by Beyer that plans No. 476 - Murtha Bros., and No. 150 - Cleone Miller Watkins be cancelled because of changes in ownership. Seconded by Kinsey and carried.

6-57-26

These bills against the District Fund were presented and on motion by Beyer, seconded by Kinsey, were allowed and ordered paid:

\$ 2.00 - Farmers Elevator Mutual Ins.Co. for treasurers bond
2.90 - R.H.Bush, for stencils
81.60 - Geo. C. Brauch, Postmaster for postage.

6-57-27

Discussion of biennial meeting program. Moved by Kinsey, seconded by Beyer and carried, that post card notices of the District Biennial meeting be sent to cooperators. Letter from Garland Hershey promised Dr. Brown for the speaker at the election meeting July 22nd.

Bush asked Commissioners to consider asking bankers to provide recognition awards for outstanding conservation farmers next year.

Bush read a letter from Geo. Fonken regarding SCS assistance in locating and planning a county conservation area. Aid is currently limited to simple counsel if the county Conservation Commission requests it.

John Highland reported about 70,000 acres mapped.

6-57-28
Moved by Kinsey, seconded by Beyer and carried that the District election notice be published in the Marengo Pioneer-Republican.

The Furrow Queen proposal was given only a lukewarm reception.

Meeting adjourned.

D. H. Zentmire

D. H. Zentmire, Secretary

Approved 7-15 1957

Robert Wallace

Robert Wallace, Chairman

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Soil Conservation Service

SCHEDULE OF ASSISTANCE

To: Iowa County Soil Conservation District, State of Iowa
for the period July 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958

In accordance with the terms of the Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding between the Soil Conservation Service and the above-named Soil Conservation District, and in accordance with recent discussions between Service representatives and members of the district governing body, it is estimated that approximately the following kinds and amounts of assistance will be made available to the District during the above-mentioned period. In addition to those listed, the district will receive other general types of help from the Service, rendered principally through the area conservationist and his area wide staff and also from the state and regional offices that make effective the assistance specifically listed.

1 - Farm Planner - Full time

1 - Conservation Aid - Full time

Part time help will be available for continuation of soil surveys and assistance on engineering work and related problems in the District.

Additional funds available for the Service through 5% money from ACP and other sources will be used to employ personnel to assist the District in carrying out the responsibilities in the Agricultural Conservation Program.

Approved:

Frank D. Mendell
State Conservationist

Recommended:

George W. Joubert
Acting Area Conservationist

Date 8/6, 1957

Date August 2, 1957

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting,

Marengo, Iowa - July 15, 1957

Present were Commissioners Wallace and Elwood; Assistant Commissioner Beyer; Personnel Bush, Murphy and Zentmire. Present also was Mr. Prestamon representing the State Soil Conservation Committee.

Minutes of the June 17th, meeting, were approved.

7-57-29
These farm plans were presented and on motion by Beyer, seconded by Elwood and carried were approved:

689 - John Rodger Tandy	160 acres
690 - Arnold Yoder	120 acres
691 - J.E. Tedrow	310 acres
692 - Dorothy McCune	135 acres
693 - William D. Fox	80 acres

7-57-30
Moved by Beyer that these farm plans be cancelled: George Kummer 195 acres and Carl J. Kuch, deceased, 160 acres - seconded by Elwood and carried.

Prestamon discussed budget and finance, mentioned the Queen of the Furrow contest, state plowing match and discussed at more length the watershed program, its organization and execution.

Discussion again of the unfairness of using ACP payments for practices that increase production rather than accomplish conservation. No action.

Discussion of biennial District meeting July 22nd and the program. Dr. Brown to be reminded by Bush.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 8/19/ 1957


D.H. Zentmire, Secretary


Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Biennial Meeting and Election

Williamsburg, Ia. - July 22, 1957

With 47 persons, including two women attending, the biennial election meeting, in the Farm Bureau building was called to order by Chairman Robert Wallace.

Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners were introduced, Murphy reported the District's technical progress (Bush was on vacation) and Kinsey gave the conservation pep talk.

Dr. Brown from the University Geology staff told about soil strata and water courses under Iowa County and in the State as a whole.

Secretary Zentmire described voting eligibility and the voting process. In the election Carter Atkinson received 14 votes, Howard Beyer 11 votes.

Coffee and doughnuts were served.

W. H. Zentmire
W. H. Zentmire, Secretary

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE OF IOWA

Notice of election of Commissioner for the Iowa County Soil Conservation District, embracing lands lying in the County of Iowa in the State of Iowa.

To all owners and/or operators of lands lying within the Iowa County Soil Conservation District, comprising the territory described as follows:

All land lying within the boundaries of Iowa county, Iowa, exclusive of incorporated cities and towns.

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of July, 1957, between the hours of 8 p. m. and 10 p. m., an election will be held for the election of a commissioner for the Iowa County Soil Conservation District.

All owners and/or operators of lands lying within the above mentioned territory are eligible to vote.

Polling place for the election is as follows: Assembly Room, Farm Bureau Building, Williams-

burg, Iowa.

Eligible voters residing within the District shall cast their ballots at one of the polling places. Eligible voters not residing in the District, or who will be absent from the District on the day of election may apply in person or in writing to the County Auditor at Marengo, Iowa, for "absentee ballots". Each applicant for an absentee ballot shall state his name, residence, location and acreage of land owned or possessed, and interest therein.

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE

By K. M. Wagner, Chairman

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

State of Iowa, Iowa County: SS



I, H. V. Ellis,
being duly sworn, do depose and say that
I am one of the publishers of THE PIO-
NEER-REPUBLICAN of Iowa County, a
weekly newspaper of general circulation,
published at Marengo, Iowa county, Iowa,
and that I am personally cognizant of the
matters herein contained; that the an-
nexed notice was published in said paper

in its weekly editions 2 suc-
cessive weeks, to-wit:

July 11 and 18

Publication fee \$ 11 75
H. V. Ellis

Subscribed in my presence, and sworn
to before me by the said

H. V. Ellis
the 18th day of July 1957
Lisa Jacobs
Notary Public

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Ia. August 19, 1957

Present were Commissioners Wallace, Elwood and Atkinson in his first meeting; Assistant Commissioner Eash; Personnel Bush and Zentmire.

8-57-31

Minutes of the July meeting were approved without change. These new plans were offered and on motion by Elwood, seconded by Atkinson and carried, were approved:

694 - Milford Shaul	160 acres
695 - John C. Meyer	129 acres
696 - Vincent D. Foubert	40 acres
697 - Jake Roemig	240 acres
698 - V. A. Shaul	160 acres
699 - Dwight L. Mumm	183 acres
700 - John Shannahan	215 acres

These basic plans were offered:

588 - J.C. Gates	74 acres
562 - Charles D. Rodgers	20 acres
689 - John R. Tandy	160 acres
619 - State Conservation Commission	398 acres.

Kathryn Schumacker, 4-H Better Groomed Girl, is entered in the Queen Of The Furrow contest.

8-57-32

Moved by Elwood that 12 conservation mats and 50 "Story of the Soil" booklets be purchased, the former for use in the Iowa County Farmer, the latter for public school use. Seconded by Atkinson and carried. Later a sufficient supply of "Story of the Soil" was found in the office so no more will be needed.

8-57-33

Moved by Elwood that Leighton Riess be appointed Assistant Commissioner for the south west area of the county and that Eash and Beyer be reappointed for their respective areas. Seconded by Atkinson and carried.

Goodyear contest for Districts was discussed but no action taken.

Bush read a letter from Acting Area Conservationist George Fonken describing the technical service available to the District as per the sheet included with these minutes.

Treasurer's bond for June 1957 to June 1958 is received and on file. State budgets 1-A and 2-A for 1957-58 have been approved for \$500.00 and \$3,000.00 respectively.

Discussion of county participation in Register and Tribune 1958 Conservation Achievement contest. Commissioners agreeable to participation, hopeful that banks will contribute as much as \$25.00 each for awards within the county.

Soil judging contest for F.F.A. will be sometime during the week of October 21st. Ministers tour to be arranged.

Discussion of the attitude of the Southeastern Iowa Commissioners Regional meeting toward the statement that many ACP practice payments are for production and not conservation. Few in that meeting were sympathetic with the idea.

Meeting adjourned.

D. H. Bentinire
D. H. Bentinire, Secretary

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

Approved 9/17/ 1957

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa - September 17, 1957

This meeting was held one day later than scheduled in order to avoid conflict with the Marengo Adult School program. Present were Commissioners Wallace and Atkinson, Assistant Commissioner Beyer, Personnel Bush and Zentmire.

Minutes of the August 19th meeting were approved without change.

9-57-34
Moved by Beyer, seconded and carried that these new plans be approved:

701 - George R. Lockhart	160 acres
702 - Harold Risdon	210 acres

These basic plans were presented and reviewed:

455 - Earl Bahr	160 acres
575 - Delmar Dietrich	40 acres
621 - William A. Ward	120 acres
690 - Arnold Yoder	120 acres

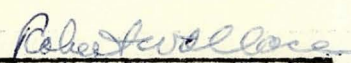
The F.F.A. soil judging contest will be October 22nd of the Willard Maas farm.

Rural teachers conservation tour will be October 7th, meeting in Parnell at 1 P.M.

Commissioners have talked to some bankers with encouraging response but contacts aren't completed.

Adjourned by motion.


D.H. Zentmire, Secretary


Robert Wallace, Chairman

Approved 10-22-1957

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa - October 22, 1957

Present were Commissioners Wallace and Atkinson; Assistant Commissioners Eash and Beyer (for a short time), Personnel Dale Shadle, Bush, Murphy and Zentmire.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as written.

One basic plan - Daniel Murtha #612, was presented and approved.
10-57-35 Plan 345, Bert Hanson, deceased, was cancelled through a motion by Atkinson, seconded by Eash and carried.

Bush reported on bank contributions to be used as local awards in the Register and Tribune conservation contest. A total of \$150.00, not in hand but in sight, is to be divided \$25.00 - \$15.00 - \$10.00 for each of the three divisions in the contest.

The Teacher's conservation tour was attended by 18 rural teachers plus a number of rural students. A good tour.

Bush reported on the F.F.A. soil judging contest today on the Willard Maas farm with these results:

Team - Williamsburg	1025	-	\$20.00
Marengo	1007	-	10.00

Individual -

Dale Zuber, Williamsburg	227	\$10.00
DeWayne Cronbaugh, Marengo	225	5.00
Daren Rathjen, Marengo	223	3.00
Ronald Vogt, Marengo	207½	2.00

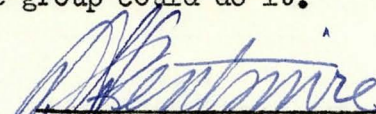
Checks for these amounts were written against the District fund to be replaced from the 1A budget.

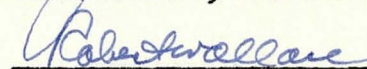
10-57-36 Moved by Atkinson that 500 copies of the pamphlet "Why Soil Conservation" be ordered for use at farmer-business men meetings. Seconded by Eash and carried.

Dale Shadle, new Area Conservationist, invited requests for any help he could give. He presented to Mitchell Murphy a certificate of merit awarded by U.S.D.A. for "performance substantially exceeding the requirements of his position", signed by Don A. Williams, Administrator of S.C.S. at the federal level.

Conservation questionnaire from National Soil District Commissioners Association was completed as nearly as the group could do it.

Meeting adjourned.


D.H. Zentmire, Secretary


Robert Wallace, Chairman

Approved 12-16-57 1957

MINUTES OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Marengo, Iowa - Nov. 21, 1957

The regular meeting of the District Commissioners was held Nov. 21st. Those present were Wallace, Elwood, Assistants Eash and Beyer, Personnel Bush, Murphy and Area Conservationist Shadle.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wallace.

Bush presented to the Commissioners the Safety letter prepared by Iowa County for distribution to the Area.

Plan No. 703 - Lloyd Miner	158 acres
704 - Mary E. Doerzman-Virgil Newkirk	240 acres
Amendment of W.P. Marner to include an additional	80 acres
Cancellation of - 561 - F.W. Tomasek	
488 - W.J. Wilkinson	102 acres
489 - W.J. Wilkinson	239 acres
490 - W.J. Wilkinson	120 acres
260 - Milford Langlas	158 acres
	166 acres

11-57-37
Moved by Beyer, seconded by Elwood that Plans 703 and 704 be approved, also W.P. Marner amendment, and Plans 260, 488, 499, 490 and 561 be cancelled. Motion carried.

Bush discussed the prizes for the Register and Tribune Contest this coming year. He was instructed to check into the cost of plaques instead of cash prizes.

The 1958 ACP Program was talked over, as to what practices were recommended. Wallace will send letter to President of National Association at League City, Texas, stating the Iowa County Commissioners favor more permanent practices, supported by conservation farm plans.

Publicity was discussed. Newsletter to cooperators was suggested and newspaper items on Register and Tribune contest.

Bush read letter from State Soil Conservation Committee concerning a State field day and plowing match for 1958. The possibility of Homestead as a site was announced but the finances and work attached seemed to keep interest at a minimum.

Area Conservationist Shadle told of his trip around the County today. He spoke of the need of good grassed waterways on farms. He also told of some good waterways he saw that had been constructed in cooperation with structures.

Meeting adjourned.

Albert M. Murphy Jr.
Albert M. Murphy, Jr. Acting Secretary

Approved 12-16- 1957

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

Williamsburg, Iowa
November 22, 1957

Nolan Fuqua, Chairman
National Association of Soil Conservation Districts
Box 7
Duncan, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Fuqua:

At our commissioners meeting last night, November 21, we discussed the speech, printed in the November 12 TUESDAY LETTER, that John Wilder presented at the Tennessee convention. We were in complete agreement with everything he said -- in fact, we have been fussing and fuming about this very same situation.

I am inclosing a copy of a motion that was passed at our commissioners meeting March 18, 1957, copies of which were mailed to you and Gilbert Fridley, Iowa Association President. Fridley never acknowledged the statement, and your response was that if we had a local problem, we should cooperate with other interested groups to overcome them. Actually, there is a very fine working relationship, we are proud to report, between ASC, SCS, and other interested groups in Iowa County, so we have no problem in that regard.

Perhaps our statement wasn't as self-explanatory as we thought it was, but the ideas behind it were those as expressed by Mr. Wilder. Your response, and Mr. Fridley's silence, were as unsatisfactory to us as the situation we were discussing! However, now that Mr. Wilder has used the "king's english" in a manner understandable to all, we are very happy to know that we've got the whole train running on the same track!!

We would also like to thank you and the other members of the National Association for the opportunity to express ourselves via the questionnaire last month, and we are pleased, as we know you are, that the response has been so great.

Very sincerely,

Robert Wallace, Chairman
Iowa County Soil Conservation Dist.

Incl.

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa - Dec. 16, 1957

Attending were Commissioners Wallace, Elwood and Atkinson; Assistants Beyer and Riess; Personnell Murphy and Zentmire. Bush was a surgical patient in the Veterans Hospital at Iowa City.

Minutes of the meeting of October 22 and November 21 were approved as submitted in the respective meeting calls.

State warrant for \$50.00 was received as repayment to our District fund for soil judging cash awards advanced.

12-57-38
These new plans were presented and on motion by Elwood, seconded by Atkinson and carried, were approved:

705 - Joseph King - 160 acres
706 - Calvin Swartzensruber - 139 acres

12-57-39
Moved by Elwood the farm plan No. 148, Erwin J. Maas be cancelled because of change of ownership. Seconded and carried.

1958 Goals were presented as follows:

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>
District Cooperators	35	GS-9 - GS-6 - ACP Aid
Basic Plans	25	GS-9 - GS-6
Revise Plans	5	GS-6
Follow-Ups	80	GS-6 - ACP Aid
Soil Surveys	82,000 Ac.	Soils Men
Contour Farming	2,600 Ac.	GS-9 - GS-6 - ACP Aid
Strip Cropping	150 Ac.	GS-9 - GS-6 - ACP Aid
Terraces	18 Mi.	GS-9 - GS-6 - ACP Aid
Diversions	7 Mi.	GS-9 - GS-6 - ACP Aid
Tile Drains	130,000 Ft.	GS-9 - GS-6 - ACP Aid
Open Drains	4 Mi.	GS-6 - ACP Aid
Waterways	60 Ac.	GS-9 - GS-6 - ACP Aid
Livestock Ponds	60 No.	GS-9 - GS-6 - ACP Aid
Structures	18 No.	GS-6 - ACP Aid
Pasture Improvement	300 Ac.	GS-9 - GS-6 - ACP Aid
ACP Step 1 and 2	300	GS-9 - GS-6 - ACP Aid
ACP Step 3 and 4	185	GS-9 - GS-6 - ACP Aid
Spot Checks	15 MD	GS-9
Meetings	10 MD	GS-9 - GS-6
Cooperators News Letter	6 MD	GS-9 - GS-6 - Commissioners
Soil Judging Contest	2 MD	GS-9 - Soils Men-Exten.Serv.
Terracing Demonstration	2 MD	GS-9 - GS-6
Soil Conservation Week	1 MD	GS-9 - GS-6
Soil Stewardship Sunday	1 MD	GS-9 - GS-6
Register & Tribune Contest	2 MD	GS-9 - GS-6

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>
Teacher's Conservation Tour	1 MD	GS-9 - GS-6
Equipment Operator's Mtg.	1 MD	GS-9 - GS-6
Commissioner's Mtgs.	12 MD	GS-9 - GS-6
Watershed Development	5 MD	GS-9 - GS-6

These annual report assignments were made:

Organization and Administration	- Robert Wallace
Education	- D.H.Zentmire
Accomplishments	- A.M.Murphy, Jr.
Outlook and Suggestions	- Lambert Elwood

12-57-40
Register & Tribune contest awards discussed in terms of plaques and prices considered. Moved by Atkinson that 4 plaques 9 x 11 inches, Catalog No. W334B be purchased from the National Trophy Sales Inc., Chicago, Ill. Seconded and carried.

Discussion of steps to activate the Tener Creek watershed comprising about 44 farms totaling 3735 acres. Commissioners agreeable to helping in any way they can.

Murphy suggested a survey of farms bordering on Highway 149 to enlist operators in a contouring program. Highway 149 is a good advertising traffic lane. He asked for Commissioners to accompany him on such visits. Commissioners will help as they can.

Convention reports to be considered in a later all-day meeting.

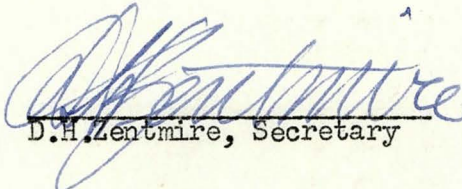
Soil Conservation Short Course program Jan. 15 - 17 at Iowa State College was announced. This District will be represented. *wasn't*

Wallace and Atkinson will attend District meeting at Mt. Pleasant, January 17th.

News letter will be issued soon. Copy was reviewed.

Commissioners arranged to meet at 9:30 A.M. until further arrangement.

Meeting adjourned.


D.H. Zentmire, Secretary

Robert Wallace, Chairman

Approved _____

CROSS REFERENCE FOR SCD MINUTES

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MOTION</u>
1-58-1	New Plans Approved
1-58-2	Basic Plan Cancelled
1-58-3	Increase Clerk's Salary
1-58-4	State and National Dues
2-58-5	New Plans Approved
2-58-6	Basic Plans Cancelled
2-58-7	Soil Stewardship Week Material Ordered
3-58-8	New Plans Approved
3-58-9	Tuition for Conservation Camp
3-58-10	Order "Wonder of Water"
4-58-11	New Plans Approved
6-58-12	Transfer Iowa County to Area 8
7-58-13	Outstanding Bill Paid
7-58-14	Appropriate \$10 to Past Secretary
8-58-15	Basic Plans Cancelled
9-58-16	Increase Clerk's Salary
10-58-17	Outstanding Bill Paid
11-58-18	Basic Plans Cancelled
11-58-19	Basic Plans Approved
12-58-20	Minutes Approved
12-58-21	Register and Tribune Contest

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa, January 20, 1958

Present were Commissioners Wallace and Elwood, Assistant Commissioners Eash and Riess, Personnel Murphy and Zentmire.

Minutes of the meeting of December 16, 1957, were approved without change.

1-58-1 Moved by Elwood, seconded by Riess and carried, that these new plans be approved:

707 - Lloyd Rank	120 acres
708 - Walter Van Steenhuyse	160 acres
709 - Clifford R. Cox	40 acres
710 - Clark Heitman	80 acres
711 - Harry C. Wade	80 acres
712 - A.W.Schafbuch	360 acres

1-58-2 Moved by Elwood that Plan No. 110, J.C. Rank, be cancelled because of change of ownership (reinstated as No. 707 above).

Consideration of annual report. Sections prepared by the several persons were read by their authors and suggestions made to include a few omitted items. The revised report was approved.

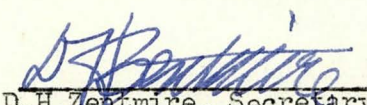
1-58-3 Moved by Elwood that Clerk Clara Lacher's pay be increased to \$2100.00 per year in Clerk I rating. Seconded by Eash and carried.

Acknowledgment of the order for 4 plaques for the Register and Tribune conservation contest was reported by the secretary. When winners are known copy for engraving will be submitted. 21st Feb (1/2 of cost)

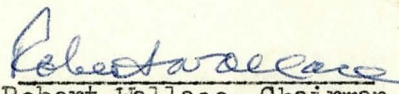
1-58-4 Moved by Elwood that dues of \$100.00 and \$65.00 to the state and national Commissioners association respectively be paid. Seconded by Riess and carried.

The Boyle rural school district conservation scrap book was displayed. Teacher and pupils thought there was a contest with prizes involved. Since no contest had been arranged a prize couldn't be awarded but the book produced the suggestion that such a contest should be sponsored. A communication expressing appreciation for their interest and good work was directed to be sent the teacher, Miss Marguerite Spratt.

Meeting adjourned.


D.H. Zentmire, Secretary

Approved 2/18/ 1958


Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

February 18, 1958

Attending the forenoon meeting were Commissioners Wallace, Elwood and Atkinson; Personnell Shadle, Murphy and Zentmire.

Minutes of the January 20th meeting were approved as written.

2-58-5

Moved by Elwood that these new plans be approved:

713 - James Clear	80 acres
714 - Earl Montross	78 acres
715 - Vivian & Stanley Montross	160 acres
716 - Herbert Williams	99 acres
717 - John Jennings	100 acres
718 - L.A. Ruegsegger	423 acres
719 - Joe Hannon	116 acres

Motion seconded by Atkinson and carried.

2-58-6

Moved by Atkinson, seconded by Elwood and carried, that these plans be cancelled:

81 - L.H. Brandt, deceased	120 acres
113 - Arthur H. Schultz, sold	160 acres
203 - Marvin Glider, deceased	87 acres

Certificates for Assistant Commissioners were on hand but the recipients were not present, therefore the certificates were retained for a later meeting.

Commissioners agreed that Tama County District should be allowed to keep our toe-wall forms a reasonable time longer to permit the cooperator to build before returning them to Iowa County.

Letter read from Frank Mendell regarding meeting of farmers along proposed federal highway to consider conservation practices. No very tangible suggestions were offered.

Discussion of the contention over whether to seed or corn the ground surrounding the new state lake in Iowa County.

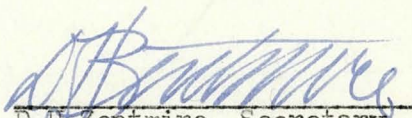
Increased salary for Clerk Clara Lacher to \$2136.00 per year was approved by letter from the state office.

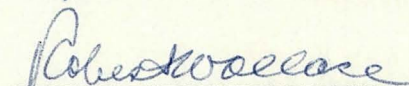
Letter of appreciation for the conservation scrap book from Boyle school pupils was signed by the Commissioners and mailed to their teacher, Miss Marguerite Spratt.

2-58-7

Moved by Elwood that 36 copies each of the booklets "Sermons of Soil Stewardship" and "Soil Stewardship Week" be ordered for distribution among ministers. Seconded by Atkinson and carried.

Meeting adjourned.


D.H. Zentmire, Secretary


Robert Wallace, Chairman

Approved 3-17- 1958

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioners Meeting

Marengo, Iowa - March 17, 1958

Attending were Commissioners Wallace and Atkinson; Assistant Commissioners Riess and Beyer; Personnel Bush, Don Reed, Robert Walker and Zentmire.

Minutes of the February 18th meeting were approved as written.

3-58-8
Moved by Atkinson that these new plans be approved:

720 - Carl T. Patterson	201 acres
721 - Howard Yoder	160 acres
722 - Kenneth Smith (C.A. Patterson)	198 acres
723 - Marguerite Spratt	114 acres
724 - Henry Malek (Greene)	203 acres

Motion seconded by Riess and carried.

An Assistant Commissioners certificate from the state Conservation Committee was given to each Layton Riess and Howard Beyer.

Commissioners agreed that beginning in April, their meetings should be in the evening.

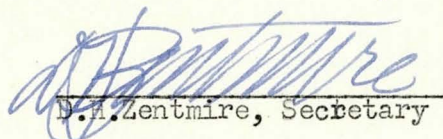
3-58-9
Moved by Atkinson that the District pay not to exceed \$40.00 on tuition for one teacher to attend Conservation Camp in the summer of 1958. Seconded by Riess and carried.

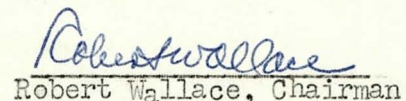
3-58-10
Moved by Atkinson that 100 copies of "Wonder of Water" be ordered. Seconded by Riess and carried.

District newsletter copy was reviewed and approved.

Memoranda of understanding with both U.S.D.A. and state Extension Service were reviewed but no changes seemed to be needed.

Meeting adjourned by motion.


D.A. Zentmire, Secretary


Robert Wallace, Chairman

Approved 4-21-1958

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - April 21, 1958

Attending were Commissioners Wallace, Elwood and Atkinson; Personnel Shadle, Bush, Reed, Murphy, Walker and Zentmire.

4-58 11
Minutes of the meeting of March 17th were approved without change. These new plans were presented and on motion by Elwood, seconded by Atkinson and carried, were approved.

725 - Leighton Peirce	151 acres
726 - L.A. & A.F. Winborn	43 acres
727 - Ed O'Brien	80 acres
728 - Merrill Norden	100 acres
729 - Michael Becker	118 acres
730 - C.C. Gay	100 acres
731 - Orlo G.J. Buswell	160 acres

Discussion of ministers' tour. Bush and Murphy are to plan the itinerary to include a variety of conservation practices; the date will be May 5th. Perhaps the District can pay for the dinners at Homestead.

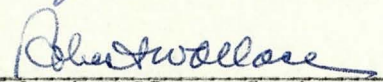
No volunteers yet for the Register & Tribune contest. May have to select the winners as has been done in other years.

Lloyd Bickford resigned as State Aid. Bush has secured Ivan Reihmann of Middle as State Aid (Grade IV). Began work today.

John Highland reported about 17,000 acres surveyed this year, still going.

Meeting adjourned.


D. H. Zentmire, Secretary


Robert Wallace, Chairman

Approved 5-19- 1958

Iowa County Soil Conservation District
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - May 19, 1958

Present were Commissioner Wallace; Assistant Commissioners Beyer and Eash; Personnel Shadle, Bush, Murphy, Reed, Walker and Zentmire. Present also on a business mission was Hubert Beasley, editor for the Iowa Association of Soil District Commissioners.

Minutes of the April 21st meeting were approved. Approved was new plan 732 - Joe Petrzela and basic plan 183 - Ed Shima.

Treasurer's bond of \$1000.00 with Farmers Elevator Mutual Insurance Co. of Des Moines approved. Cost \$1.50 net.

Discussion of budget for fiscal year of 1958-59. Definite figures will be submitted soon.

A bill for the unpaid balance on the conservation award plaques was presented but tabled because names for engraving are not yet determined.

Complete report on soil stewardship sermons not yet available.

Annual meeting of the Iowa Association of Soil District Commissioners will be held at Roosevelt Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Sept. 7 to 9.

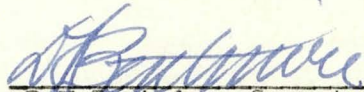
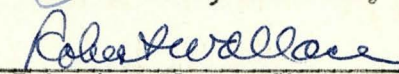
Soil and Water Conservation Week is June 15 - 22, a good time to judge Register and Tribune Conservation entries.

Hubert Beasley, editor of the District Commissioner publication, "Iowa Soil and Water", described the plan for featuring one district in each issue. The advertising proposal is 70% to the state association, 30% to the District who pays 10 cents per copy sent to all farmers and farm owners in the county.

Beasley's first open month to help is May 1959. Commissioners chose June 1959 for the Iowa County issue.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 6-16 1958


D.M. Zentmire, Secretary

Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioners Meeting
Marengo, Ia. June 16, 1958

Present were Commissioners Wallace and Atkinson; Personnel Bush, Reed and Zentmire.

Minutes of the May 19th meeting were approved without change.

These new plans were approved:

733 - S.S. Swain (Fillmore Twp.)	200 acres
734 - Willard Dickel	108 acres

These basic plans were reviewed and approved:

348 - George Bender	140 acres
349 - Dwight Bender	130 acres
425 - Leroy Bender	80 acres
571 - Sylvester Herdlicka	202 acres
734 - Willard Dickel	108 acres

These plans were cancelled for the reasons noted:

271 - R.E. Aiken, death, reinstated at No. 734	- 108 acres
305 - Carl H. Maas, death	200 acres
580 - Gerald Naughton, death	160 acres
614 - Ervin Whitlock, change of ownership	262 acres
615 - Harold L. Shedenhelm, by his request	280 acres

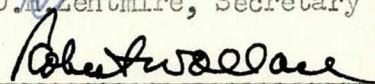
Letter read from Winborn to his customers recommending soil conservation practices. Copy to be sent to Frank Mendell.

Review of prospective candidates for the Register & Tribune Conservation Contest: Maurice Hartz, Russell Pence, Francis O'Rourke, Mrs. Illa Morse, Dean Yoder, Harold B. Risdon, Dean Humphrey, Commissioner's tour of inspection to be June 19th, starting from the District Office at 8:30 A.M.

6-58-12 Moved that the Soil District Commissioners Association be asked to transfer Iowa County from Area 9 to Area 8. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned.


D. M. Zentmire, Secretary


Robert Wallace, Chairman

Approved 7-21 1958

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - July 21, 1958

Present were Commissioners Wallace, Elwood and Assistant Commissioner Beyer; Personnel Bush, Reed and Walker.

Minutes of the June 16, 1958 meeting were approved without change.

These basic plans were reviewed and approved:

658 - Carl Rieck	267 Acres
670 - Arthur Dermody, Jr.	80 Acres
705 - Joseph King	160 Acres
717 - John Jennings	100 Acres

Awards for the Register and Tribune Soil Conservation Contest were discussed and inscriptions for the plaques were made out. Plaques were ordered in December, 1957 with lettering to be sent later. Total cost is to be \$39.50 with \$18.50 due on account.

Queen of the Furrow Contest was discussed. The only entry, Miss Sandy Broz, was disqualified because of age. A telegram was read concerning the contest, in which was requested that at least two nominees be submitted. Commissioners are to contact the Red Brand Fence Dealers to arouse some more interest.

A news release from Soil Conservation Week was passed out and reviewed.

The expenditures of the various districts was handed out and discussed.

7-58-13
Moved by Elwood that the District reimburse D.H.Zentmire for the newly purchased Minute Book in the amount of \$4.00. Motion seconded and carried.

7-58-14
Moved by Elwood and seconded by Beyer that the District appropriate \$10.00 to past Secretary D.H.Zentmire. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Robert L. Walker
Robert L. Walker, Secretary

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

Approved Aug. 18 1958

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - August 18, 1958

Present were Commissioners Wallace, Elwood and Atkinson; Personnel Bush and Reed.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved without change.

These new plans were approved:

735 - Elroy Hoylman	190 acres
736 - Joe Black	180 acres
737 - Byron Goldthwaite	360 acres
738 - O.J.Gode, Jr.	39 acres

8-58-15 Moved by Atkinson, seconded by Wallace that the following plans be cancelled:

708 - Walter Van Steenhuyse	160 acres (sold)
222 - Byron Goldthwaite	160 acres (merged with another farm)
364 - John & Joe Black	180 acres (bought by Joe)

The following basic plans were reviewed and approved:

702 - Harold Risdon	210 acres
672 - Dean Humphrey	220 acres

Method of presenting plaques to winners of Register & Tribune Contest was discussed. It was decided that the presentations would be made Sept. 22nd. Invitations are to be extended to two from each of the six Banks in the County, representatives from newspapers, Extension Director, Agricultural Teachers from Marengo and Williamsburg schools, Louis Winborn, Ex-commissioners, Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners. Dinner will be at Bill Zuber's Restaurant in Homestead with plans made for 40 guests. Speaker to be either Harlon Backsus or Frank Mendell. A film is to be shown.

Report on the medical progress of Dale Shadle, Area Conservationist was made by Bush.

Regional meeting to be held in Cedar Rapids, Sept. 7, 8 and 9 was discussed. Wallace will attend.

Atkinson is to referee Plowing Match at Washington, Iowa on Sept. 12th.

Meeting adjourned.

A. J. Reed
D.J. Reed, Acting Secretary

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

Approved 9-15 1958

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - September 15, 1958

Present were Commissioners Wallace, Atkinson, Assistant Commissioner Beyer, visitor Jim Timm and Personnel Bush, Reed and Walker.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved without change.

These new plans were approved:

739 - LeRoy Voigtmann	305 acres
740 - Everett Timm	157 acres

The following basic plans were approved:

266 - Carl Brockshus	120 acres
344 - W.J. Wilkinson	200 acres
435 - Arlo Cronbaugh	91 acres
597 - John McCune, Jr.	200 acres
655 - Walter J. Reinhart	160 acres
686 - Carl D. Maas	120 acres

A special issue of "Soil and Water Conservation" was discussed and it was decided that the Iowa County Soil Conservation District ask for the issue for June, 1959.

The recognition dinner provided by the Banks of Iowa County, for the winners of the Register & Tribune Contest was discussed. To date 51 persons have indicated their plans to attend. Among those attending are vocational agriculture instructors, district commissioners, bankers Extension Director and Soil Conservation Service personnel.

The annual F.F.A. Soil Judging Contest is to be held the week of October 20th. Location for the contest is to be determined at a later date.

A pasture improvement contest for 1959 was discussed and after information presented by Extension Director Walker, the Commissioners decided they would tentatively support the 4-H Club Special Activity. Walker is to work up a workable plan of the activity and present it at the next Commissioner's meeting.

9-58-16 On a motion by Atkinson and seconded by Beyer, Clara Lacher was granted a pay raise.

Meeting adjourned.

Robert L. Walker
Robert Walker, Secretary

Approved 10-20 1958

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - October 20, 1958

Present were Commissioners Atkinson, Wallace, Elwood,
Assistant Commissioners Beyer, Eash and Personnel Reed.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved without change.

These new plans were approved:

741 - L.S. White	160 Acres
742 - Joseph W. Menary	160 Acres
743 - Ronald G. Herdlicka	40 Acres
744 - Dwight Erteld	100 Acres

The following basic plans were approved:

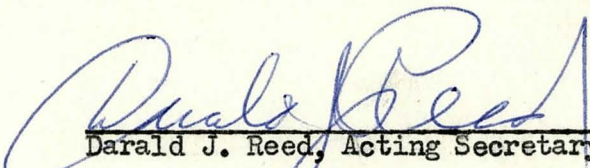
728 - Merrill Norden	100 Acres
641 - Mrs. Eda Gates	120 Acres

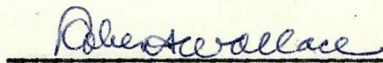
10-58-17
Moved by Atkinson and seconded by Wallace that the \$1.10 telephone bill submitted by R.H. Bush be paid. This call was to the National Trophy Co. regarding corrections to be made on plaques that were presented to winners of the Register & Tribune Contest.

Soil Judging Contest was discussed. It is to be held October 23rd, with William Oswald, Extension Agronomist and John Highland, Soil Scientist assisting with the contest and the score card grading.

Reed presented conservation material that Walker is including in the County 4-H Program. It was decided to wait until next meeting so that Walker could go into more detail about it.

Meeting adjourned.


Darald J. Reed, Acting Secretary


Robert Wallace, Chairman

Approved 11-17 1958

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November 5, 1958

Mr. Robert Wallace, Chairman
County Soil Commissioner
Williamsturg, Iowa

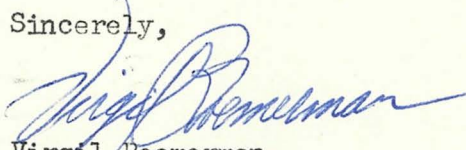
Dear Bob,

Just a little note of thanks in appreciation of
the County Soil Judging Contest.

In order to be a good farmer a boy must know his
soil because everything else is derived from it. There
is no incentive like competition and prizes.

The Judging Contest is probably one of the most
worth while things we have, and so for the boys and my-
self I would like to say thanks.

Sincerely,



Virgil Reomerman
Voc. Ag. Instr.

sjc

DIRECTORS
Harold Sherman
Glenn Scott
Carl Schumacher

Iowa Valley Community School District

Marengo, Iowa

Supt., G. G. BELLAMY
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Treasurer, W. R. Hatter

November 11, 1958

Soil District Commissioners

Ralph Bush

Marengo, Iowa

Gentlemen:

I am writing in behalf of the three vocational agriculture instructors in Iowa County. They are :

Ralph Schlicht of English Valleys,

Wm Virgil Roemer of Williamsburg, and

Robert M. Swanson of Iowa Valley.

We, three met and discussed the soils judging contest.

First of all, the three vocational agriculture instructors of Iowa County would like to express thanks to Iowa County Soil District Commissioners for sponsoring the soils judging contest. We have found the contest a real teaching tool which we are able to use in developing the agricultural leaders of the future. We feel that both the students and the instructors gain from such a contest. We sincerely hope that the contest can be continued.

All three instructors would be willing to assist in any manner that they can. All three express thought that cups and plaques would be more suitable than money when it came to awards.

We feel that it would be beneficial for the students if the soils people would go over the score card and briefly explain a little of what they expect before the contest starts.

Again we would like to express thanks to the Soil District Commissioners for sponsoring the contest.

(over)

If we as instructors can be of any benefit to the Commissioners or the staff of the office feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Swanson

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Wm. Virgil Roemermann
Ralph Schlicht

Soil District Commissioners

Ralph Bash

Marano, Iowa

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IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - November 17, 1958

Present were Commissioner Wallace, Assistant Commissioner Eash;
Personnel Bush and Reed.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved without change.

11-58-18

Moved by Eash and seconded by Wallace to ~~cancel~~ the following plans:

661 - Carroll Pirkle	360 Acres	(deceased)
601 - Dallas Stratton	303 Acres	(sold)

11-58-19

Moved by Eash and seconded by Wallace that the following basic plans be approved:

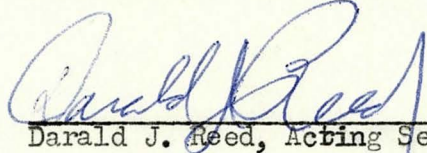
736 - Byron Goldthwaite	360 Acres
604 - Marlo Matthes	178 Acres

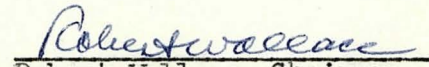
Bush explained the results of the Soil Judging Contest.

Wallace read letters of appreciation from Bob Swanson, representing the County's three Voc. Agri. instructors, and Virgil Roerman, Voc. Agri. teacher from Williamsburg for conducting the Soil Judging Contest.

The SCD work load analysis was tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.


Darald J. Reed, Acting Secretary


Robert Wallace, Chairman

Approved 12-15 1958

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
Marengo, Iowa December 15, 1958

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Carter Atkinson in the absence of District Chairman, Robert Wallace. Present were Commissioners: Atkinson; Assistant Commissioners: Beyer and Eash; Personnel: Bush, Timm, Reed and Walker.

12-58-20 On motion by Beyer, November minutes were approved.

The farm plan of Stephen Pazadera No. 377 - 160 acres was cancelled because of the sale of the farm.

Basic plans presented for approval were as follows:

602 - Clayton Dietrich	200 acres
739 - Leroy Voigtmann	318 acres
736 - Joe Black	180 acres

12-58-21 Plan of operation of work was discussed. Eash moved that the District again sponsor the Register and Tribune Contest.

Soil Conservation District projects and Commissioner's work plan were discussed and tabled until January meeting when more of the Commissioners would be present.

The issue of "Soil and Water" for June was discussed and Commissioners present decided to move ahead with the project.

A meeting of the District with the contractors in the County is to be held sometime in January.

Soil Conservation District Commissioners meeting was announced for January 13th and 14th in Ames.

Meeting adjourned.

Robert L. Walker
Robert Walker, Secretary

Carter H. Atkinson
Carter Atkinson, Acting Chairman

Approved 1-12 1959

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - January 12, 1959

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Robert Wallace, Chairman. Others present were Commissioner Atkinson, Assistant Commissioners Beyer and Eash and Personnel Bush, Reed and Walker.

December 1958 minutes were approved on motion.

New plans presented for approval were as follows:

745 - Vernon Jacobs	261 Acres
746 - Floyd R. & Robert L. Faas	135 Acres
747 - J. LeRoy Shaul	312 Acres
748 - David O. Jones	103 Acres
749 - John P. Scanlon	52 Acres

The following basic plans were approved:

581 - Gerald M. George	159 Acres
681 - Carl V. Knipfer	39 Acres

The annual report was presented and discussed. The articles will be written as follows: Atkinson - Organization and Administration; Wallace - Outlook and Suggestions; Walker - Education; Bush - Accomplishments.

The employing of a W.A.E. was discussed. Action had been started to hire Ed Kinsey for the job.

Also discussed was Register and Tribune Contest, 4-H Project, F.F.A. Soil Judging Contest, Annual Report, Supervisors Meeting, Soil Conservation Week, Joint Field Day with Johnson County, Soil and Water Magazine edition and Minister's Tour. No decisions were made.

The next Commissioner's meeting, a special meeting, will be held January 30th, 1959.

Commissioner Electing Meeting will be held June 15th, 1959. Beasley is to be asked to be the speaker.

Chairman Wallace cannot attend the District Commissioners Annual Conference. Atkinson and Eash may attend.

The Contractor's Meeting held in Williamsburg, January 7th was attended by 12 contractors.

Watershed in Conservation Lake Area was discussed. It is to be made a watershed project. The State will not approve such a project unless 70% of the area is under practice.

1-59-1
Atkinson moved that the District purchase polaroid films for publicity. Seconded by Eash and carried.

1-59-2
Moved by Beyer that we pay State and National dues, seconded by Atkinson, carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Robert L. Walker
Robert Walker, Secretary

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

Approved 2-16 1959

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - February 16, 1959

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 A.M. by Robert Wallace, Chairman. Present were Commissioners: Robert Wallace, Carter Atkinson, and Lambert Elwood; Assistant Commissioner: Howard Beyer, and Personnel: R. H. Bush, D. J. Reed, and Dale Shadle.

The minutes were corrected on the program section and approved as corrected.

NEW AGREEMENTS:

751 - A. L. Garringer	45 Acres
750 - Willard Dickel	70 Acres
752 - Arnold Schnebbe	160 Acres
753 - Rudolph Eckel	157 Acres
755 - M. C. Gates	182 Acres
754 - William Miller	380 Acres
756 - Mrs. Mary Meyer	157 Acres
198 - Ed Buhrman	Add 109 Acres more

2-59-3

AMENDMENT TO NO. 176: John D. Garringer - 50 Acres out. Atkinson moved approval and Elwood seconded. Carried.

NEW BASIC PLANS: No. 735 - Elroy Hoylmann - 190 Acres

2-59-4

A bill was presented to pay the Farm Bureau for the Conservation Needs Meeting. Atkinson moved it be paid. Carried.

2-59-5

The Annual Report was presented. A few corrections were made. Atkinson moved and Elwood seconded approval of the 1958 Annual Report.

PLANS CANCELLED:

No. 727 - Ed O'Brien - 80 Acres. Elwood moved that No. 727 be cancelled. Carried.

The commissioners decided to send Clara Lacher a coming-home present.

2-59-6

Elwood moved and Atkinson seconded approval of the district's hiring Mrs. Byerly as temporary office help.

Discussion of commissioner's work plan for 1959.

1. Register and Tribune contest - May, June, September
2. Minister's Tour - April
3. June Issue of "Soil and Water" - June
4. Plowing Contest - August
5. FFA Soil Judging Contest - October
6. Soil Stewardship Week - May 3 - 10
7. County Supervisor's Tour - April

2-59-7

The Soil Stewardship Week pamphlets were discussed. The commissioners decided to order 8 mats, and 35 Stewardship pamphlets. Elwood moved and Wallace seconded purchasing of the materials.

The meeting recessed to Bill Zuber's for the Joint Meeting with
the Johnson County Soil Conservation District.

Robert T. Walker
Robert Walker, Secretary

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

Approved 3 - 16 1959

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - March 16, 1959

The meeting was called to order by Robert Wallace, Chairman, at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, March 16, 1959. Present were Commissioners Elwood and Wallace; Personnel Bush, Reed, and Walker; and a guest, Reverend Paul McDade. The minutes were approved as read.

The first subject of business was Soil Stewardship Sunday. Reverend McDade will take charge of the materials for the Marengo churches. Newspaper mats and other materials are to be distributed to the papers, etc.

The date for the minister's tour was discussed. Wednesday, April 20, was tentatively set as the date.

New cooperator agreements were outlined:

757 - Mrs. Gerald Naughton	162 Acres
758 - Paul W. Septer	347 Acres
759 - Richard Buswell	137 Acres
760 - Fred Lohman	160 Acres
761 - Herman Harjes	160 Acres
245 - Paul Schwarting	Add 32 Acres

3-59-8
The following plan was cancelled: 317 - Ray Shaull - 236 acres. Elwood moved and Wallace seconded. Carried.

The following basic plans were approved:

747 - J. LeRoy Shaull	312 Acres
733 - S. S. Swain	200 Acres
632 - Milton Heitshusen	155 Acres
709 - Clifford Cox	40 Acres

The 4-H Club program contests were discussed.

The Supervisor's Tour was discussed. Bush is to meet with the supervisors on March 17. The date, time, etc. will be set at that time. Raymond Heitshusen, Ray O'Brien, and others will be visited. Tentative date is March 31 or sometime in April. Sights to visit were discussed - road banks, etc.

The election of commissioners was discussed. E. J. Schmucker suggested as a candidate to replace Lambert Elwood. Hugh Montross and Noble Brockschink were also suggested.

The April meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, at 8:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned.

Robert L. Walker
Robert Walker, Secretary

Approved *4-20* 1959

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - April 20, 1959

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wallace at 7:50 P.M. Present were Commissioners Wallace, Elwood and Atkinson, Assistant Commissioner Beyer; Personnel Bush, Reed and Walker. Hubert Beasley was a guest. The minutes were approved as read.

Bush reported on supervisor's tour. Same will be held at a later date. Soil Conservation Week is June 7 to 14. Supervisor's tour may tie in. Beasley will speak at the Soil Conservation District Annual Meeting on June 15, 1959.

4-59-9 Iowa County issue of Soil and Water was discussed. Due to the late season, issue will be in August rather than June. Atkinson moved and Elwood seconded that the District take August. Carried.

Discussion on transfer of Iowa County District to another Region. Such a change might cause others to desire a change, therefore a change is not likely. Case should be presented at Mason City Annual Meeting.

New agreements presented were:

762 - Owen R. Jones	158 Acres
763 - Cecil Gorsh	160 Acres
764 - William S. Blythe	360 Acres
765 - Dwight Erteld	100 Acres
766 - Jesse Miller	188 Acres

Cancelled plans were:

80 - Everett J. Brandt	120 Acres
358 - M. F. Sauter	278 Acres
359 - M. F. Sauter	465 Acres
399 - Milford W. Groff	45 Acres

4-59-10 Atkinson moved and Elwood seconded they be cancelled. Carried.

Amendment was presented to No. 498 - Orval Faas 65 Acres.

Basic plans presented were:

611 - Charles Kinzenbaw	160 Acres
636 - Evelyn Septer	112 Acres
693 - William D. Fox	80 Acres
718 - L.A. Ruegsegger	42.3 Acres
755 - M.C. Gates	182 Acres

Nomination of commissioner was discussed. E.J. Schmuecker will run. Others mentioned were: Donald Eash, Hugh Montross, Harold Sherman and Layton Riess.

Soil Stewardship Week was discussed. Booklets are nearly all

delivered. Good response obtained.

Minister's Tour plans are nearly completed. Stops will be made at:
(1) Ed Kinsey (2) Byron Goldthwaite (3) Maurice Hartz. Tour will be
Wednesday, April 29th. Forenoon only. Notices will go out Friday, April 24th.

Bush reported that due to extra office help and day labor, all
of the \$3,300.00 appropriation will be spent.

4-54-11 Mrs. Everlee Ferguson of Marengo has made inquiry about teacher's
conservation camp. Elwood moved and Atkinson seconded a motion to supply
a scholarship from 1-A budget funds. Cost estimated at \$30.00.

Register and Tribune contest blanks have been received from
J.S. Russell. Suggested candidates were: Carl D. Maas, Maurice Hartz,
Joe Black, Elroy Hoylman and Layton Riess. All Iowa County Banks
contributed money for the contest.

Letters from Bill Greiner and Frank Mendell on the annual report
were read by Chairman Wallace.

Sixth grade conservation work book was received. Cost is 13½¢ each
at Waterloo Press. Suggested to have Voc. Ag. Instructors come to
Commissioner's meeting and see what can be worked out to get more
conservation on the land.

Report on soil survey work, given by Bush, shows 16,300 acres
mapped since spring. Map results reviewed.

Queen Of The Furrow Contest discussed. Procedure reviewed for
the contest. Should be limited to cooperator's daughters. Commissioners
should investigate reaction expected before next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Robert J. Walker
Robert Walker, Secretary

Approved 5-18 1959

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - May 18, 1959

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on Monday, May 18th by Chairman Wallace. Also present were Commissioners Elwood and Atkinson; Personnel Bush, Reed and Walker.

Minutes of last meeting were approved as read.

New plans presented were:
No. 767 - Ivan Wagner 57 Acres

Queen of the Furrow Contest was discussed. There is a possibility of three contestants. It is to be held in conjunction with the biennial meeting on June 15th. Donuts and coffee will be served by the District.

A report was made of the Soil Survey group (John Highland). There was also a report of the progress of work and Conservation Needs Inventory.

The Register and Tribune Contest was discussed. Candidates considered were: Maurice Hartz, David Davies, Joe Black, Carl D. Maas, Elroy Hoylman, Sylvester Sherman, Leighton Riess, Gerald George, Ed Shima, Walter Olson and Marvin Keller.

Candidates for Commissioner, Elwood's term, were discussed. Harold Sherman and E.J. Schmuecker were suggested.

5-59-12 Discussion of 1-A and 2-A Budget. \$500.00 was estimated for 1-A budget and \$3250.00 for 2-A budget. Moved by Elwood to approve the budget, Atkinson seconded. Soil Conservation District work load was approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Robert L. Walker
Robert Walker, Secretary

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

Approved 6-15-59

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Biennial Meeting and Election
Williamsburg, Iowa - June 15, 1959

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. in the Farm Bureau Building, with 28 persons attending. Chairman Robert Wallace introduced SCS personnel and other guests present.

John Highland of the Soil Conservation Service Soil Survey detail reported 105,00 acres done this far in 1959. He reported that work would probably be finished in 1960.

D.J.Reed of the SCS, reported on the Iowa County Conservation Needs inventory taken during the winter of 1959. The needs inventory is designed to tell present land use and what may be needed by 1975.

R.H.Bush, Work Unit Conservationist, reported on 1959 work progress. He pointed out that 1959 had brought 23 new cooperators, 1½ times as much contouring, 5 times as much strip cropping and similiar increases in most other practices. Hubert Beasely, Editor of "Soil and Water", and a farmer near Leon, Iowa, showed colored slides illustrating conservation practices throughout Iowa.

Beasely served as Master of Ceremonies for the "Queen of the Furrow" contest conducted by the Soil Conservation District under the sponsorship of the American Steel and Wire Company. Three contestants, Misses Jovita Misbach, Karen Stanerson and Sue Burgy, had been entered and were present. A fourth contestant, Sandra Broz, was not present. Judges for the contest were Ed Kinsey, ~~Robert Wallace~~, Jim Mayer and Beasely. Winners were Jovita Misbach and Sue Burgy.

Count of the votes revealed seven ballots cast for Harold Sherman and four ballots cast for E.J.Schmuecker, making Harold Sherman the new Soil District Commissioner, succeeding Lambert Elwood.

Coffee and do-nuts were served.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 6-30 1959

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

Robert L. Walker
Robert Walker, Secretary

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING

Minutes of Joint Iowa-Johnson Counties
Zuber's Restaurant - Homestead, Iowa
Tuesday - June 30, 1959

PURPOSE - To formulate proposed joint Districts Field Day at Homestead, Iowa

In attendance were Soil Conservation Service Personnel; Iowa; R.H.Bush, D.J.Reed, Johnson: R.L.Barnett and R.B. Asquith. Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners; Iowa: Robert Wallace, Harold Sherman, Howard Beyer and Donald Eash; Johnson: Russell Lackender, Adolph Sievers and Ed Kadera.

Others present were: Art Selzer, Manager Homestead farm; D.H.Zentmire, Retired Extension Director, O.H.Helgeson, drainage contractor, Kenneth Wagner, State committeeman, Ray Hummel, contractor from Vinton and Lloyd Welch, representing Rockford Brick and Tile and secretary for Northeast Iowa Drainage Contractor's Association.

Group chose two co-chairmen - Robert Wallace and Russell Lackender to serve for proposed field day planning committee.

Ollie Helgeson reported Contractor's Association is interested in donating machines for use during field day.

Lloyd Welch, Rockford Brick and Tile Co., offered to donate 1 load (3400 feet) of 5 inch tile at factory cost to demonstration site and speaker system.

Lackender was appointed to arrange for pelleting machine.

Selzer will check with SCS for surveys of structure and waterway and present to Amana Society for their approval.

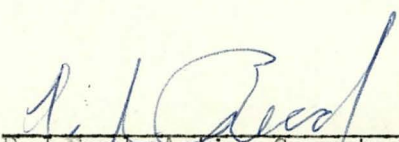
Bush reported on plowing contest site. Have room for twelve contestants. Area plowing contest deadline set August 15th and filed with Area Conservationist.

Date set for contest is September 15th with September 17th as an alternate date.

Date set for next planning meeting, Monday, July 27th at Zuber's Restaurant, Homestead, Iowa.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 7-20-59


D.J. Reed, Acting Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - July 20, 1959

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wallace. Also present were Commissioners Atkinson and Sherman, and SCS personnel Reed.

A correction was made in previous meeting minutes by deleting Wallace's name from judges of "Queen of the Furrow" contest.

7-54-13 On motion by Atkinson and seconded by Sherman, the following new plans were approved:

768 - Raymond Sinn	80 Acres
769 - Delmer Berstler	242 Acres
770 - B.H. Behrens & Clyde Maring	160 Acres
771 - Lon S. Jennings	100 Acres

New basics approved:

756 - Mrs. Mary Meyer	157 Acres
771 - Lon S. Jennings	100 Acres

Cooperators canceled:

651 - F.H. Barker	242 Acres
717 - John P. Jennings	100 Acres
761 - Herman Harjes	160 Acres

Basics canceled:

220 - Dale Kimm	219 Acres
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Commissioners are planning to attend the Regional meeting at Sigourney on July 30th.

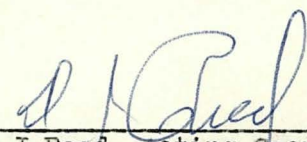
Our issue of Iowa Soil and Water magazine was discussed.

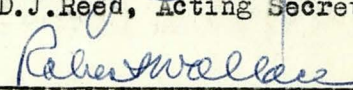
It was voted to hold the Register and Tribune District judging on Thursday, July 23rd. A representative from each of the banks in Williamsburg, North English, Marengo and Victor will be invited to act as judges. They are to meet at Marengo at 9:00 A.M.

District publicity program was discussed. It was the feeling of the Commissioners that a monthly newsletter be published in the Iowa County Farmer each month, and feature articles be run in the various newspapers in the County when pertinent.

Meeting Adjourned.

Approved 7-31-59


D.J. Reed, Acting Secretary


Robert Wallace, Chairman

*Asst
Wallace
Shadle
Selzer
Johnson*

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS MEETING
Minutes of Joint - Iowa-Johnson County Field Day
Zuber's Restaurant - Homestead, Iowa
Friday - July 31, 1959

In attendance:

Iowa:

Commissioners; Robert Wallace and Harold Sherman.
SCS - Ralph Bush and D.J. Reed.

Johnson:

Commissioners - Russell Lackender, Adolph Sievers, Ed Kadera.
SCS - Ross L. Barnett and Robert Asqwith

Others - Lloyd Welsh, Vinton, Rockford Brick & Tile representa-
tive.

Kyle Hummel, Vinton, Contractor
Ollie Helgeson, Conroy, Contractor
Art Selzer, Manager Homestead Farms
Kenneth Wagner, State Soil Conservation Committee.

Selzer reported Amana Society has approved waterway work to first lateral gully, tile and structure, also reported Society will use their own bulldozer and a caterpillar company from Cedar Rapids will donate some equipment.

The following committees were formed to assist with field day:

Toe-wall - Kyle Hummel, Vinton
Tile - Albert M. Murphy, Jr., Marengo
Waterway - R.B. Asqwith, Iowa City
Pasture Renovation - R.H. Bush, Marengo and Dr. Virgil Hawk, Ames
Forestry - Allan Green, Amara
Wildlife - Wendell Simminson, Iowa City
Publicity - Bob Walker, Marengo
Harold Montgomery, Iowa City
G.M. Ludwig, Tiffin
Wagon Train - Marengo G.I. Class (Howard Watkins in charge)
Parking - Ladora Saddle Club (Harold Sherman in charge)
Plowing Contest - Ralph Bush, Marengo
Ross Barnett, Iowa City
Plowman's Instructor - Dale Shadle, Iowa City
Noon Speaker - Chuck Wooster, Cedar Rapids
Program Committee - Robert Wallace, Williamsburg
Russell Lackender, Iowa City
Plowing Contest Judges - Don Williams, Tipton
Don Johnston, Fairfield
William Oschwald, Cedar Rapids

Soil Profile - William Oswald, Cedar Rapids
Food - St. John's Luthern Church, Williamsburg

Russell Lackender reported pelleting machine is not available for demonstration.

Starting time is set as:

Practice plowing 9:30 A.M.

Plowing Contest 10:30 A.M.

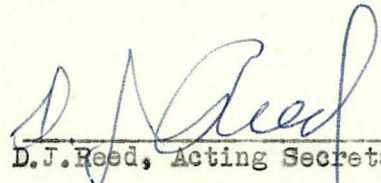
✓ Prizes for winning plowmen will be \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00
~~for both counties,~~

The group named the following to contact persons as to their availability for Field Day.

✓ Sherman - Ladora Saddle Club
✓ Barnett - G.M.Ludwig, Wendell Simminson, Dale Shadle
Bush - Bob Walker, Allen Green, Marengo G.I.Class, Dr.Virgil Hawk
Walker - William Oswald
Kadera - Don Johnston
Shadle - Don Williams.

Next meeting is set for Friday, August 14th, 7:00 P.M. at Zuber's Restaurant, Homestead, Iowa. Iowa District was requested to send notices to all present plus Dale Shadle, G.M.Ludwig, Bob Walker, Harold Montgomery and a representative of the Ladora Saddle Club.

Approved 8-17-59


D.J.Reed, Acting Secretary

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING
Minutes of Joint Iowa-Johnson Counties
Field Day Planning Group.
Zuber's Restaurant - Homestead, Iowa
Friday - August 14, 1959

In attendance;

Commissioners - Iowa - Robert Wallace, and Assist. Commissioner
Howard Beyer.
Commissioners - Johnson - Ed Kadera, Russell Lackender and
Adolph Sievers.
SCS Personnel - Iowa - R.H. Bush, D.J. Reed and Albert M. Murphy, Jr.
SCS Personnel - Johnson - Ross Barnett and Dale Shadle, Area
Conservationist.
Publicity Committee - Harold Montgomery, G.M. Ludwig and Robert Walker.
Others - Hubert Beasley, Editor of Soil & Water Magazine;
Art Selzer, Manager Homestead Farm
John McGuire, President Ladora Saddle Club;
Kyle Hummel, Vinton Contractor;
Lloyd Welch, Rockford Brick & Tile;
Vernon Parks, Marengo Contractor;
Ellie Helgeson, Conroy Contractor;
Harry Seelman, President Johnson County District Contact
Men's Club.

Correct previous minutes - change prize money to read "for both counties",
instead of "per county" as previously reported.

Barnett reported that Iowa City Chamber of Commerce will provide \$25.00
in prize money.

Checked group for availability of persons named to assist with Field Day.

Wendell Simminson will work with the assistance of Curtis Smith, Marengo

Wagon Train by Marengo G.I. Class @ O.K.

Saddle Club of Ladora - O.K.

Decided to contact Governor Loveless for speaker; second choice

William Alford.

Plowing judges - O.K.

William Oschwald - O.K.

St. John's Church for refreshments - no answer.

Lackender will contact Iowa City Red Cross for availability for First-aid
for Field Day.

Plowing Contest will be limited to four from each county. Will start at
10:30 A.M. Have room for 10 plowmen.

Art Selzer reported Homestead farm will prepare grounds.

Dale Hull was deleted from previous minutes. Wallace will contact on

plow setting demonstration.

Time budgeted as: Speaker 20 minutes; Hull 20 minutes and plowmen, guests, etc. 20 minutes.

Signs needed - assigned to Marengo Work Unit.

Official name - Iowa-Johnson County Field Day.

Need Highway Commission's approval to erect signs on right-of-way.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 19th, 12:00 A.M. to look over field.

Next joint planning meeting will be decided at next week noon meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 9-24 1959


Darald J. Reed, Acting Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - August 17, 1959

In attendance:

Commissioners - Wallace and Sherman
Assistant Commissioners - Eash and Beyer
SCS Personnel - Bush and Reed
Others - Hubert Beasley, Editor Soil & Water Magazine.

Beasley arranged an advertising scheldue with the Commissioners.

New plans approved:

772 - Wilferd Hon Ahsen	160 Acres
773 - Warren Waln	190 Acres
775 - Eugene Volk	110 Acres
776 - Ed Shima	183 Acres

Basic plan cancelled:

130 - Charles Hedges	190 Acres
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Wallace read a letter on District contributions from contractors.

Wallace read a letter from Virgil Hawk. He will be on hand for Field Day.

8-59-14 Voted to increase District Clerk, Clara Lacher's salary to \$2460. per year. Moved by Sherman and seconded by Beyer. Wallace will write letter to State Committee informing them of such.

Decided to order trophies for Register & Tribune contestants. Four plaques, No. W-461B are to be ordered from National Trophy Sales Company, 75 W. Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.

Set date for awards banquet for October 1, 1959.

Decided to order 200 Soil Conservation Stamps on August 27th, from Marengo Postmaster.

Next Commissioner's meeting is set for Monday, September 14, 1959.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 8-14 1959

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

Darald J. Reed
Darald J. Reed, Acting Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - September 24, 1959

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wallace.

In Attendance:

Commissioners - Wallace
Sherman
Beyer
SCS - Ralph H. Bush
D.J.Reed

NEW PLANS APPROVED:

774 - Wayne Stanerson	160 Acres
777 - Alvin Eggert	80 Acres
778 - Ed & Otis Standland	165 Acres
779 - Raymond Beran	207 Acres

CANCELLED:

445 - Raymond Beran	80 Acres
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BASIC PLANS APPROVED:

746 - Floyd R. & Robert L. Faas	135 Acres
757 - Mrs. Gerald Naughton	162 Acres
767 - Ivan Wagner	67 Acres

Letters of appreciation to persons who contributed articles to Soil & Water magazine, and those who helped with Field Day, was discussed. Wallace will write letters.

BILLS APPROVED:

R.H.Bush - telephone calls, Field Day supplies
National Trophy Sales - trophies
Harrison Furniture Co. - Tent rent, Field Day
Albert M. Murphy, Jr. - Field Day supplies
Marengo Lumber & Fuel - Lumber for Field Day

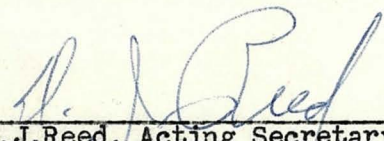
Awards Banquet was changed to October 15th. Speaker to be Ken Wagner, if available. Wallace will contact him.

It was decided to bill unpaid advertisers in Iowa County issue of Soil & Water magazine.

Soil Judging Contest discussed. Tabled until a later date.

Wallace reported Iowa District has been changed to Region 8 organization

Meeting adjourned.


B.J.Reed, Acting Secretary

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - October 19, 1959

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wallace.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners	- Wallace
	Atkinson
	Beyer
SCS	- Bush
Secretary	- Walker

NEW PLANS APPROVED:

780 - Carroll McKusker	100 Acres
781 - Mrs. Dorothy B. Schumacher	200 Acres

BASIC PLANS APPROVED:

664 - Paul E.M. Yoder	78.5 Acres
723 - Marguerite Spratt	95 Acres
743 - Ronald G. Herdlicka	40 Acres
769 - Delmer Berstler	242 Acres

CANCELLED:

201 - Richard Schumacher	200 Acres (Basic)
407 - John Miller	120 Acres

BILLS APPROVED:

Peterson Drug - Sign paint and films
Journal-Tribune - Field Day programs

Letter from William Greiner approving Clara Lacher's salary increase from \$2256. to \$2460.

Soil Judging Contest discussed. Will be postponed until spring with meeting of Voc.-Ag. Instructors this winter.

Discussion took place on payment of National dues.

Meeting adjourned.

Robert L. Walker
Robert L. Walker, Secretary

Approved 11-16 1959

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Maréngo, Iowa - Nov. 16, 1959

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wallace.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners - Wallace
 Beyer
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SCS - R.H. Bush
 D.J. Reed

Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

BASIC PLANS APPROVED:

593 - Earl Bahr	160 acres
596 - Menno Gingerich	120 acres
635 - Clegg Betz	160 acres
646 - William L. Faas	47 acres
676 - Starlan Bair	160 acres
711 - Harry Wade	80 acres
781 - Dorothy B. Schumacher	200 acres
768 - Raymond Sinn	80 acres

CANCELLED:

432 - Clifford Bair	120 acres (Initial)
437 - Earl Bahr	200 acres (Basic)

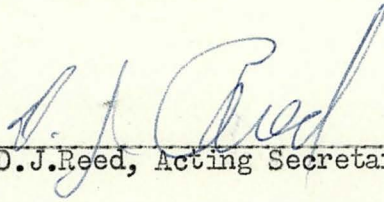
Report on collections for advertising in Soil and Water Magazine revealed we are still short \$165.00.

Balance in District's funds \$703.34.

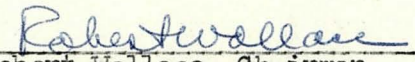
11-59-15 Moved by Beyer, seconded by Eash that we pay State and National dues.

Letter from State Office accepting Mervin Guehrn as State Aid was read.

Meeting adjourned.


D.J. Reed, Acting Secretary

Approved 12-21 1959


Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting

Marengo, Iowa - Dec. 21, 1959

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wallace at 8:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners - Wallace
Atkinson
Sherman
Beyer

SCS - R.H. Bush
D.J. Reed
Albert M. Murphy, Jr.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

NEW PLANS APPROVED:

782 - Behrens & Maring	160 acres
783 - Donald Martinson	160 acres
784 - Vincent Wagner	280 acres
785 - Jerry L. Timm	200 acres
259 - Adolph Zuber	80 acres (amendment)

BASIC PLANS APPROVED:

678 - C.F. Runion	80 acres
679 - C.F. Runion	80 acres
738 - O.J. Gode, Jr.	39 acres
774 - Wayne Stanerson	160 adres
626 - William Hannon	176 acres
692 - Dorothy McCune	135 acres
776 - Mrs. Mary Sullivan	183 acres

Financial report showed 1-A Budget balance \$276.06, 2-A Budget balance \$2,501.66, District's balance \$575.74.

12-59-16 Sherman moved and Atkinson seconded that materials for partitions be purchased. Motion carried.

Work load analysis for 1960 - work estimated roughly same as 1959. Tile expected to continue good.

5% Transfer of funds discussed and are expected to be down. Next year 75% of time is to be ACP time.

Annual Report discussed and sections assigned to commissioners.
Carter Atkinson - Organization and Administration
Harold Sherman - Outlook and Suggestions.

Dropping of Assistant Commissioners discussed. No Assistants in 1960.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved 1-25 1960

Robert L. Walker
Robert Walker, Secretary

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

CROSS REFERENCE FOR SCD MINUTES

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MOTION</u>
1-59-1	Purchase Polaroid Film
1-59-2	State and National Dues
2-59-3	Amendment to Basic Plan Approved
2-59-4	Outstanding Bill Paid
2-59-5	Approve 1958 Annual Report
2-59-6	Hire Temporary Help for Office
2-59-7	Order Soil Stewardship Material
3-59-8	Basic Plan Cancelled
4-59-9	Iowa County Issue of Soil and Water
4-59-10	Basic Plans Cancelled
4-59-11	Scholarship from 1A Budget
5-59-12	Approve 1A and 2A Budgets
7-59-13	New Plans Approved
8-59-14	Increase Clerk's Salary
11-59-15	State and National Dues
12-59-16	Materials for Partitions be Purchased

CROSS REFERENCE FOR SCD MINUTES

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MOTION</u>
2-60-1	Increase District Clerk's Salary
3-60-2	Appoint District Secretary
3-60-3	Outstanding Bills Paid
4-60-4	Release \$400 of 2A Budget Funds
4-60-5	Outstanding Bills Paid
4-60-6	
5-60-6	Approve 1A and 2A Budgets
5-60-7	Treasurer's Bond Paid
5-60-8	Order level from 2A Budget
5-60-9	Order 2 Tile Probes
7-60-10	Outstanding Bill Paid
7-60-11	Awards for Register and Tribune Contest
8-60-12	Outstanding Bills Paid
S8-60-13	Resignation of District Commissioner
S8-60-14	Appoint District Commissioner for Unexpired Term
S8-60-15	Appoint District Chairman
S8-60-16	Hire Farm Planner Aide
10-60-17	Outstanding Bills Paid
12-60-18	Resignation of District Clerk

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Ia. - January 25, 1960

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wallace at 9:45 A.M.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners - Wallace
 Sherman
SCS - Bush
Sec. - Walker

Minutes of previous meeting were approved as read.

NEW PLANS APPROVED: *See Martin*

782 - Melvin Von Ahsen	161 Acres
786 - Clifford H. Refer	91 Acres
787 - Russell Herdlicka	132 Acres
788 - L. W. Harris	80 Acres
789 - Harold Miller	80 Acres
790 - David W. Ross	255 Acres
791 - B. H. Behrens	167 Acres

BASIC PLANS APPROVED:

496 - Fred White	116 Acres
630 - Q.W. Lockridge	460 Acres
687 - Mrs. Rose Schmucker	160 Acres
701 - George Lockhart	160 Acres
770 - B.H. Behrens & Clyde Maring	160 Acres
777 - Alvin Eggert	80 Acres
772 - Wilfred Von Ahsen	160 Acres

Basic Plans Cancelled:

735 - Elroy Hoylman	190 Acres
402 - Fred Turner	195 Acres
168 - Simpson & Northey	255 Acres

Initial Plans Cancelled:

726 - L. A. Winborn	43 Acres
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Supplies for ministers for Stewardship Week discussed. Will supply material the same as last year.

Public speaking contest discussed. Contest to be held April 25th.
Prizes to be 1st place - \$5.00; 2nd place - \$3.00; 3rd place - \$2.00.

Annual report reviewed.

Meeting adjourned

Robert L. Walker
Robert Walker, Secretary

Approved _____ 1960

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Williamsburg, Iowa - February 15, 1960

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wallace at 10:00 A.M.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners - Wallace
Sherman

SCS - Bush
Murphy
Shadle
Hoeft

Minutes of the January meeting were approved following a correction.

NEW PLANS APPROVED:

725 - Leighton Peirce 151 Acres

Soil Stewardship Tour for ministers of Iowa County was scheduled for Monday, May 16th, 1960.

The Commissioners decided to invite the Voc.-Ag. Instructors to their regular meeting on March 21st.

Albert M. Murphy, Jr. gave a brief summary of his tour of Harrison County on February 11th and 12th.

The bill for rental of the Farm Bureau Hall was approved for payment.

2-60-1 Moved by Sherman, seconded by Wallace to raise the District Clerk's wages to \$2580, effective March 1st, 1960.

Robert Walker, Extension Director, resigned as secretary of the District Commissioners. Appointment of new secretary was discussed but no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Darwin D. Hoeft
Darwin D. Hoeft, Acting Secretary

Approved 3/21 1960

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - March 21, 1960

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wallace;

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners - Wallace
Atkinson
Beyer
Sherman

SCS - Bush
Hoelt

Secretary - Lacher

Guests - Voc. Ag. Instructors
Roerman
Swanson
Faas

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as read.

NEW PLANS APPROVED:

792 - Raymond Britton	312 Acres
793 - W.A.Kaderavek	40 Acres
794 - W.A.Kaderavek	121 Acres
795 - Hanson Bros.	366 Acres

BASIC PLANS APPROVED:

750 - Willard Dickel	70 Acres
667 - James Malloy	160 Acres
790 - David W. Ross	255 Acres

CANCELLED PLAN:

302 - Ervin Sandersfeld	120 Acres (sold) initial
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3-60-2 Moved by Atkinson, seconded by Beyer that Clara Lacher, District Clerk be appointed Secretary of the Iowa County Soil Conservation District.

BILLS PRESENTED:

3-60-3 Robert Wallace - \$8.00; Geo W.Cable, Inc. - \$3.60; Peterson Drug - \$8.93. Moved by Atkinson, seconded by Beyer that bills be paid.

Speech Contest was explained and discussed. Roerman was doubtful about an entrant from Williamsburg; Swanson thought Marengo would have one and possibly two; Faas thought North English might have one.

The names of the contestants are to be mailed to the Soil Conservation District Office by April 8th.

Soil Judging Contest was discussed. The Voc. Ag. Instructors seemed to want the contest. May 10th was chosen as the date for the contest. The Ed Kinsey and William Ward farms were suggested for the site, these men are to be contacted.

Meeting adjourned.

Clara Lacher
Clara Lacher, Secretary

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

Approved 4-18 1960

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - April 18, 1960

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wallace.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners - Wallace
 Atkinson
SCS - Bush
 Hoeft
 Sharp
Secretary - Lacher

NEW PLANS APPROVED:

796 - Dale E. Beyer	79 Acres
797 - C.L. Hillmann	161 Acres
798 - Henry Schutterle	247 Acres

BASIC PLANS APPROVED:

745 - Vernon Jacobs	261 Acres
793 - W.A. Kaderavek	40 Acres
795 - Hanson Bros.	366 Acres

4-60-4 Moved by Wallace, seconded by Atkinson, that we release \$400.00 of 2A-Budget funds.

BILLS PRESENTED:

4-60-5 Western Auto Assoc. Store - \$1.64. Moved by Atkinson, seconded by Wallace, that this bill be paid.

Decided that District buy 200 water conservation stamps, also a supply of envelopes.

Discussion on giving plaques for winners of Soil Judging Contest. Secretary instructed to write National Association of District Commissioners at League City, Texas, for catalog.

Queen of Conservation Contest discussed. Farmers Grain Coop at Conroy to be contacted.

Tenative farms to be visited on Minister's tour, May 16th are:

Ila Morse - Parallel Terraces
Amana - Wheel Track Planting
Henry Schutterle - Waterway
Jake Roemig - Structure

Jake Roemig to be contacted about serving a plate lunch at noon, at the Colony Inn, to the group.

Register & Tribune Contest discussed. Bankers are to be contacted for donations for prizes.

Meeting adjourned.

Clara Lacher
Clara Lacher, Secretary

Robert Wallace
Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - May 16, 1960

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wallace.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners - Wallace
 Atkinson
SCS - Bush
 Hoeft
Secretary - Lacher

NEW PLANS APPROVED:

799 - Elmer Ahrens	80 Acres
800 - J.O. Wickham	212 Acres
801 - Edward Maschmann	160 Acres
802 - Raymond Grimm	320 Acres
803 - Ronald Grimm	160 Acres
804 - Jay Maudlin	80 Acres

Discussion of Plaques for Soil Judging Contest. Plaques to be ordered from National Assoc. District Commissioners for schools. Williamsburg School - 1st place and Marengo School 2nd place. Prizes awarded to boys are:

1st Place - Eugene Schmidt, Williamsburg	\$10.00
2nd Place - Donald Schutterle, Marengo	5.00
Tied for 3rd Place:	
Mark Yearian, Williamsburg	3.00
Richard Schaefer, Williamsburg	3.00

5-60-6 1A-Budget and 2A-Budget for 1960-61 reviewed. Moved by Atkinson, seconded by Wallace that they be approved.

5-60-7 Moved by Atkinson, seconded by Wallace that premium on treasurer's bond (\$2.00) be paid.

Farms to be chosen for Register and Tribune Contest discussed. No decision reached.

5-60-8 Secretary instructed to write to William Greiner to find out if a level can be secured from the 2A-Budget. Moved by Atkinson, seconded by Wallace that if it can be secured, that we order it immediately.

5-60-9 Moved by Atkinson, seconded by Wallace that we order two tile probes from Rockford Brick & Tile Co.

Meeting Adjourned.

Clara Lacher
Secretary

Robert Wallace
Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - June 22, 1960

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wallace.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners - Wallace
 Atkinson
 SCS - Bush
 Hoeft
 Sharp
Secretary - Lacher
Guests - Shadle
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NEW PLANS APPROVED:

805 - Robert Gihring	129 Acres
806 - Cyril & Hugh O'Meara	160 Acres
807 - Charles L. Montross	90 Acres
808 - Hocker Bros.	200 Acres
809 - Mervin Bigbee	120 Acres
810 - Robert C. & Larry Davis	160 Acres
811 - Robert C. & Larry Davis	320 Acres
812 - Walter Weiss	241 Acres
813 - Roy Meyer	200 Acres
814 - Edwin Kaderavek	40 Acres

BASIC PLANS APPROVED:

794 - W.A. Kaderavek	121 Acres
814 - Edwin Kaderavek	40 Acres

CANCELLED PLANS:

503 - Harley M. Carter	160 Acres (Sold) <i>Basic</i>
513 - Alvin H. Cox	40 Acres (Sold) <i>Initial</i>

Carol Bigbee, Iowa County's Speech Contest winner presented her speech before the meeting. A few suggestions for changes in her speech were offered, but as a whole it was very good and well presented.

Register and Tribune Contest discussed. The following farms were selected:

Owner-Operator Class - Elwood Bros.
 David Davies
 John B. Maxey
Landlord-Tenant Class - R.G.Owen - Gerald Newberry
 Henry Malek - Jerry Donahue
New Cooperator Class - W.A. Kaderavek
 Marguerite Spratt (Fred White operator)

Wednesday, June 29th, was chosen as date for selecting the

winning farms. The bankers from North English and Williamsburg declined to act as judges.

Queen of Conservation Contest discussed. Tabled for the present.

Mr. Shadle answered some questions on parallel terraces.

Hoelt and Sharp reported on practices worked on during the last month - 90% of which, was tile. Some terraces being cancelled because of weather conditions.

Meeting Adjourned.

Clara Lacher
Secretary

Robert Wallace
Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - July 18, 1960

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wallace.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners - Wallace
 Atkinson
 Sherman
SCS - Hoeft
 Sharp
Secretary - Lacher

Minutes of June meeting approved.

NEW DISTRICT COOPERATORS APPROVED:

815 - Virgil Meyer	160 Acres
816 - Mellen Schmidt	290 Acres
817 - Henry F. Witte, Est.	175 Acres

BASIC PLANS APPROVED:

680 - Max Marner	100 Acres
707 - Lloyd Rank	200 Acres
789 - Harold Miller	80 Acres

Queen of Conservation Contest discussed. Farmers Cooperative Grain & Lumber Company of Conroy to furnish a \$10.00 prize for each of the winning contestants. Judging to be held August 12th at 7 o'clock at the LH Building at Marengo, if space is available. Farmers Cooperative Grain & Lumber Company is to furnish one of the judges. It was suggested that we contact Ed Kadera and Mrs. Russell Lackender of Johnson County to act as judges. Extension Office to be consulted regarding plans and time. Winners of the contest are to be presented during the program at the LH County Fair the same evening.

Regional meeting at Maquoketa, July 28th discussed. Plans were made for all three commissioners to attend.

Area Meeting to be held August 7, 8 and 9, at Hannibal, Missouri, ruled out for Atkinson and Sherman because they will be busy with LH County Fair. Wallace to contact Johnson County Commissioners about attending.

7-60-10 Bill for school plaques for Soil Judging Contest presented. Moved by Atkinson, seconded by Sherman that this bill be paid.

7-60-11 Moved by Atkinson, seconded by Sherman that we order plaques for Register & Tribune Contest winners from the National Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

Elwood Bros - Owner-Operator

Marguerite Spratt - Fred White - Owner-Tenant

W. A. Kaderavek - Ernest Gorsch - New Cooperator.

Meeting Adjourned.

Clara Lacher
Clara Lacher, Secretary

Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Commissioner's Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - August 15, 1960

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners - Wallace, Atkinson and Sherman

SCS Personnel - Bush and Sharp

Secretary - Lacher

Guests - Lambert Elwood
John Haas
Bob Walker
Dale Nash

Minutes of July meeting approved as read.

NEW DISTRICT COOPERATORS APPROVED:

818 - Gerald Avard	140 Acres
819 - Walter Wallace	190 Acres
820 - Ralph Wagner	440 Acres

BASIC PLANS APPROVED:

740 - Everett Timm	157 Acres
788 - L. W. Harris	80 Acres

BILLS PRESENTED:

\$29.05 - Streamline Cafe (Dinners for "Queen of Conservation" contest -
 $\frac{1}{2}$ of which is to be paid by Farmers Coop. Grain & Lumber Co.)
\$25.00 - Stanley Watts (Corsages)
\$ 3.00 - R.H. Bush (Measuring Wheel)
\$ 6.87 - Peterson Drug (3 polaroid films)

8-60-12 Moved by Atkinson, seconded by Wallace that these bills be paid.

"Queen of Conservation" contest discussed. Suggested that another year the "queens" be selected before the 4H-FFA County Fair but that winners not be announced until the night show of the fair. Decided that we write thank you letters to the judges and congratulate them on a job well done.

Field Day program discussed. Several possibilities for speakers suggested. Definite speaker to be selected at joint meeting with Johnson Co. August 16th.

Awards banquet discussed. September 26th was picked as date. Arrangements to be made to hold it at Zuber's Restaurant at Homestead. Suggested as possible speakers were President Joseph E. McCabe of Coe College or Bob Burrows, Belle Plaine.

Meeting adjourned.

Clara Lacher
Clara Lacher, Secretary

7-60-11 Moved by Atkinson, seconded by Sherman that we order plaques for Register & Tribune Contest winners from the National Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

Elwood Bros - Owner-Operator

Marguerite Spratt - Fred White - Owner-Tenant

W. A. Kaderavek - Ernest Gorsch - New Cooperator.

Meeting Adjourned.

Clara Lacher
Clara Lacher, Secretary

Robert Wallace, Chairman

Robert Wallace, Chairman

Following the meeting Dale Nash, a resident of Alaska gave an interesting account of the conservation set up in Alaska, answered questions about the State and then show^{ed} slides.

7-60-11 Moved by Atkinson, seconded by Sherman that we order plaques for Register & Tribune Contest winners from the National Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

Elwood Bros - Owner-Operator

Marguerite Spratt - Fred White - Owner-Tenant

W. A. Kaderavek - Ernest Gorsch - New Cooperator.

Meeting Adjourned.

Clara Lacher
Clara Lacher, Secretary

Robert Wallace, Chairman

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING
Minutes of Joint Iowa-Johnson Counties Field Day Planning Group
Zuber's Restaurant, Homestead, Iowa
August 16, 1960

In Attendance:

Commissioners - Iowa - Wallace, Sherman and Atkinson

Commissioners - Johnson - Kadera, Sievers and Winborn

SCS Personnel - Iowa - Bush and Sharp

SCS Personnel - Johnson - Asquith

Contractors - Kyle Hummel, Vinton; Ronald Ahrens, Harper; Russell Pence,
Keota.

Guests - Lloyd Welsh, Vinton; Bob Hanson, Williamsburg

Bob Asquith reported that there has been no response from Lundell on availability of hay waferer. Also that Floyd Peters, Benton County WUC, will judge - no response from other judges. Did not know whether letter had been sent to Dale Hull.

Winborn stated that neighbor will not cooperate on structure site, so demonstrations will include terracing, tiling and chisel-plow.

Welsh advises that Rockford Brick and Tile will furnish load of tile at wholesale cost, strung out on field. Pence will do tiling @ \$1.25 per rod - 1600'.

Hanson will furnish loud speaker and was appointed Publicity Chairman. Pictures and stories to be made available as soon as possible to news media in the area. Hanson suggests an item be prepared for Chuck Worcester's A.M. broadcast the 8th of September.

Three prizes (\$50.00, \$30.00 and \$20.00) were agreed upon; Iowa County to contact implement dealers for $\frac{1}{2}$ of prize money - with dealers to be allowed to set up exhibits if they desire. (Secretary not sure whether Johnson Co. will contact their dealers for contributions.)

It was decided that Bob Nance would be asked to be the noon speaker - to be contacted by Kadera and Sievers.

Johnson County Commissioners are to be in charge of program planning, and to call on Iowa County for assistance when desired.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M. with no future meeting date established.

Robert Wallace, Secretary

7-60-11 Moved by Atkinson, seconded by Sherman that we order plaques for Register & Tribune Contest winners from the National Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

Elwood Bros - Owner-Operator

Marguerite Spratt - Fred White - Owner-Tenant

W. A. Kaderavek - Ernest Gorsch - New Cooperator.

Meeting Adjourned.

Clara Lacher
Clara Lacher, Secretary

Robert Wallace, Chairman

IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Minutes of Special Meeting
Marengo, Iowa - August 26, 1960

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners - Wallace
Atkinson
Sherman
Eash
SCS - Bush
Secretary-Lacher

58-60-13 Moved by Sherman, seconded by Atkinson to approve Wallace's resignation as District Commissioner. Wallace's resignation was prompted because the District needed his services as Farm Planner Aid and he would not be permitted to work as such from State funds and remain a commissioner.

58-60-14 Moved by Sherman, seconded by Atkinson that Donald Eash be accepted as Commissioner to fill out Wallace's unexpired term.

58-60-15 Moved by Sherman, seconded by Eash that Carter Atkinson be appointed Chairman of the Commissioners.

58-60-16 Moved by Eash, seconded by Sherman that Wallace be hired by the District as Farm Planner Aid at the rate of \$14.00 per day.

Wallace stated he had enjoyed very much serving as commissioner and chairman and expressed his appreciation for the cooperation the commissioners had given him. He also suggested that if the Commissioners had the time it would be worth while to spend a day in the field with an SCS employee.

Meeting adjourned.

Clara Lacher
Clara Lacher, Secretary

Carter H. Atkinson
Carter H. Atkinson, Chairman

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