

SCD's annual report for 1978

tells activities of past year

DISTRICT GOVERNING UNIT

Paul Schuchmann Jr., Arlington	Chairman
James Stewart, Oelwein, Vice Chairman	Commissioner
George Halstead, West Union, Secretary	Commissioner
Frank Thyer, Randalia, Treasurer	Commissioner
Leslie Anderson, Castalia	Commissioner

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

Belva Bauer	Clerk-Typist II
Randy Tope	Parttime Conservation Aide

U.S.D.A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Lyle Jackson	District Conservationist
J.K. "Bud" Siebrecht	Conservation Technician
Randy Tope	W.A.E.

AREA PERSONNEL

Harold Boehmer, Mason City	Area Conservationist
Eileen Bliss, Mason City	Area Clerk
Gary Formanek, Elkader	Area Civil Engineer
John Wildman, Elkader	Area Civil Engineer Technician

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Oct. 1, 1977 - Sept. 30, 1978

	Number	Acres
District Cooperators	38	7,019
Soil & Water Conservation Plans	30	3,963
Farms & Groups Serviced	301	-
Farms & Groups Applying One or More Practices	202	-

MAJOR PRACTICES APPLIED

Contour Farming (acres)	559
Ponds (number)	1
Farmstead & Feedlot Windbreaks (acres)	8
Grade Stabilization Structures (number)	3
Grassed Waterways (acres)	47
Minimum Tillage (acres)	9,312
Pasture & Hayland Planting (acres)	60
Stripcropping (acres)	269
Parallel Terraces (feet)	20,075
Subsurface Drains (feet)	180,898
Wildlife Upland Habitat Management (acres)	60
Grassland to Cropland (acres)	68

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES 1978

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

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

Field office technicians participated in a terrace and structure training workshop at Area I, Calmar.

Iowa and national dues were paid in full.

Jackson and Siebrecht presented the resource inventories for Lake Oelwein watershed and critical erosion areas on cropland to the mayor and city council of Oelwein.

Local Land Preservation Policy Commission hearings were held and county recommendations were summarized and sent to the temporary State Land Preservation Commission.

Siebrecht presided at a meeting held in March for contractors who work in the county.

Jackson gave talks on S.C.S. career opportunities to three North High FFA classes.

Siebrecht completed the Management Level II Course in Des Moines.

Tope completed the home lettering course.

Jackson gave a field presentation on soils to North Fayette 9th graders at an educational camping day at Gouldsburg Park.

Siebrecht and Tope gave a tour of conservation practices to the Hawkeye Elementary 5th graders.

Jackson attended the "Environmental Planning" course at Lincoln, Neb.

Siebrecht attended the "Environmental Planning For Technicians" course at Lincoln, Neb.

Wayne Quass, Castalia was selected as Conservation Farmer in the Achievement Awards Program.

For Soil Stewardship Week, April 30 through May 7, 50 booklets, 3,500 church program inserts, 500 book marks and 100 imprinted posters were distributed in the district.

Jackson assisted with a meeting conducted by Louis Frickman, Fayette County Sanitarian, for contractors installing septic tanks for independent sewer systems.

Resource Conservation Act (RCA) public opinion questionnaires were circulated by district commissioners. The questionnaires were summarized and results sent in the state S.C.S. office in Des Moines.

Charles Bahr Jr., Sumner was chosen county winner of 1978 Isaac Walton Windbreak Award.

Kathy Halstead, daughter of Commissioner George Halstead won the district speech contest.

Siebrecht completed a two week structure training course at LaCrosse, Wis.

Marcia Kentner, West Union Elementary School and Janet Morf, Hawkeye Elementary School attended teachers workshop at Ewalu.

Leslie Anderson, Castalia was re-elected to another six year term as commissioner.

Paul Schuchmann Jr., Arlington chose not to run for re-election. Paul served the district for 12 years — three years as an assistant commissioner and nine years as commissioner.

James Burrack, Arlington was elected to a six year term. He took office Jan. 2.

James Stewart, Commissioner, Alfred Stewart, Past Commissioner and Belva Bauer, Clerk attended Annual Conference at Ft. Dodge.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978

IM BUDGET

Commissioners travel expenses to district,

regional & state meetings and

other travel in the county

on district business

\$558.98

Office Supplies

91.95

Office Expenses

236.25

Released Allocation

12.82

Total Allocation

\$900.00

IIM BUDGET

Salaries, Travel, Insurance, etc. for Clerk and

Parttime Conservation Aide

\$15,970.06

Equipment Expenses

121.81

Released Allocation

418.13

Total Allocation

\$16,510.00

COMMISSIONERS REVOLVING FUND

Balance on Hand July 1, 1977

\$ 723.04

Receipts July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978

1,062.27

Total Funds Available

\$1,785.31

Miscellaneous Expenses

1,105.26

Balance on Hand June 30, 1978

\$ 680.05

IIM BUDGET

State Cost Share Funds - 1976-77 Fiscal Year Allocation

\$47,882.35

Total Amount Expended for Conservation Practices

\$47,857.35

Total Amount Pending Seeding of Practice

25.00

State Cost Share Funds - 1977-78 Fiscal Year Allocation

\$53,125.00

Total Amount expended for Conservation Practices

\$43,625.62

Total Amount Pending Completion of Practices

9,499.38

State Cost Share Funds - 1978-79 Fiscal Year Allocation

\$41,000.00

Total Amount Expended for Conservation Practices

15,836.51

Total Amount Pending Completion of Practices

13,283.05

Total Amount Unobligated

11,880.44