

ANNUAL FISCAL REPORT

JULY 1, 1966—JUNE 30, 1967

of the

Cherokee County Soil Conservation District

Cherokee County, Iowa

BY YOUR COMMISSIONERS.

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**CONSERVATION TREATMENT NEEDS—
CHEROKEE COUNTY, 1967**

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Class I Land—38,132 acres	
Level to Nearly level	95% is adequately treated
Class II Land—169,836 acres	
Nearly level to gently rolling (1% to 4% slopes)	40% is adequately treated
Class III Land—94,813 acres	
Rolling (5% to 13% slopes)	20% is adequately treated
Class IV Land—4,945 acres	
Steeply Rolling (14% to 17% slopes) ..	40% is adequately treated
Class V Land—22,465 acres	
Subject to frequent overflow	70% is adequately treated
Class VI Land—7,625 acres	
Steep (18% to 25% slopes)	50% is adequately treated
Class VII Land—15,046 acres	
Very Steep (over 25% slopes)	40% is adequately treated

Major treatments needing to be established:

1. Construction of 3,500 miles of terraces on about 60,000 acres of Class III land.
2. Contour tillage of row crops on an additional 85,000 acres of Class II land.
3. Drainage practices installed on 10,000 acres of Class II, III and V land.
4. Pasture improvement (including brush and grazing control) on 13,000 acres of Class IV, V, VI and VII land.

ACTIVITIES OF YOUR DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

- 7-25-66 Conservation exhibit at Cherokee
7-27-66 County Fair.
- 8-23-66 Commissioners Meeting.
- 9-28-66 Ralston Watershed Meeting.
- 10-25-66 Commissioners Meeting.
- 11- 4-66 ASC Meeting on 1967 and 1968 programs.
- 12-20-66 Commissioners Meeting.
- 12-30-66 Ralston Watershed Meeting.
- 1-13-67 Commissioners Meeting.
- 2-28-67 Commissioners Meeting.
- 3-17-67 Annual Short Course for
3-18-67 Commissioners at Ames, Iowa.
- 3-21-67 Regional Meeting of Commissioners at Primghar.
- 3-28-67 Commissioners Meeting.
- 3-28-67 Meeting in Grand Meadow Watershed for Contractor
and Landowners.
- 5-15-67 Inspect Completed Watershed.
- 5-16-67 Commissioners Meeting.
- 6-14-67 Meeting of Little Sioux Works Committee on Watershed
Priorities.
- 6-27-67 Commissioners Meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

- 11-15-66 Presented conservation program to Cherokee Girl Scout
Troop.
- 4- 3-67 Assist Cherokee Scout Troop working on conservation merit
badges.
- 4- 4-67 Assist Cherokee Scout Troop with conservation merit badge
activities.
- 4- 7-67 Present program on Soil and Water Conservation to Senior
Class of Quimby High School.
- 4-17-67 Present information on Standard Soil Surveys to Cherokee
County Board of Supervisors.
- 4-20-67 Present program on soil surveys at Aurelia Kiwanis Club.
- 4-26-67 Present further information on Standard Soil Surveys to
Cherokee County Board of Supervisors.
- 5-16-67 Conservation Field Day for Marcus Intermediate Grades at
Rinney Knob Access Area.
- 5-17-67 Conservation Field Day for Meriden-Cleghorn Intermediate
Grades at Martin Access Area.
- 6-21-67 Assist Cherokee Scout Troop working on conservation merit
badges.

CONSERVATION PROGRESS

(July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967)

	Fiscal Year	To Date
Terraces Constructed	68,351 lineal feet	2,804,264 lineal feet
Diversions Constructed	1,890 lineal feet	55,514 lineal feet
Tile Drains Installed	123,204 lineal feet	1,704,230 lineal feet
Drainage Ditch Constructed ---	848 lineal feet	18,395 lineal feet
Waterways shaped	72 acres	1,218 acres
Contour Lines	3,130 acres	92,041 acres
Dams built	6 each	134 each
Wildlife Plantings	6 acres	253 acres
Hedgerow Plantings	3,500 lineal feet	130,146 lineal feet
District Cooperators	38 each	840 each
Farm Plans	19 each	717 each
Plans Revised	21 each	
Number Farms in District ----		1,352 each
(1966 Iowa Census)		

Terraces were built on 12 farms, waterways constructed on 48 farms with 28 of them also installing tile to protect their waterways, 21 farmers tiled cropland, 2 farmers built diversions, 1 farmer excavated a drainage ditch, 6 farmers built dams, contour lines were laid or re-established on 53 farms, and 28 farmers planted trees.

Approximately 170,000 cubic yards of earth was moved in constructing waterways, dams, terraces, diversions and drainage ditches.

AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION & CONSERVATION SERVICE

Almost all of the landowners installing conservation practices received cost sharing assistance through ACP Program. Cliff Chapman is manager of the local Office with William Turner, Eric Carlson and Louis Bengtson serving as county committeemen.

LITTLE SIOUX FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM

1. Grand Meadow Watershed

Construction is underway in the Grand Meadow Watershed. Grundman-Hicks of Cherokee was the low bidder (\$77,678.43). Now being installed are three reinforced concrete drop spillways, three earth fill detention dams and 6,100 feet of channel improvement.

2. Ralston Watershed

Plans have been completed for this watershed and submitted to the landowners. When approval of plans by landowners and signing of necessary agreements are completed, it will be ready for contract letting.

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

The following technical personnel were assigned to the Cherokee District by the Soil Conservation Service:

Work Unit Conservationist (12 months)	Harvey Lindberg
Conservation Technician (12 months)	Glen Craft
Conservation Technician (12 months)	Monas Nixon

Additional technical assistance is made available by the Soil Conservation Service for soil surveys, engineering design, agronomic problems, watershed planning at the request of the District.

WINDBREAKS & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

28 farmers took advantage of the cost-sharing assistance available through the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) in making windbreak, wildlife and hedgerow plantings on their land.

For the third year, the District made tree planting stock available to county residents on order. Over 5,000 trees were delivered. Your District Commissioners again donated the time needed to pick up and hold tree planting stock for pick up at a central point.

William Farris, District Forester, employed by the Iowa State Conservation Commission, gave assistance on planning windbreaks and with forestry problems (including marketing of timber). He is headquartered at the Soil Conservation Service Office in LeMars, Iowa.

The Izaak Walton League of Storm Lake made a treeplanter available, on a rental basis, for use by Cherokee County farmers.

Soil Conservation Service personnel gave technical assistance on wildlife plantings.

DISTRICT WATERSHED MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance on hand July 1, 1966 ----- \$22,530.39

Maintenance payments received during

fiscal year 1967:

Lewis Shea -----	90.00
Whitfield Adamson -----	127.00
Clarence Pennington -----	70.00
Mrs. Ralph Robeson -----	65.00
James R. Fee -----	45.00
Joe Nelson -----	87.00
Ralph Simonsen -----	48.50
Harold Clark -----	70.00
D. W. Simonsen -----	150.00
Forrest Spencer -----	30.34
Earl Ebert -----	121.33
Elsie Conley -----	45.00
Smith Bros. -----	125.00
Neil Warner -----	45.00
Donald DeWitt (Initial payment) -----	100.00
Ray A. Grashoff (Initial Payment) -----	250.00
Harold Hilger (Initial payment) -----	150.00
A. R. Keck (Initial payment) -----	350.00

Other Income:

Interest on Time Certificate -----	460.20
Interest on H Bonds -----	290.80

Disbursements during fiscal year 1967:

Treasurer's Bond (3 years) -----	\$ 175.00
Title Search Expense (9) Ralston -----	
Sub-Watershed -----	90.00

Sub-Totals -----	\$25,250.56	\$ 265.00
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1967 -----	\$24,985.56
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TOTAL -----	\$25,250.56	\$25,250.56
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NOTE: As of June 30, 1967, \$24,985.56 is disposed of as follows:

\$11,965.22 in a certificate of deposit

\$10,000.00 in H. Bonds

\$ 3,020.34 in checking account

Bank accounts are at the Farmers National Bank in Aurelia, Iowa.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1967

State Funds (appropriated by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa and disbursed to soil conservation districts by the State Soil Conservation Committee:

I-M Budget

Commissioners expenses -----	\$ 123.80	
Office Supplies -----	93.72	
Printing Annual Report -----	90.85	
Prizes for Contest -----	7.50	
Material for Demonstrations -----	57.22	
Office Expense -----	134.51	
Sub-Total -----	\$ 507.60	
Received from State Soil Conservation Committee		\$ 500.00
Amount carried forward from previous fiscal year		32.21
Amount released to State Soil Conservation Committee -----	24.61	
TOTAL -----	\$ 532.21	\$ 532.21

II-M Budget

Allocation -----		\$4,156.00
Salaries -----	4,036.27	
Equipment -----	119.55	
Amount released to State Soil Conservation Commission -----	.18	
TOTAL -----	\$4,156.00	\$4,156.00

District's General Fund

Cash on Hand July 1, 1966 -----	\$ 567.13	
Tree sales -----	778.60	
Expenses incurred in sale of trees and shrubs ---		\$ 450.00
NASCD dues (1/2) -----		37.50
Conservation booklets -----		35.75
America the Beautiful Pictures (1 set) -----		5.00
Sub-Total -----		\$ 528.25
Balance on Hand June 30, 1967 -----		817.48
TOTAL -----	\$1,345.73	\$1,345.73

NOTE: The balance of \$817.48 in the District General Fund is deposited in a checking account at the Farmers National Bank of Aurelia, Iowa.

