

1966 Annual Report

Fayette County Soil Conservation District

DISTRICT GOVERNING BODY

Alfred Stewart, Oelwein Chairman
Albert Bodensteiner, West Union Commissioner
Leslie Anderson, Castalia Commissioner
Melvin Wangsness, Fayette Secretary
Cleve Bennett, West Union Assistant Commissioner
Ervin Burrack, Arlington Assistant Commissioner
Frank Thyer, Randalia Assistant Commissioner

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

Lois L. Heick District Clerk
J. L. Cline State Aid (part time)

U.S.D.A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Earl J. Kerker Soil Conservation Technician
Howard K. Boyle Work Unit Conservationist
J. Leslie Cline Conservation Aid (part time)

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966

	Number	Acres
District Cooperators	44	8939
Soil & Water Conservation Plans	31	6307
Conservation Plans Revised	7	2157
Farms Serviced	514	
Farm Applying One Or More Conservation Practices	311	

MAJOR PRACTICES APPLIED

July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966

Conservation Cropping Systems	(acres)	4,546
Contour Farming	(acres)	1,593
Crop Residue Use	(acres)	7,226
Farm Ponds	(number)	2
Field Border Plantings	(feet)	53,868
Grade Stabilization Structures	(number)	4
Grassed Waterways	(acres)	40
Pasture Improvement	(acres)	141
Contour Strip Cropping	(acres)	280
Tile	(feet)	787,126
Tree Planting	(acres)	14
Wild Life Area Improvement	(acres)	74

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

The District Commissioners held meetings each month to conduct the business of the district. This includes plans and preparations for various events that were sponsored by the district, in addition to reviewing all new cooperators, conservation plans, and revised plans.

To keep the public informed of soil conservation progress in Fayette County, 28 new stories and 31 radio releases were sent out. In addition, 1 exhibit, 6 contests, and 6 meetings were held.

Dues were paid in full to the Iowa and National Association of Soil Conservation Districts.

A dinner meeting was held in conjunction with the election for a district commissioner to succeed Carl Lueder. Leslie Anderson was elected to replace Lueder, who did not seek reelection. Those attending the meeting heard the Rev. Lawrence Nelson, Bellevue, and Mike Hill, Des Moines, of the Iowa State Conservation Commission, discuss the proposed lake on the Volga river.

Soil Stewardship material was supplied to clergymen in the county.

Patricia Colvin and Keith Terrell were first and second place winners in the Conservation speech contest co-sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners, Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, German Mutual Insurance Company, Fayette County Mutual Insurance Company and the Fayette County Soil Conservation District. Miss Colvin was the runner-up in the regional contest.

A terrace building demonstration was held on the Robert Scott farm in Windsor Township.

Gloria Wells was elected as the Fayette County "Queen of Conservation" and was named as runner-up in the regional contest.

Vernon Vandersee was the district and regional winner in the Iowa Safety Speech contest.

Leo Bodensteiner attended the Teachers Conservation camp at the State 4-H camp. His attendance was co-sponsored by the First National Bank of West Union, North Fayette County Community School District, and the Soil Conservation District.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1965 - June 30, 1966

1M Budget

Commissioners' travel expenses to commissioners regional and state meetings and other travel in the County on District business	\$ 421.67
Office Supplies	66.47
Office expense	26.80

Total	\$ 514.94
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2M Budget

Salaries for clerk and technician, and equipment	\$4,856.23
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Commissioners' Revolving Fund

Balance on hand, January 1, 1966	\$ 114.09
Receipts - January 1, 1966 - December 31, 1966	661.91

Total funds available	776.00
Miscellaneous expenses	423.19

Balance on hand, December 31, 1966	352.81
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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The District Commissioners want to thank the many organizations that have assisted the district during the year. Among these are the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services, Extension Service and Farmers Home Administration. State organizations assisting the district were the State Soil Conservation Committee and the State Conservation Commission.

The newspapers and radio and television stations serving this area have made a valuable contribution by giving publicity to activities of the district.

We would also like to thank the firms doing business in the county whose contributions made possible the printing and distribution of this report.

Respectfully submitted
Fayette County Soil Conservation
District Commissioners
Alfred Stewart, Chairman
Albert Bodensteiner
Leslie Anderson