



Black Hawk Soil Conservation District

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FAITHFUL CONTRIBUTOR

HENRY ZELEN is retiring after thirty years as owner-operator of HENRY ZELEN EXCAVATING. His four sons will continue the business as individual contractors.

HENRY was born in North Washington, came to Waterloo in 1945 and started his business in 1948.

He will be devoting his time to his 300 acre farm at La Porte, concentrating on improvements, flood control and conservation practices along the Big Creek and the Cedar River.



1978 ANNUAL REPORT

BLACK HAWK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT PERSONNEL

COMMISSIONERS

GEORGE ISLEY, CHAIRMAN
CLIFFORD KNUDSEN
JOHN R. MILLER
CLIFFORD NIEMEYER
JAMES E. SAGE (to June, 1978)
LARRY L. RUST (November, 1978)
BEN CLAUSEN, ASST. COMMISSIONER

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

J. B. MCANINCH, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST
GERALD C. STEVENS, CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN
CRAIG M. STANGE, SOIL CONSERVATIONIST

STATE EMPLOYEES

GERTRUDE BELL, CLERK
KEITH CROWLEY, AIDE

EXTENSION SERVICE

LARRY E. LOENSER, DIRECTOR
SCOTT RENZE, AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATE

The BLACK HAWK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT is a sub-division of State Government, administered by the Iowa Department of Soil Conservation. It is organized and managed by local people, who have the responsibility of protecting and improving our natural resource base. The Commissioners are attempting to do this through a cooperative effort with the many Federal, State and local agencies who have knowledge in the area of conserving our soil, water and related resources. We have taken a hard look at some of our past programs and are hopeful that our critical area inventory will permit us to step up the pace of conservation application.

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NEW LOCATION

Our District Office moved in August. We are located on La Porte Road (Highway 218) in extreme southern Waterloo in a new building with ASCS. If you haven't been in to see us, stop by some time. Our offices held an "Open House" in December.

ELECTION

In the November election, we had six candidates for three positions. The winners were GEORGE ISLEY (reelected to a six year term), WILLIS SEGEBARTH (six year term) and LARRY RUST (four year term).

We appreciate the interest of the other three candidates who ran for election. They were MARVIN HAUGEBAK, RON REIL and JIM MCMANIMON.

COST-SHARE PROGRAM

Our District was allocated about \$20,000.00 through the Iowa Department of Soil Conservation to help District Cooperators with the cost of installing conservation practices. Projects installed with these State funds were eligible for 50% assistance, with no maximum for each participant. We feel this is an important addition to our local program, by providing more incentive to landowners in applying conservation measures. (See our 3M Budget report)

About \$60,000.00 of Federal Cost-Share funds were available through the ASCS, administered by their County Committee. These funds are available to any farmer who requests them for approved practices.

Each participant could earn up to \$2500.00. This maximum has been raised to \$3500.00 for 1979. We are pleased that this money is available to private landowners who install conservation measures to preserve our local natural resources.

YOUNG CONSERVATIONISTS



We were pleased to assist THERESA HENDERSON of rural Cedar Falls as a local sponsor for her trip to the National 4-H Wildlife Conservation Workshop.

It was held in Estes Park, Colorado, the week of August 6th. She was the only girl delegate from Iowa, selected at the Iowa Conservation Workshop. She has been a 4-H member for eight years.

Earlier we had sponsored JANE SIGGELKOW to the State 4-H Conservation Camp. We are proud of these young people who display special interest in conservation.

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RESOURCE CONSERVATION ACT OF 1977

This Act directed the Soil Conservation Service to analyze soil and water resources in detail every five years. We started this through a public questionnaire, to find out what local citizens feel is the condition of our resources. The results show that we should give priority to erosion control and water quality.

We received over 400 responses, which was the highest in the State. A special "thanks" goes to the WATERLOO BOARD OF REALTORS for the participation of their members.

RIVER BASIN PLANNING

The Iowa-Cedar Conservancy District plan was completed in December and approved by the other five Conservancy Districts in February. The plan develops a watershed and river basin approach to soil and water management with maximum public participation in decision making. Emphasis is placed on voluntary cooperation with financial incentives. Some legislative changes will be necessary to implement the plan.

The 208 Water Pollution Control Plan for Iowa is nearing completion. Public hearings are projected for June. This plan is closely tied to the Soil Conservation District program and the Conservancy District plan.

BERNARD CLAUSEN, Asst. Commissioner, has represented Black Hawk County on these planning efforts.

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ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

RALPH GRADY was our Sweepstakes Winner in the farmer division of the Iowa Achievement Awards Contest. WILBERT MEINHART was district winner in the New Cooperator division and THOMAS SHEPHERD in the teacher division.

All three were chosen for their conservation efforts in their area.

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IZAACK WALTON WINDBREAK AWARD

One of the contests we sponsored to recognize progress in soil conservation was the IZAACK WALTON WINDBREAK AWARD.

Our winner this year was the windbreak of MELVIN and ELSIE PECK of Eagle Township. If you haven't seen it - stop by and see what a windbreak can do for a farmstead.

We are indebted to J. B. OLDENBURGER for assisting the commissioners in judging those nominated and making the final selection.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978

1M BUDGET - Allocation.....\$1,700.00
Additional Alloc..... 5.11
Total allocation.....\$1,705.11

Commissioners' Exp...\$ 409.75
Office Supplies..... 188.41
Office Expense..... 1,058.11
Meeting Expense..... 48.84 1,705.11

Balance..... -0-

2M BUDGET - Allocation..... \$17,140.00

Salaries.....\$13,963.20
(Clerk & Aide)
Employee Benefits.. 2,045.57
Equipment..... 26.87
Travel..... 86.77
Returned to State.. 1,017.59 17,140.00

Balance..... -0-

REVOLVING FUND - 1978 (1-1-78 to 12-31-78)

Contributions.....\$ 1,575.00

Nat'l. SCD dues.....\$200.00
Iowa SCD dues..... 100.00
NE Iowa Research Cen. 100.00
(membership)
Iowa SCSA dues..... 96.00
Newsletter..... 520.00
Educational material. 280.00
Misc. expense..... 279.00 \$ 1,575.00

Balance..... -0-

3M BUDGET (7-1-77 to 6-30-78)

Allocation.....\$19,370.75
Reserved for LTAs..... 1,933.50
\$17,437.25

3 requests approved.....\$17,437.25

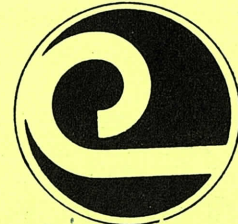
1977-78 LTAs allocation....\$ 1,933.50

1 request approved.....\$ 1,933.50

Balance..... -0-

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1978

NEW COOPERATORS.....10
CONSERVATION PLANS.....25
REVISED PLANS..... 5
INDIVIDUAL INVENTORIES.....20
UNITS OF GOVT. ASSISTED..... 4
GRASSED WATERWAYS.....15
MINIMUM TILLAGE.....6383 Ac.
PARALLEL TERRACES.....40,602 Ft.
TILE.....353,511 Ft.
WINDBREAKS.....19 Ac.



Clifford Niemeyer
Clifford Niemeyer, Chairman

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