

SCS 1965 Reports

District Governing Body

Carl Lueder, Fayette	Chairman
Alfred Stewart, Oelwein	Commissioner
Albert Bodensteiner, West Union	Commissioner
Melvin Wangsness, Fayette	Secretary
Leslie Anderson, Clermont	Assistant Commissioner
Ervin Burrack, Arlington	Assistant Commissioner
E. W. Maurer, Fayette	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	Work Unit Conservationist
Howard K. Boyle	Soil Conservation Technician
J. Leslie Cline	Conservation Aid (part time)

District Accomplishments 7-1-64 — 6-30-65

	No.	Acres	Total No.	Acres
District Cooperators	42	10,456	765	141,815
Conservation Plans	30	5,220	464	83,731
Revised Plans	7	2,128		
Farms Serviced	452			
Farms applying one or more Conservation Practices	224			

Major Practices Applied—7-1-64 to 6-30-65

Conservation Cropping Systems (Acres)	3,501
Contour Farming (Acres)	2,459
Crop Residue Use (Acres)	4,633
Diversions (Feet)	260
Farm Ponds (Number)	5
Field Border Plantings (Acres)	28,226
Grade Stabilization Structures (Number)	4
Grassed Waterways (Acres)	22
Drainage Mains and Laterals (Feet)	5,475
Pasture Improvement (Acres)	141
Contour Stripcropping (Acres)	450
Terraces (Feet)	11,750
Tile (Feet)	450,551
Tree Planting (Acres)	18
Wild Life Area Improvement (Acres)	42

Highlights of District Activities

The district commissioners held 12 meetings during the year to conduct the business of the district. At these meetings, all new cooperators, conservation plans, revised plans, and cancellations developed during the year were reviewed and approved.

A summary of the information program includes 49 news stories, 2 tours, 35 radio releases, 2 exhibits, 6 contests and 5 meetings were held.

Dues were paid to the State and National Associations of Soil Conservation Districts.

Soil Stewardship material was supplied to clergymen in the county. In order to better acquaint them with conservation, a tour of conservation practices was held during May for the clergy.

Booklets were distributed to schools in the county for their use in teaching conservation.

Norman Kilburn was the winner of the conservation speech contest co-sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners, Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company and the Fayette County Soil Conservation District. Mary Metzger and Anthony Luzum were second and third place winners.

"Queen of Conservation" contest held with the cooperation of the Farmers Grain Elevator in the county. Carolyn Porter and Shirley Tatro were selected winners.

A conservation exhibit was displayed at the Iowa State Fair. The exhibit was designed by the Art Department of Upper Iowa University and used conservation, education, and recreation as its theme.

A tour of conservation practices was held in the southwest part of the county in September.

Mrs. Hazel Tope, West Union first grade teacher, attended the Fall Conservation Workshop Conference. Her attendance was co-sponsored by the North Fayette County Community School District, The First National Bank of West Union, and the Fayette County Soil Conservation District.

District commissioners assisted with a conservation booth at the National Dairy Cattle Congress.

I. L. Christensen, SCS Area Conservationist for many years, retired in December. Chris did some of the first layout of conservation work in Fayette County. Leon Foderberg was appointed to fill the Area Conservationist position.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1964 — June 30, 1965

1M Budget

Commissioners' travel expenses to commissioners, regional and state meetings and other travel in the county on district business	\$ 408.82
Office Supplies	49.33
Prizes For Contests	10.00
Materials for Demonstration	20.00
Office Expense	12.50

Total \$ 500.65

2M Budget

Salaries for Clerk and Technician \$4,619.24

COMMISSIONERS' REVOLVING FUND

Balance on hand, January 1, 1965	\$ 53.05
Receipts—January 1, 1965—December 31, 1965	460.51

Total funds available	513.56
Miscellaneous Expenses	399.47

Balance on hand, December 31, 1965 \$ 114.09

Acknowledgements

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 Service, Extension Service, and Farmers Home Administration. State organizations assisting the district were the State Soil Conservation Committee and the State Conservation Commission. Many schools, civic and church groups have also helped the district.

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
Carl Lueder, Chairman
Alfred Stewart
Albert Bodensteiner