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"It is good to realize that if love and peace can prevail on earth and if we can teach our children to honor nature's gifts, the joys and beauties of the outdoors will be here forever."

*- Jimmy Carter
thirty-ninth President of the
United States*



An Open House and Buffet was held December 1 to honor 3 long-term commissioners who are retiring. **Max Mugge** of Cleghorn has served 30 years, **Linda Bindner** of Marcus served 22 years and **James Corrington** of Cherokee served 19 years. Thanks to these dedicated commissioners who have served over a total of 71 years to the Cherokee County Soil and Water Conservation District.

CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST "Community Waters"

Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn
Grade 4

First: Christy Ann Conley
Second: Ashley Henke
Third: Laura Meyer

Teacher: Ms Jan Brown
Coordinator of Contest: Rhoda Grauer

COOPERATORS

A District Cooperator is a landowner who has entered into a cooperative agreement with the district for the purpose of planning, applying, and maintaining the necessary soil and water conservation practices on his/her land. There were 10 landowners who became cooperators during the year.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT (July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000)

I-M	
Allocation	\$ 3,000.00
Expenses: Printing & Commissioner Expenses	2,470.95
Released to State	\$ 529.05
3-M Cost Share Funds (99-00)	\$ 39,694.00
(For Conservation Practices)	
Obligated and Spent	39,694.00
Balance 6/30/00	\$ 0.00

Little Sioux Flood Prevention Watershed Maintenance Funds	\$ 155,496.77
Income (Interest)	6,696.27
Expenses	21,279.80
Balance 6/30/00	\$ 140,913.24

General Fund (Revolving)	\$ 7,585.67
(For District Functions)	
Income:	19,991.49
Expense	17,746.93
Balance 6/30/00	\$ 9,830.23

REAP Funds	\$ 7,455.00
(Resource Enhancement & Protection Practices)	
00 REAP-Practices	
Obligated & Spent	7,283.60
Released to State	\$ 171.40

REAP Funds	\$ 2,592.00
00 REAP-Forestry/Native Grasses	
Obligated & Spent	709.50
Released to State	\$ 1,882.50

Little Sioux Funds
These funds are obligated by the federal government for projects in the Little Sioux Watershed area which is nearly all of the county. The district obligated and spent \$86,890.82 for structures and terraces.

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CHEROKEE COUNTY

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PERSONNEL

Commissioners

Linda Bindner, Marcus
Chairperson

Max E. Mugge, Cleghorn
Vice-chair

James Corrington,
Cherokee, Treasurer

Bruce Amundson,
Larrabee

Dale Bugh, Quimby

Assistant Commissioner

Rhoda Grauer, Marcus

Staff

Don Carrington,
District Conservationist

Janet "Sam" Thomas,
Barbara Knudsen,
Soil Conservation
Technicians

Sue Dentlinger,
Patty Beyer, Neal Bork,
Randy Jipp, CRP Program
(part-time)

Wanda Hollingshead,
Clerical - Green Thumb
Program

Carol Hein,
State Secretary

As Commissioners of your
Soil and Water
Conservation District,
we are pleased to present
this 2000 Annual Report
of conservation
accomplishments.
It reflects the efforts of
many groups working
together to improve our
environment through
conservation programs.

CHEROKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FISCAL YEAR 00 (October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000)

	Number	Acres
New Cooperators (100)	10	2,020
Conservation Tillage (329)		2,178
Contour Farming (330)		1,956
Windbreaks & Renovations (380/650)	11	
Field Borders (386)	20,250 ft.	
Grade Stabilization Structures (410)	2	5
Waterways (412)		18
Terraces (600)	25,200 ft.	
Water and Sediment Basins (638)	1	
Wetland Restoration (657)	2	13.4
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) (327)		98.9
Vegetative Filters (393)*		336
Riparian (391)*		57
Contour Strip Cropping (585)*		19.3
Rare & Declining Habitat (250)*		5
Slough Bill (Open Prairie/Forest Cover)	55	2,136.3

* Part of CRP Program

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES 2000

The Cherokee SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation District) Commissioners meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the district office. There were 11 regular meetings, 2 special meetings and 5 conference calls. All meetings are open to the public. (Open Meeting Law.)

Election of Officers was held January 3. Linda Bindner was re-elected Chair and Max Mugge was re-elected as Vice-chair. Bindner appointed James Corrington and Max Mugge as Co-treasurers, and Mugge as Little Sioux Works Committee representative. Carol Hein agreed to serve as Secretary.

District/Pheasants Forever/NRCS entered into habitat agreement promoting buffers in continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Patty Beyer hired to administer the program.

District received a Watershed Protection Development Grant for \$10,000.00 from the Division of Soil Conservation. It's a joint project with SIMPCO to fund a Little Sioux River watershed study in regards to recreational, cultural, and erosion concerns.

The District Policy, Contractor Checkout Policy and the Annual Work Plan were approved.

A joint contractors meeting was held with Plymouth County on Feb. 29 at the Yacht Club in Cherokee.

District participated in the Environthon held in Cherokee on March 16. Eight high school teams were in competition on environmental issues.

Rhoda Grauer coordinated the soil conservation poster 'In the Children's Hands & Community Waters'. Marcus 4th grade participated.

District approved Wallace House Foundation of Des Moines as consultant of the Little Sioux Watershed Study Project.

Max Mugge is District's 'Outstanding Commissioner'.

Watershed inspections completed in May by new watershed inspector, Jerry Jensen of Ida Grove.

District sold nearly 17,000 trees and shrubs in Tree Sales Program for Riparian Buffer systems of the CRP Program.

Soil Stewardship week observed in May.

IDALS-DSC/SWCD Agreement approved in June.

Joseph Pearson of Cherokee County was awarded \$100.00 as CDI Auxiliary Scholarship winner from Region 1.

In June, the District approved to cost share 10% to partnership with federal's 65% cost share for structures.

District received \$39,694.00 in cost share for FY 2001 and REAP funds of \$9,137.00.

A conservation tour was held in June to view 2 ponds, a waterway, a wetland and the C-66 project west of Washta.

District paid fee to Prairie Path in Cherokee for a conservation tour of Area 1 state secretaries.

NACD and CDI dues were paid in full.

All FY 2000 reports were approved in July. Commissioners approved Budget & Spending Plan (I-M).

In August \$22,660.34 supplemental cost share was received.

District entered 4th agreement toward promoting CRP continuous signup with District/Cherokee Co. Pheasants Forever & NRCS.

Sue Dentlinger & Neal Bork were selected to share duties of CRP Program.

Little Sioux Watershed Study group held 3 meetings total in Nov. & Dec.

Annual Conference attended by Bindner Sept. 6, 7 in Des Moines. District donated golf club for scholarship auction.

Kathy Tabke selected as new Ag. for Kids Coordinator. District assists with program as requested.

Pam Pierce, Tom Bindner, Tom Oswald elected as new commissioners in November.

Open House and Buffet held December 1 for outgoing commissioners, Linda Bindner, Max Mugge & James Corrington.

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