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DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Wendell Christensen, chairman.....	Wesley
Thomas Bjustrom, vice-chairman.....	Whittemore
James F. Antoine, commissioner.....	Bancroft
Kent Seely, commissioner.....	Algona
John Sleper, Jr., commissioner.....	Titonka

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Amy Ahrends.....	Bancroft
Kenneth Brones.....	Swea City
Robert Deal.....	Algona
Leon Laird.....	Algona
John Ley.....	Algona

FIELD OFFICE STAFF

William A. Gast.....	District Conservationist
John D. White.....	Technician (July-Oct)
Daniel W. Paulsen.....	Technician (Jan-)
Carolyn Marshall.....	State Secretary
Connie Zittritsch.....	WAE

-- CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS --

July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994

Individuals assisted.....	708
Individuals applying a conservation practice.....	179
Conservation plans prepared.....	9,336 ac.
Determinations completed on tract with no highly erodible fields (number).....	103
Determinations completed on tracts with highly erodible fields (number).....	5
Determinations completed on tracts with highly erodible fields (acres).....	79 ac.
Wetland determinations completed (number).....	146
Conservation Tillage.....	12,452 ac.
Contour Farming.....	1,047 ac.
Farmstead and Feedlot Windbreaks.....	6 ac.
Field Borders.....	5,420 ft.
Grassed Waterways.....	29 ac.
Terraces.....	9,550 ft.
Waste Storage System.....	3
Cropland Acres Treated.....	9,450 ac.

-- FINANCIAL STATEMENT --

Funds Received for F.Y. 94
(July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994)

STATE FUNDS

1-M ACCOUNT

F.Y. allocation received		\$ 2,866.08
Disbursements		
Commissioners Travel Expenses	\$ 535.10	
Office Supplies and Expenses	<u>2,330.98</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>-2,866.08</u>
Balance in account on 6/30/94.....	\$	0.00

3-M ACCOUNT

F.Y. allocation received	\$18,793.00
Funds spent	<u>-4,836.23</u>
Unobligated balance in account on 6/30/94.....	\$13,956.77

REAP-PRACTICE FUNDS

F.Y. allocation	\$22,935.00
Recalled by DSC	<u>-22,935.00</u>
Unobligated balance in account on 6/30/94.....	\$ 0.00

REAP-FORESTRY/NATIVE GRASSES FUND

F.Y. allocation	\$ 5,586.00
Funds spent	-1,066.44
Recalled by DSC	<u>-4,519.56</u>
Unobligated balance in account on 6/30/94.....	\$ 0.00

ORGANIC NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

F.Y. allocation	\$ 8,640.00
Funds spent	-4,320.00
Funds obligated, project not completed	<u>-4,320.00</u>
Unobligated balance in account on 6/30/94.....	\$ 0.00

DISTRICT FUNDS

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Northwest Federal:	
Balance in account 7/1/93	\$40,448.77
Interest earned	+ 1,477.62
Transfer to Revolving Account	<u>- 3,369.25</u>
Balance in account 6/30/94	\$38,557.14

Boatmen's Bank:	
Balance in account 7/1/93	\$11,565.05
Interest earned	<u>+ 560.63</u>
Balance in account 6/30/94	\$12,125.68

Total funds in Certificates of Deposit..... \$50,682.82

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance in account on 7/1/93	\$ 302.67
Interest earned	<u>+ 6.09</u>
Balance in account on 6/30/94.....	\$ 308.76

REVOLVING ACCOUNT

Balance in account on 7/1/93	\$ 619.44
Deposits	

Transfer from savings	\$1,800.00	
Transfer from CD (interest)	1,569.25	
Reimbursement -- office supp/exp	2,200.59	
Reimbursement -- equipment maint.	90.00	
Sale of flags, intakes, tickets	<u>136.40</u>	
Total Deposits		5,796.24

Expenses

Equipment (purchase/maintenance)	1,925.30	
Dues	1,065.00	
Postage	763.62	
Education	697.61	
Annual dinner/comm meeting exp.	560.95	
Office supplies and expenses	380.54	
Trees for 3's	344.64	
Miscellaneous	142.00	
Plaques, awards, recognitions	138.22	
MAX program	67.34	
Subscriptions	44.98	
Sales tax	<u>3.59</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>6,133.79</u>

Balance in accounts on 6/30/94.....	\$ 281.89
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- DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS -

JULY

The commissioners developed their 1-M Budget and Spending Plan.

The SWCD adopted a supplemental memorandum of understanding with USDA ASCS.

A \$300 scholarship was awarded to the Algona FFA Chapter to help defray expenses to attend the National Soils Judging Contest in Oklahoma.

The SCS office moved to its new location at 605 E. State Street in Algona.

AUGUST

The SWCD shared a fair booth with FmHA at the Kossuth Co. Fair.

Amy Ahrends, Kossuth Co. Naturalist provided hand-out material to Kossuth teachers to introduce them to curriculum helps and programs in soils, water, and wildlife conservation available for their use throughout the school year.

SEPTEMBER

Gast and Christensen attended the Fall Regional Commissioners' meeting at Pocahontas.

The District's annual plan of work was approved.

The fall issue of the "Farming Highly Erodible Land" newsletter was mailed reminding farmers of tillage requirements in their FSA conservation plans.

OCTOBER

John White, federal technician, transferred to the SCS office at Boone.

Annual membership dues to the Soil and Water Conservation Society were paid.

NOVEMBER

A district newsletter was mailed to all Kossuth landowners and operators explaining the cost share programs available through the State of Iowa.

"Wrap It Up" postcards were mailed to all operators of H.E.L. land.

DECEMBER

Christensen represented the district at the Iowa association's annual conference in Ames. He also attended the "Farming 2000 Expo".

JANUARY

At its organizational meeting on January 3rd, officers for the district were elected: Wendell Christensen, chairman; Thomas Bjstrom, vice chairman. Carolyn Marshall was appointed secretary-treasurer. John Ley, Leon Laird, Amy Ahrends, Robert Deal, and Kenneth Brones were appointed as assistant commissioners.

Memorandums of understanding between the district and various governmental agencies and groups were reviewed.

The provisions of titles VI and VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act were reviewed by the commissioners.

State and National Association dues were paid.

Dan Paulsen began his duties as conservation technician with SCS in Kossuth Co.

FEBRUARY

Kossuth SWCD co-sponsored a multi-county contractor's meeting.

A. Ahrends attended a REAP Regional Assembly at Mason City.

Crop Clinics were held at Bancroft and Algona. Gast participated in the program.

An information meeting on the Wetland Reserve Program was held at Bancroft.

Kossuth SWCD helped sponsor a Regional Crop Conference in Algona. Gast presented a session on "Conservation Practices in Crop Production".

The District awarded plaques to each winner in the conservation tillage divisions of the Master Corn and Soybean Growers' Contests. Gerald Girres, Bode, was the recipient in the soybean contest; and, Rodney Jensen, Lone Rock, in the corn contest.

MARCH

The district donated \$25 to county middle schools who had a soil and water conservation division at their science fair. Algona, Seton, and LuVerne schools participated.

The district's annual appreciation dinner was held at Sarah's Restaurant in Algona.

Twenty-eight "Slough Bill" applications were approved.

The spring issue of "Conservation Comments for Contractors" was mailed to all contractors doing earthwork or tiling in the county.

Forty-two Kossuth Co. producers expressed an intent to participate in the Wetland Reserve Program during the second sign-up. Two of the bids were accepted.

Christensen and Gast attended the spring regional commissioners' meeting at Everly.

APRIL

The 14th annual "Trees for 3's" outdoor classroom was held at Smith Lake for 290 Kossuth Co. 3rd graders. The students were taken through 5 stations where they were taught the value of trees and their uses. Each student was given an Amur maple seedling from the District to plant at his home.

The "Farming Highly Erodible Land" newsletter was mailed to all FSA participants. This issue dealt with the nearing conservation compliance deadline.

MAY

Church bulletin covers were made available to all county churches in observance of Soil Stewardship Week.

The district awarded \$100 in cash prizes to winners in the conservation poster contest. Taking honors in the K-2 grade division were: 1st, Stoney Wagner (Seton); 2nd, Alison Brandenburg (No. Koss.); 3rd, Emily Wichtendahl (Algona); and 4th, Sarah Erdman (Seton). Winners in the 3-6 grade division were: 1st, Amanda Smith (Lakota); 2nd, Marian Studer (Seton); 3rd, Jeff Hellman (Seton); 4th, Monica Studer (Seton). Certificates of participation were presented to all 337 students who entered the contest. Posters were on display at the Kossuth Co. Hospital during the month.

JUNE

Nine easements have been filed for the first Wetland Reserve Program sign-up. Restoration projects are in process.

