

Appanoose County Soil Conservation District 1975 FY Annual Report

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APPANOOSE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Roger Wells, Chm., Loren Eddy, Ron Turk, L to R (top)
Ralph Turner, Vice-Chm., Leon Kauzlarich, Sec.-Treas., L to R (bottom)

FORWARD

The Appanoose County Soil Conservation District entered into its 31st year in March 1975. The SCD has been serving land users in many different ways during these years. The objective of conserving soil and water has not changed. The methods used in accomplishing this objective, however, have been refined and improved from the beginning.

Soil conservation practices have been adapted to keep pace with modern farming. Conservation tillage and tile-outlet terraces are two examples of this trend. More and more

Appanoose County farmers are practicing conservation tillage and installing tile-outlet terraces every year.

This trend is gratifying to us who are responsible in setting up a soil and water conservation program for Appanoose County. We are grateful for the assistance from federal, state and local governmental agencies in developing and carrying out our program. We also wish to thank all civic groups, businesses and individuals who have volunteered their time in promoting soil conservation.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

MEETINGS

Leland Davis and Ron Turk attended the Regional Soil Conservation District Commissioners meeting in Ottumwa in July.

District Clerk Marilyn Worley represented the Appanoose County Soil Conservation District at the annual conference of the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation District Commissioners in Fort Dodge during September.

Senator Richard Ramsey attended the regular Commissioners' meeting in November.

State Representative John Brunow attended the regular Commissioners' meeting in December and discussed the Land Use Policy Bill with the Commissioners.

Ron Turk attended a Locust Creek watershed meeting in Missouri.

Ralph Turner attended a Fox Creek watershed meeting in Bloomfield.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION:

A pond was constructed at the outdoor conservation classroom site at Rathbun Lake.

Conservation education workbooks were purchased by the Commissioners for distribution to 5th and 6th grades in the County.

Russell Swanson, County Extension Director, was appointed Chairman for the 1975 Conservation Speech and Poster Contests.

One hundred dollars was made available for scholarships to the Teacher's Conservation Workshop in Ottumwa.

Loren Eddy, Commissioner, was appointed to serve on the Chariton Valley Regional Services Agency Board.

An Appanoose County Outdoor Conservation Classroom sign was erected on the acreage near Rathbun Lake. The material was purchased by the Commissioners. The sign was built and erected by the Centerville FFA Chapter.

The Conservation Education Committee met several times during the year. The Committee assumed the responsibility of seeing that the outdoor classroom was maintained.

TOURS AND DEMONSTRATIONS:

Operation and maintenance tours were conducted for the Moulton Watershed, RC&D #79, roadside erosion control project, and Belle Wooden Park erosion control project.

Loren Eddy accompanied a group on an environmental impact tour of Rathbun Lake. The tour was sponsored by the Army Corps of Engineers.

CONTESTS:

The annual Conservation Speech and Poster Contests were held in March. Speech Contest winner Keith Brockus placed second in the regional speech contest in Ottumwa.

George Freidhof, Voc-Ag. Instructor at Centerville High School, was given a conservation teacher award at the annual Alfalfa Banquet. Conservation farmer awards were presented to W.J. Gorden and Bobby Sowder at the Banquet.

W.J. Gorden was named Outstanding Appanoose County District Cooperator for the Goodyear Contest.

The Centerville FFA Chapter placed first in the Soil Judging Contest held April 16th at the Roger Wells' farm.

RC&D:

The 5th anniversary meeting of the Chariton Valley RC&D Project was held.

Measure Proposal #179, roadside critical area treatment bid was let at \$89,154.

RC&D

The Appanoose County Steering Committee composed of Lee Benz, Russell Burgher, Henry Little, Leon Kauzlarich, Boyd O'Briant and Doyle Anderson met several times during the year to review project measure proposals to be sent to the 4-county RC&D Executive Board for action.

The RC&D Roadside Critical Area Treatment Project #79 was completed at a total cost of \$66,990. This was a joint project between the Appanoose County Board of Supervisors and the Soil Conservation Service.



FINANCIAL REPORT

(July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975)

1-M ACCOUNT

Total allocation \$1,300.00

Disbursements:

Commissioners Expenses \$	239.25
Office Supplies	64.74
Printing	143.91
Prizes for Contests	86.89
Meeting Hall Rental	4.50
Office Expense	396.25
Meeting Expenses	14.46
Released to State	
Committee	350.00

Total Disbursements. \$1,300.00

2-M ACCOUNT

Total allocation. \$14,911.00

Disbursements:

Salaries	\$12,911.90
Travel	23.64
State Retirement	451.92
Social Security	755.33
Health Insurance	426.00
Life Insurance	49.80
State Equipment	57.06
Released to State	235.35
Committee	

Total Disbursements \$14,911.00

3M-ACCOUNT

State Cost Sharing Funds

73-74 Allocation \$20,700.00

Amount Unobligated as of 6/30/75 \$ 2,078.00

74-75 Allocation \$20,700.00

Amount Unobligated as of 6/30/75 \$ 5,917.10

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975)

District Cooperators	38 No.
Conservation Plans Prepared	38 No.
Conservation Plans Revised	10 No.
Inventories and Evaluations	10 No.
Cooperators Serviced	256 No.
Cooperators Applying Practices	155 No.
Units of Government Serviced	7 No.
Inv. & Eval. for Units of Government	12 No.
Long Term Agreements Prepared	3 No.
Group Inv. and Eval. Prepared	10 No.
Group Plans Prepared	52 No.
Contour Farming	239 Ac.
Crop Residue Management	1,069 Ac.
Diversions	2,474 Ft.
Ponds	10 No.
Grade Stabilization Structures	9 No.
Grass Waterways	22 Ac.
Minimum Tillage	209 Ac.
Pasture & Hayland Management	2,667 Ac.
Pasture & Hayland Planting	2,432 Ac.
Drainage Field Ditch	6,200 Ft.
Parallel Terraces	33,885 Ft.
Subsurface Drain (Tile)	23,286 Ft.
Land Adequately Treated	3,623 Ac.

PERSONNEL

U.S. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Joe R. Baughman
District Conservationist

Robert S. Dayton
Soil Conservationist

Robert D. McNeal
Soil Conservation Technician

STATE EMPLOYEES

Marilyn L. Worley
District Clerk

Ivan L. Wright
State Aide