

MILLS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

43rd ANNUAL REPORT

We, the commissioners of the Mills County Soil Conservation District wish to thank the Iowa Legislature, Iowa Department of Soil Conservation and State Committee, Soil Conservation Service, Agriculture Stabilization Conservation Service, Mills Co. Extension, all of the newspapers, radio stations, schools, banks and churches who have made our work in soil conservation easier.

We respectfully submit our 84-85 Annual Report for your approval.

COMMISSIONERS

Paul Hathaway, Chairman
Steven Roenfeldt, Vice-Chairman
John A. Paul
Albert Washburn
Lynn Goos

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Judy Reimers
Joe Wearin
John Jennings

DISTRICT REVOLVING FUND

Balance on hand 7-1-84 \$545.33

DEPOSITS

Janitor & Photostat Reim. \$1066.00
I-M Reimbursements 2476.98
Donations 1042.03
Transfer from MMCD 1000.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS

EXPENSES

Janitor & Trash haul 870.41
Dues & Subscriptions 260.30
Postage 700.03
Film & Developing 25.92
Office Supplies & Equipment 605.18
Contests 449.00
Meeting Expenses 128.19
Photostat Rental 874.43
Insurance 145.00
Soil Stewardship Materials 41.57
Gifts & Memorials 20.00
Education 160.00
To Savings 1000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES 5280.03

Balance on hand 6-30-85 \$ 850.31

I-M BUDGET (STATE FUNDS)

Allocation \$2500.00

Commissioner Mileage 716.27
Off. Supp. & Expenses 1775.06
Returned to State 8.67
Balance 0.00

COST-SHARE BUDGETS

82/83

Total Allocation \$71,754.69
Unobligated funds 0.00
Applications approved 28
Terraces installed (feet) 153,460
Acres benefited 711
Total C/S spent 71,754.69

83/84

Total Allocation 109,209.00
Unobligated funds 244.61
Applications approved 52
Terraces installed (feet) 269,890
Total C/S spent 102,664.39

84-85

Total Allocation \$180,364.00
Unobligated funds 1,533.55
Applications approved 85
Terraces Installed (feet) 319,500
C/S spent 149,583.45

POLLUTION IS A CONVENIENCE -- NOT A NECESSITY

FIELD OFFICE STAFF

Dick Stille, District Conservationist
Gary Smith, Soil Conservationist
Lane Collins, Soil Conservationist
Leo VanFosson, Soil Conservation Tech.
Richard Maaske, State Engineering Aide
Ruth Stevens, State Clerk

AREA OFFICE STAFF

Erwin O. Aust, Area Conservationist
Russell Kurth, Resource Conservationist
Richard Birchmier, Area Engineer
Bonnie Weller, Area Clerk

FIELD OFFICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During the 1984/85 Fiscal year 300 personal contacts were made with landowners and tenants, with 155 landowners applying one or more practices. Alternatives were given on 17,786 acres with 6,808 additional acres planned to tolerable soil loss limits. Conservation tillage was reported on 9,044 acres and 19,137 acres of contouring were reported. A total of 711,225 feet or 134.7 miles of terraces were built. Fourteen structures were rehabilitated in Mule Creek Watershed. In all, 24,226 acres of cropland was improved in Mills County.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

- Mule Creek Rehabilitation on 14 sites
- Site 6 Tinkle Branch CAT constructed
- Fallon's Creek I & E for City of Glenwood
- Iowa Soil 2000 folders to nearly 30,000 acres
- Open House for 50th Anniversary
- Ministerial breakfast for Soil Stewardship
- Painting Contest held
- Essay Contest held
- Sent 4-H youth to Conservation Camp
- Boehner Pond plans started
- Albert Washburn elected Regional Director for IASDC

TINKLE BRANCH STARTED

The RC&D project for Tinkle Branch watershed area is becoming a reality. The project purpose is to control and stabilize the upper ends of the large gully system. The gully is endangering county roads and voiding farmland at several sites in the watershed.

The first site completed is on a county road west and north of Glenwood. The gully was rapidly cutting into the road and had created a dangerous situation. Construction at the site included a series of sediment and water control basins with tile outlets, and associated terraces on cropland draining into the gully. The work was contracted by the Mills County Board of Supervisors who co-sponsored the project with the City of Glenwood and the Mills County Soil Conservation District

The Tinkle Branch project was developed as part of the Golden Hills Resource Conservation and Development Project area plan.

