

Annual Report 1960



**Dickinson County
Soil Conservation District**

Foreword

WE, THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DICKINSON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ARE REPORTING TO YOU OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION WITHIN THE DISTRICT DURING 1960.

WE WISH TO THANK THE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE FOR THEIR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, THE EXTENSION SERVICE, THE COUNTY A.S.C. COMMITTEE AND THE STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, AND OTHER GROUPS FOR THEIR COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE RENDERED DURING 1960.

DICKINSON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS:

NORMAN BLASS, CHAIRMAN
R. M. (BOB) HERBERT MEMBER
MILTON SANDERS, MEMBER
ERNEST SKOW, SECRETARY
DOYLE GORDEN, COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR,
ADVISORY MEMBER

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MEMBER

Soil Conservation Personnel Assigned to the District

WALTER R. THORESON, WORK UNIT CONSERVATIONIST

ADOLPH M. LADEGAARD, CONSERVATION AID

MARSHALL LOWSON, PART TIME AID

BETTY PARSONS, STATE CLERK

District Activities

Annual Meeting was held on February 4, 1960. Marvin Anderson, Associate Director of Extension Service at Iowa State University, was the principal speaker. He showed slides and gave a talk on India.

Election of commissioners was held. R. M. (Bob) Herbert, Lake Park, Iowa, was elected for a six year term and Milton Sanders, Spirit Lake, Iowa, was elected for a four year term. Ernest Skow, Lake Park, Iowa, was appointed secretary. Norman Blass was elected chairman for two years--1960-61. Milton Sanders was appointed to represent Dickinson District on Little Sioux Watershed Works Committee. District commissioners held twelve regular meetings and two special meetings. There was one hundred percent attendance by the commissioners at these meetings.

The District, with the aid of the Dickinson County Farm Bureau Ladies Auxiliary, sponsored a Speech Contest for High School students. The subject was "How Soil Conservation Affects My Future". Gary Donavon, Spirit Lake, won the District and Area contests and placed fourth in the State contest.



The District cooperated with the County Grain Dealers Association, and the Extension Service in sponsoring a "Queen of Conservation" contest. The winners were Aleta Haugland, Spirit Lake, and Carol Jackson, Terril.

The District entered the 1960 Soil Conservation Award contest, sponsored by the Des Moines Register and Tribune. Winners in this contest were Oliver Aalseth, Milford, Ted VandenBosch, Lake Park, and Larry Bush, Lake Park.

The District entered the Sioux City Permanent Agriculture Program contest. The winners were Pete VanSanten, Lake Park, Oliver Aalseth, Milford, and Ted VandenBosch, Lake Park.

District Activities

Ted Pawlowski replaced Joe Colgan as Area Conservationist for northwest Iowa. Joe Colgan was transferred to Chairton, Iowa area. Marshall Lawson, a young man from Lake Park, was employed as an Aid the past summer.

The District authorized tuition for two teachers to attend the Springbrook Teachers Training Camp.

Milton Sanders, district commissioner, and Walt Thoreson, Work Unit Conservationist, were judges at an Area Contour and Level Land Plowing Contest, held in Palo Alto County.

Soil Stewardship bulletins were mailed to all ministers in the county for their use during Soil Stewardship Week in May.

Four field trips were conducted for Vocational Agriculture Departments in the District.

Four Farm Bureau meetings were attended by Work Unit Conservationist and talks given on Soil Conservation.



One class conducted for 5th grade students on Soil Conservation.

Two soil judging classes conducted for Vocational Agriculture students.

One terrace demonstration held.

Conducted two Adult Farmer Nite classes.

A total of eighteen news articles were published in the county newspapers.

Thirty Boy Scouts assisted in planting a wildlife area to trees and shrubs on a cooperator's farm.

Soil Conservation Accomplishments

	1960	To Date
District Cooperators	39.....	611
Conservation Plans	26.....	447
Revisions	5.....	
Follow-up	55.....	
Contour Farming	1,065 acres	13,742 acres
Erosion Control Structures	2.....	3
Grassed Waterways.....	18.7.....	199.7 acres
Pond Construction		8
Terraces	6 miles	59 miles
Surface Field Ditches	1 miles.....	32 miles
Tile Drains	10 miles.....	355 miles
Wildlife area plantings	6 acres.....	222 acres
Pasture Renovation		926 acres
Spring Development	1	7
A.C.P. Referrals Received	124	
Farmers Receiving Assistance	309.....	308





Cut and Fill terraces on Wendell McBreen farm in Silver Lake township. A total of 11 farmers terraced this spring. Cut and Fill terraces are a new design - are so constructed as to be parallel and do away with point rows between terraces.



Gully control structure on the Wm. Warnecke farm in Lakeville township. Operated by Larry Bush. Gully had a good start in cutting back into cropland. This is an earth fill structure with a drop inlet.



Contouring on farm, operated by Birney Krebs in Silver Lake township, reduces soil loss and conserves moisture. 35 farmers contoured for the first time.



Surface drain constructed on Otto Lorch farm in Westport township. Old tile system was not adequate to carry off excess water. A surface drain was installed. 6 farmers installed surface drains.

Financial Statement

STATE FUNDS EXPENDED FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1960

1-A Budget

State Appropriation Assisting Dickinson
Soil Conservation District \$500.00

Commissioners' Expenses	\$136.00
Office Supplies	48.53
Printing	78.00
Prizes for Contests	7.00
Rental for Meeting Hall	30.00
Materials for Demonstrations	12.40
Office Expenses	21.93
Meeting Expenses	22.47

Total Expended \$356.33

2-A Budget

State Appropriation Assisting Dickinson
Soil Conservation District \$3,483.00

Equipment	136.00
Salaries (State clerk & State Aid)	3,185.01
District's Share of State and Federal Retirement	186.79

Total Expended \$3,555.80

