

Fayette County Soil Conservation District's Annual Report, 1984

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1983 - June 30, 1984

IM BUDGET

Commissioners travel expense to meetings, etc.	913.33
Office supplies and expenses	590.19
Printing	31.66
Total Allocation	\$ 1,535.18

COMMISSIONERS REVOLVING FUND

Balance on Hand July 1, 1983	\$ 2,301.48
Receipts July 1, 1983 - June 30, 1984	2,828.72
Total Funds Available	5,130.20
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,569.73
Balance on Hand June 30, 1984	1,560.47

IIM BUDGET

1983-84 F. Y. Spent on Conservation Practices in 1984	\$30,204.38
1983-84 F. Y. Amount Pending	22,357.50
1983-84 F. Y. Unobligated Funds	18.51
1984-85 F. Y. Allocation	58,989.00
1984-85 F. Y. Spent on Conservation Practices in 1984	6,400.15
1984-85 F. Y. Amount Pending	12,702.50
1984-85 F. Y. Unobligated Funds	39,886.35

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT UNIT

James Burrack, Arlington	Chairman
Jonathan Steege, Maynard	Vice Chairman
Leslie Anderson, Clermont	Secretary
Paul Nuss, Hawkeye	Treasurer
George Halstead, West Union	Commissioner

DISTRICT EMPLOYEE

Belva J. Bauer	Clerk-Typist III
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U.S.D.A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Gerald L. Muff	District Conservationist
Wendell B. Jones	Soil Conservationist
Jay G. Custer	Transferred to Minnesota 10/01/85
J.K. "Bud" Siebrecht	Soil Conservationist
A.W. "Wally" Oxley	Soil Conservation Technician

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

	Number	Acres
Cooperator Agreements	30	5,358
Soil & Water Conservation Plans		8,689
Farms and Groups Serviced	421	
Farms and Groups applying one or more practices	184	

MAJOR PRACTICES APPLIED

Waste Management Systems (number)	3	
Minimum Tillage (acres)		5,358
Contour Farming (acres)		4,296
Windbreaks, Farmstead and Feedlot (acres)		23
Water & Sediment Control Basins (number)	10	
Strip Cropping (acres)		552
Tile Outlet Terraces (feet)		116,536
Upland Wildlife Management (acres)		
Improve Woodland Harvest (acres)		35

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES - 1984

The District Commissioners held regular monthly meetings and attended special meetings to conduct the business of the district, also reviewing all new cooperators, basic conservation plans, group plans, cost-share assistance applications, amendments, and completed cost share projects.

The public was informed of soil conservation progress with news stories and radio releases. The office staff and commissioners assisted with or conducted conservation tours, talks, demonstrations, presentations and contests.

Iowa 2000 folders were distributed for Backbone Lake watershed of 7800 acres.

A meeting for earthmoving and tile contractors was held in February.

Fayette County Board of Supervisors provided district with funds to purchase tree planter and trailer.

Soil Stewardship Clergymen's breakfast was sponsored by district and Farm Bureau.

New State Conservationist Mike Nethery and Herschel Read, Deputy Soil Conservationist had a "get acquainted" dinner and lunch with county and area personnel, ASCS and Extension Service directors.

Slough Bill applicants signed up for 631 tax exempt acres.

Lynn Betts, State Information Specialist and John Massey, Technical Service Center worked on several national publicity projects in Fayette County as part of the Invisible Erosion Project. Charles Deering, Sr. and Charles Deering, Jr. cooperated by being the subject of a public service announcement.

Fayette County No-Tillers tour in June had three buses with 130 people in attendance.

Soil Conservation Essay Contest winners for 1984 are: Senior Division (grades 9 through 12) 1st place - Cathy Wynthein; 2nd place - Jim Franzen; and 3rd place - Scott Hillman. Junior Division (grades 6, 7, and 8) 1st place - Jenn Derr; 2nd place - Carla Loomis and 3rd place - Stacy Johns. German Mutual Insurance, West Union and Farmers Mutual Insurance, Fayette furnished prized money.

Bruce Lehmann, Elgin was accepted as a participant for Youth Leadership Conservation Program.

Conservation Meeting and tour for Fayette Co. bankers and lenders was held in July. First National Bank and Wilbur Ford furnished vans used on tour.

District sold 2300 trees and shrubs. Proceeds were used for educational purposes.

Fayette County No-Tillers Club had their annual meeting with ISU Professor Regis Voss on fertilizer management in no-till or ridge till systems and Ernie Behne, farmer and author spoke on Ridge Tillage. Eighty-five were in attendance.

Fayette County fair was held in August with No-Till Wheel in booth and an outside rain-fall simulator which compared erosion on no-till cropland and conventional tillage.

Michael Finnegan, Castalia was honored as districts Outstanding Conservation Farmer at Farm Bureau annual banquet in October.

Max Seedorff, Arlington, was selected as winner of Izaak Walton League Windbreak Award in Fayette County. Seedorff also placed third in state competition.

Iowa 2000 folders in Volga Lake watershed of 10,613 acres were prepared and distributed.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Fayette Soil Conservation District would like to acknowledge those who have shared and assisted in the accomplishments of soil conservation.

We would like to express our gratitude to the following: Fayette County Extension Service - outstanding help in no-till promotion; ASCS - for their cooperation in the cost share program; Fayette County Board of Supervisors - allowing timber reserve and Slough bill tax exemptions; Fayette No-Tillers Board - for promoting no-till and organizing tours; Department of Soil Conservation - state cost share program and no interest loan program; Iowa Family Farm Family Development Authority, Iowa Department of Transportation, Voc-Ag Departments, Fayette County Conservation, Iowa Conservation and FmHA.

Earthmoving and tile contractors for their cooperation and fine work in constructing conservation practices.

All newspapers and their reporters covering soil conservation activities.

Fayette County schools for teaching conservation education in the schools. Landowners and operators who cooperated with us throughout the year. And a special thanks to those who submitted articles and interviews for this annual report.