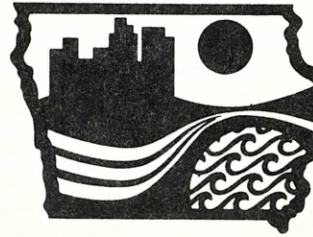




BLACK HAWK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
1972 ANNUAL REPORT

--- DEDICATION ---



In November, 1945 three men conducted the organizational meeting of the Black Hawk Soil Conservation District. They had few guidelines about how to go about their monumental task. Elected as our first commissioners were EARL DOUGLAS, ED ENTZ and EARNEST SAGE. They elected EARL DOUGLAS as their chairman. While these men received help from many others who felt we needed a soil conservation district, we would like to pay a special tribute to these men. The responsibility of leadership for this new program was in their hands. They had only strong solutions to our erosion problems.

We would like to dedicate this 1972 report to these men. Hopefully, our present program shows some of the progress they hoped for in 1945.

PROGRESS IN 1972

1972 was a good year for us in many ways. It is heartening to see the public become more concerned about conservation, environment and pollution. As a result of this concern, we commissioners know that we must recognize our changing needs. We hope to meet the challenge with a program that will keep abreast of society's demands.

During the year just past we have seen an even greater change from rural to urban emphasis. In no way has our activity slackened on the farms, but there has certainly been a "leap ahead" by the urban leaders. We welcome their assistance and participation in the conservation movement.

The Waterloo Metropolitan Planning Commission under the direction of HUGH COPELAND, has led the way in using soil survey information in regional and local planning. It is a pleasure for we commissioners to see the material being used to develop; zoning ordinances, a tax base and development plans for the future.

The Black Hawk County Extension Service conducted a series on "Soil Management in the '70's" in two sessions. Over 50 people participated in either one or both days. They also held hearings in the area for land-use decisions and considerations. They also cooperated with the Soil Conservation Service to hold an informative meeting on conservation tillage methods.

MR. CARROLL HOBSON, a member of the State Soil Conservation Committee, met with us with information about the Conservancy Bill recently enacted by the State Legislature. We later set our Soil Loss Limits in a special meeting held in December.

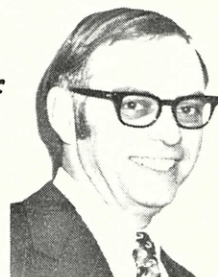
WAYNE MARK attended the Annual Short Course for Commissioners in Ames, the Land Use Hearing in Oelwein, the National Land Use Hearing in Des Moines, the SCSA National Meeting in Portland, Oregon, and many local meetings. Chairman JOE ENTZ presided at several area meetings held in the district. They included; our "Last Acre Ceremony" held at the campus of Hawkeye Institute of Technology; a regional meeting for commissioners and SCS personnel of northeast Iowa for developing Long Range Programs.



MARK MINGER, SOIL SCIENTIST
POINTS OUT SOIL TYPES ON
SOIL MONOLITHS

JOHN MILLER represented us on the Environmental Education Committee. Through their efforts we now have a set of soil monolith boards available to schools in the county. They also have made two conservation slide sets available to schools through the Area Media Center. The committee has more recently assisted with planning the development of Hartman's Reserve as an outdoor classroom.

We had six contestants in our speech Contest with RAY TEMEYER being the winner. During Soil Stewardship Week we mailed 149 copies of the booklet "Creative Conservation" to the churches in the county. In the Des Moines Register and Tribunes Conservation Achievement Awards Program, BILL and TOM BECK were judged district winners in the farmer division. In the teacher division, MARK FEISLER and RON RESSLER were named winners in the Northeast Iowa area. He and Mrs. Ressler were honored at a banquet in National Iowa. The Izaak Walton League sponsored two teachers to the fall workshop. They were SISTER FRANCANNE and DON RUNYAN.



RON RESSLER

To tell the Conservation Story to more people we had much assistance from the local radio, TV and newspapers. Our soil conservationist, LARRY MARINE, wrote a series of nine articles in the Waterloo Sunday Courier. We also started a monthly newsletter. It has helped us contact many more people with news of our activities.

And lastly, we completed the field work of our Standard Soil Survey. We are looking forward to seeing this most needed information being put to use in our community planning.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972

1-M BUDGET

Allocation ----- \$700.00
Additional Allocation ----- 125.00

Commissioners Expenses \$326.10
District Expenses 498.90 825.00

Balance ----- None

2-M BUDGET

Allocation ----- \$7,363.00

Salaries-Clerk and Aide \$7,168.38
Travel Expenses & Equipment 99.48 7,167.8

Balance ----- \$ 95.1

OUR CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE PAST YEAR

NEW COOPERATORS -----	26 No.	FARMSTEAD WINDBREAKS -----	20 Ac.
CONSERVATION PLANS & REVISIONS -	39 No.	GRASSED WATERWAYS -----	35 Ac.
INVENTORIES AND EVALUATIONS ----	13 No.	PARALLEL TERRACES -----	22,685 Ac.
UNITS OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTED ---	7 No.	TILE -----	213,560 Ft.
CONTOUR FARMING -----	1124 Ac.	TREE PLANTING -----	43 Ac.
CONSERVATION TILLAGE -----	1320 Ac.	WASTE DISPOSAL UNITS -----	2 No.

BLACK HAWK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT PERSONNEL

COMMISSIONERS

JOSEPH E. ENTZ, Chairman
WAYNE C. MARK
CLIFFORD KNUDSEN
JOHN MILLER
JAMES SAGE

STATE EMPLOYEES

MARDELLE THOMPSON, Clerk
KEITH CROWLEY, Aide

COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

WILLIAM D. DAVIDSON, to October
LARRY LOENSER, from December

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

J. B. MC ANINCH, District Conservationist
LOREN EICKHOFF, Conservation Technician
LARRY MARINE, Soil Conservationist, Trainee

SOIL SURVEY PARTY

BILL FOUTS, Leader
LYLE DAVIS
MARK MINGER

CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year we ask local people for some financial support to carry the conservation story to the youth and other segments of our society. State funds are not available for many of the activities that we feel are important.

The response has been most gratifying.

Revolving Fund - Contributions -----	\$1238.00
State and National Association Dues - \$ 250.00	
Iowa Chapter Dues-SCSA Memberships -- 67.50	
Newsletter ----- <u>895.37</u>	1212.87
Balance -----	\$ 25.13

