

Mills Co. Soil Conservation District ANNUAL REPORT - 1963

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FINANCIAL REPORT

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our state representatives and land owners who have shown their confidence in soil and water conservation work by making funds available to help carry out our District program.

1962-1963 STATE BUDGET

Commissioners Expense	\$ 7.49
Office Supplies	115.95
Materials for Demonstration	23.40
Office Expense	36.81
Printing	200.00
Meeting Expenses	15.38
Total Disbursed	\$399.03
Technical Assistance	\$2,682.50
Clerical Assistance	2,420.01
State Retirement	173.03
Federal Retirement	171.76
Typewriter	184.98
Total Disbursed	\$5,642.28

REVOLVING FUND

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1963 (Malvern Bank)	\$ 492.07
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1963 (Mineola Bank)	381.18
Land Owner Contributions	687.38
Reimbursements from I-M	159.85
Total cash on hand & receipts	\$1,720.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Office Supplies & Equipment	\$ 62.82
Postage	94.10
Utilities	16.00
Dues, Subscriptions, Donations	183.50
Field Supplies & Equipment	27.50
Printing, bulletins, Source Books	68.35
Pony Creek Expenses (Easements, recording)	30.00
Posters, Contest	35.00
Total Disbursements	\$517.56
Balance Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1963 (Malvern Bank)	802.92
Time Certificate, Dec. 31, 1963 (Mineola Bank)	400.00
Total	\$1,720.48

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES - 1963

During the past year, the Mills County Soil Conservation District Commissioners have strived to improve the District program so as to better serve the people of Mills County. As a beginning, they completely revised the District Program and Work Plan so that it now reflects up-to-date policies and ideals.

To carry out an effective program, it is important that assistance be given and received of various cooperating agencies. New Memorandums of Understanding were signed with the Mills County Extension Service and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Also during the past year, these various agencies worked together in completing the Conservation Needs Inventory for Mills County and copies were distributed to all farmers and land owners in the county.

Many groups such as churches and schools use the soil and water conservation theme as part of their program and the District is eager to assist them whenever possible.

In observance of Soil Stewardship Week, the District furnished nearly 1,000 bulletins and inserts to many of the churches in the county.

Conservation Resource Books were distributed to most of the schools and libraries and tuition fees were approved to send two teachers to the Iowa Teachers Conservation Camp at Springbrook State Park.

The District, in cooperation with the Farmers Grain Dealers Association, Coop., sponsored the Queen of Conservation Contest. Susan Woodfill, Hastings and Shirley Williams, Malvern were the two local winners. Miss Woodfill was the winner of the regional contest held at Atlantic and represented the region in the state contest. The District Commissioners once again wish to extend their congratulations to these two girls.

As a gesture to further soil conservation and good land use within the District, the Glenwood Opinion Tribune and Malvern Leader both printed special editions in observance of Soil Conservation Week. Only by everyone working together can the big job of Soil Conservation be accomplished.

A booth with the theme of Soil and Water Conservation was displayed during the Mills County Fair.

Besides attending regular monthly meetings, the District Commissioners donate many hours doing special jobs which pertain to the district program.



Myron Jones Dale Lincoln Albert Washburn

FOREWORD

As evidenced in the following annual report, great progress was accomplished during the past year in your Soil Conservation District. Farmers seem to have taken a renewed interest in developing complete Conservation Farm Plans as well as applying soil conservation practices on the land. The County, as a general rule, experienced one of its best years in its history for crop yields and quality.

Present figures show that the general level of subsoil moisture is low and will no doubt present some problems during the 1964 crop season, especially if spring rainfall is below normal.

There are several ways which we can make better use of the moisture we have and any additional moisture we may get but conservation farming is the best answer. Contour furrows, good ground cover and level terraces all help to trap moisture and give it a chance to seep into the ground instead of running off the field and carrying with it valuable fertility and top soil.

It is my wish that every farmer will continue to make more use of their SCS and ASCS offices during the year and that 1964 will reward us with another crop year like 1963.

Albert Washburn, Chairman

Albert Washburn was reelected as a Commissioner for a six year term.

Dale Lincoln has been carrying out the duties of Contracting Officer in the Pony Creek Watershed.

All of the Commissioners contributed much of their time in the Pony Creek Watershed attending meetings, making arrangements for the first contract letting, construction and final inspection of the completed structures.

The District paid their annual dues to both the National and State Associations of Soil Conservation District Commissioners.



This year marked the real beginning of activity in the Pony Creek Watershed. Shown above is the transformation of a deep gully into a structure which will give control in the upper reaches of the gully. The above structure is located on the Dennis Downing farm. Other structures similar to the one above were completed on the H. Crowl, G. Salisteau, T. Murray, G. McGee, and P. Bralston farms. One structure in the first contract remains to be completed on the R. Karr farm.

The next contract is to be let sometime in March and covers the structures located on the farms of C. Vohs, G. Salisteau and L. Mendenhall. Mills County also plans to let the contract at the same time for a road structure located by Dennis Downing's house.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

New Cooperators	No.	72
Basic Farm Plans	No.	40
Revised Farm Plans	No.	13
Planned Cooperator Contacts	No.	189
Contour Farming	Ac.	*97,382
Grassed Waterways	Ac.	37
Field Drainage Ditch	Ft.	29,276
Tile	Ft.	46,464
Terraces	Ft.	554,066
Demonstrations & Tours	No.	9
*Estimate		



NEW COOPERATORS

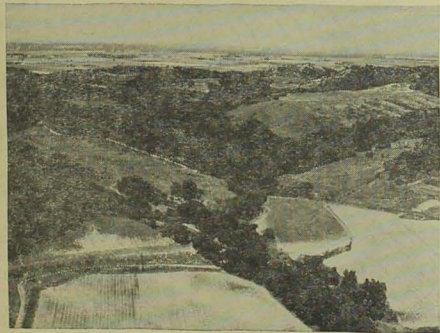
In 1963, seventy-two farmers signed agreements with the Mills County Soil Conservation District, expressing a desire to use Conservation on their farm. Those signing agreements were:

Glen McGee	Velma Lewis
Eliot Thomas (2 farms)	Sebastian Sofio
Frank & Clold Hammers	John Clark
Ole Dickersbach	Stanley Fisher
Guy Perkins	Ralph Viner
Marvin J. Deitchler	Lola Wearin
Guy Grindie, Jr.	Gail Cronkrite
Dwayne F. Reinert	Harry Clark
Wayne E. Hilton	Buck Burke
Marie Lee Robbins	John Dean
Charles A. Cheney	Bruce W. Wearne
Margaret Goodenow	Valda Bock
Richard Guy	Paul D. Vestal
Otha C. Mass	Charles Stinard (6 farms)
Carl Malcom	Otto J. Ondrack
Joe McKee	Otto Menschel
Kermit O. Hillyer	Richard Hammers
Frank Hillyer	H. F. Jacoby
Guy Osborn	Richard Karr
George S. Burgoon	Merritt A. Arnold
Emmett Maher	Kenneth McMahon
T. P. Maher	Scott Kempton
Herbert Wasserman	Julia Robbins
Wm. C. Hill	Clarence Roenfeld
Dudley B. Conner	Mrs. C. E. Heaton
Wayne Blackman	Bob Sell
James C. Purkhiser, Jr.	Judson McManigal
Rudolph Hopp	Clyde Dickersbach
Warren Gregory	Frances M. Bunton
Glen Sell	Ron Richie
Robert Buffington (2 farms)	Harvey Schoening
Arno Miller	C. K. Stewart
	Laura M. Gray

BASIC FARM PLANS

Each year farmers are realizing more the value of having a Conservation Farm Plan developed on their farm. Requests have far exceeded the number we will be able to complete in several years time. However, it is our intended goal that some day we will have a working farm plan on every farm in Mills County.

Ben Buffington	Pat Martin
B. Frank Buffington — 2	Mildred Konfrst
Bob Buffington	Merritt Arnold — 2
Walter Phelps	Buck Burke
Eleanor Kropp	Charles Stinard — 2
Otto Schoening	Lola Wearin
Harvey Bolte	Otto Menschel
George Burgoon — 3	John Dean — 2
Duane Sell	Marvin Deitchler
G. E. McDermott	Wm. C. Hill
Charles A. Cheney	Richard Karr
Donald Burgoon — 2	Joe McKee
Eliot Thomas — 2	Clifford Schoening
Glen McGee	Harve Tackett
Valda Bock	Julia Robbins
Tom Murray	Vern Sell



District Commissioners

Albert Washburn	Chairman
Myron Jones	Commissioner
Dale Lincoln	Commissioner
Rew Burgoon	Assistant Commissioner
Carl J. Green	Assistant Commissioner

U. S. D. A. Soil Conservation Service Personnel

Keith Glandon	Work Unit Conservationist
Allan Seim	Soil Conservationist
Leo VanFossen	Conservation Technician
Gerald Bower	Conservation Technician
Lawrence Jones	Conservation Technician

State Personnel

Edith Powles	Clerk
William Haroff	State Aid

Area S. C. S. Personnel Assisting

Arion Hanson	Area Conservationist
Blanche Oline	Area Clerk
Phyllis Curry	Area Clerk
Lewis Clark	Soil Scientist
Howard Hall	Area Engineer