



Cherokee Soil & Water Conservation District

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1988 ANNUAL REPORT

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District Commissioners

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Linda Bindner Chairperson
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Darwin Henke Soil Technician (1/2 - 8/14)
Gwen Zagore Conservation Aid (began 10/23)
Carol Hein Clerk

As Commissioners of your Soil & Water Conservation District, we are pleased to present this 1988 Annual Report of conservation accomplishments. It reflects the efforts of many individuals and groups working together to improve our environment through conservation programs.

District & SCS Accomplishments

FY 88

New Cooperators	No. 28	Ac. 1,037
Individuals Assisted	No. 1,710	
Conservation Plans	No. 256	Ac. 42,438
Terraces	Ft. 366,657	
Conservation Tillage	Ac. 3,028	
Contouring	Ac. 5,491	
Windbreaks	Ac. 18	
Cropland Protected	Ac. 8,606	
Tons of Soil Saved	Ton 71,514	
Sediment Control Basin	No. 8	
Conservation Reserve (CRP)	No. 19	Ac. 5,483
Slough Bill	No. 28	Ac. 236.9



Awards

IOWA SOIL CONSERVATION AWARDS

Owner-Operator - Wendell Hill
New Cooperator - Larry Meis
Landlord-Tenant - Purl Noble/
Russell Carver

Sweepstakes - Wendell Hill

IZAAK WALTON WINDBREAK AWARD

Don and Judy Luetkeman

SIOUXLAND CONSERVATION AWARDS

Wildlife Habitat - Charles Krekow
Community Conservation - Cherokee
Chamber of Commerce, Ag. Committee
Agri-Business - Wetherell Mfg.
Progress Award - Arnold Berglund
Farm Awards - Craig & Roy Beyer
Harold & Veryl Droegmiller

District Financial Report

FY 88

I-M Allocation		\$1,780.00
Expenses:		
Commissioners	\$1,193.40	
Office Supplies	583.70	
Released to State	2.90	
Cost Share Funds 87-88		\$146,932.43
Obligated & Spent	\$140,541.01	
Released to State	6,391.42	
Cost Share Funds 86-87		\$71,738.50
Obligated & Spent	\$67,757.12	
Released to State	3,981.38	
Watershed Maintenance		\$95,494.64
Interest Received	\$7,250.00	
Sub Total		\$102,744.64
Expense	\$766.46	
Balance 6/30/88		\$101,978.18
Education Fund		\$1,690.07
Income	\$116.74	
Sub Total		\$1,806.81
Expense	\$1,032.72	
Balance 6/30/88		\$774.09
General Fund		\$3,364.08
Income	\$5,306.03	
Sub Total		\$8,670.11
Expense	\$4,707.13	
Balance 6/30/88		\$3,962.98

New Cooperators

Harold Crocker
Betty DeGroh
Elmer Anderson
Earl Ebert
Jeffery Rupp
Gladys Mortenson
John M. Patterson
John Christensen Jr.
Fitch Family Farm
Elmer Ewert
H. W. Seablom
Vernon Grauer
Herman Reinert
Anderson Farms by
Blaine Perry
Bonnie DeMers

Mike Rohlfen
Geraldine Larson
Alice Fassler
Richard Glasson
Richard Steele
Bertil Peterson
H. Howard Lease by
Margaret Lease
c/o Stalcup
A.B. Johnson Family
Farm c/o Stalcup
Fancis Bierman
Judith Brown
Marie Klingbeil
Raymond Jepsen
Triple S. Farms

District Activity



JANUARY

Election of officers was held. Linda Bindner was re-elected Chairperson; Max Mugge, Vice-chairman; Carol Hein, Secretary; Loren Schuett, Treasurer. Lon Allan, Dennis O'Bryan, and Gladys Schroeder were appointed as assistant commissioners. Schuett and Carver revised the Annual Work Plan. Bindner attended Short Course in Des Moines, Jan. 19-20. Paid dues of \$350 to Iowa Association of Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners (IASWCDC) and \$525 to the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) to further conservation causes. Food Security Act (FSA) meetings were sponsored by the Commissioners and the Extension and held at Marcus, Quimby, Cherokee, and Aurelia. Open House of the new quarters was held Jan. 25.

FEBRUARY

Pheasants Forever presented the District an award in appreciation for support & cooperation. An additional \$23,813 cost share funds were received for soil conservation projects. Bindner, Mugge, and Osborn met legislators in Sheldon Febr. 20 to discuss conservation needs and concerns. The clerk attended computer training.

MARCH

The Unix computer system was installed. Ten conservation devices, "Cherokee Scouts" were purchased to assist terrace layout. Some will be available for resale. The Siouxland Awards Banquet was held Mar. 24 in Sioux City. A contribution was made to the NW Tillage Expo on Mar. 3. The Commissioners sponsored a Contractors Meeting on the 7th. Contractor handbooks were distributed to 25 contractors. The Spring Regional was held at Merrill with Carver, Bindner, Mugge, and Osborn attending. Slough Bill applications were approved.

APRIL

The District sold approximately 1,450 trees, shrubs, and deciduous trees for windbreaks. During Soil Stewardship week placemats given to area restaurants. Two soil stewardship kits were presented to the Ministerial Assoc. News releases were used by the media.

MAY

Outdoor classrooms were held May 17, 18. Don Bindner received the Governor's Award from Gov. Branstad May 6 for volunteer work. An Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) meeting was May 11 with representatives from Washington D.C. present. SCS staff personnel from Sioux City and Des Moines also attended.

JUNE

Cherokee was the first county of Iowa to install computerized Soil Digitizing. Bids were secured for watershed structure repairs and inspections were made in May and June. Bindner and Schuett assisted in demonstrations of conservation farming for 'Resourceful Farming' of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. Bindner for corn with reduced fertilizer and Schuett for corn with ridge till, reduced nitrogen.

JULY

'Identification of Seeds' was the theme of the fair booth July 14-17. The winners of each night received a Colorado Blue Spruce tree. Jaime Phipps of Aurelia won the poster coloring contest. All posters were on display. Received additional \$39,118 in cost share.

AUGUST

Bids were secured for watershed repairs. A conservation tour was held Aug. 16 with the Commissioners viewing various conservation projects. The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) resulted in 236.9 Ac. being entered. Received more cost share funds of \$53,908.41.

SEPTEMBER

The World Ag Expo at Amana was attended by Schuett and Holland. Received allocation for a FSA employee for second year. Fall Regional was at Merrill the 20th.

OCTOBER

Received \$93,000 in Watershed funds. The District Awards Banquet was held Oct. 13 in Cherokee. The Izaak Walton windbreak winner, Don and Judy Luetkeman won 2nd place in the state. Maintenance on 3 or the 4 watersheds were completed. Darwin Henke resigned.

NOVEMBER

Annual Conference Nov. 28, 29 attended by Bindner and Schuett in Des Moines. Mugge was re-elected as Commissioner. Gwen Zagore started as soil technician. Staff busy with layout.

DECEMBER

A watershed maintenance study was conducted jointly by an ISU representative and SCS dealing with responsibilities of maintenance. Various farmers, commissioners, and supervisors were interviewed. A contribution was made to the NW IA. Tillage Show. Carver and Schuett revised the 'Five Year Long Range' plan.

