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FINANCES
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*"Treat the Earth well:
 It was not given to you
 by your parents,
 it was loaned to you
 by your children."*

- Ancient American
 Indian Proverb

**CONSERVATION
 POSTER CONTEST**

The District sponsored a conservation poster contest for fourth graders that was coordinated by Mrs. Rhoda Grauer. The theme was "In The Children's Hands". All winners were presented cash awards before the June commissioners meeting.

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MMC

First: Steven Wetherell
 Second: Lauren Peterson
 Third: Kimberly Peterson

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CHEROKEE

First: Kimmy Laposky
 Second: Nicole Gerstandt
 Third: Courtney Hatch

COOPERATORS

A District Cooperator is a landowner who has entered into a cooperative agreement with the district for the purpose of planning, applying, and maintaining the necessary soil and water conservation practices on his/her land. There were 32 landowners who became cooperators during the year.

**DISTRICT
 FINANCIAL REPORT**
 (July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999)

I-M	
Allocation	\$ 3,000.00
Expenses: Printing & Commissioner Expenses	2,988.59
Released to State	\$ 11.41
3-M Cost Share Funds (98-99)	\$ 34,402.00
(For Conservation Practices)	
Obligated and Spent	25,021.42
Balance 6/30/99	\$ 9,380.58
Little Sioux Flood Prevention Watershed Maintenance Funds	\$ 153,030.88
Income (Interest)	9,198.24
Expenses	6,732.35
Balance 6/30/99	\$ 155,496.77
General Fund (Revolving)	\$ 1,782.22
(For District Functions)	
Income:	8,783.96
Expense	2,980.51
Balance 6/30/99	\$ 7,585.67
REAP Funds	
(Resource Enhancement & Protection Practices)	
99 REAP-Practices	\$ 7,026.00
Obligated & Spent	5,049.29
Released to State	\$ 1,976.71
REAP Funds	
99 REAP-Forestry/Native Grasses	\$ 1,811.00
Obligated & Spent	1,049.81
Released to State	\$ 761.19

Little Sioux Funds

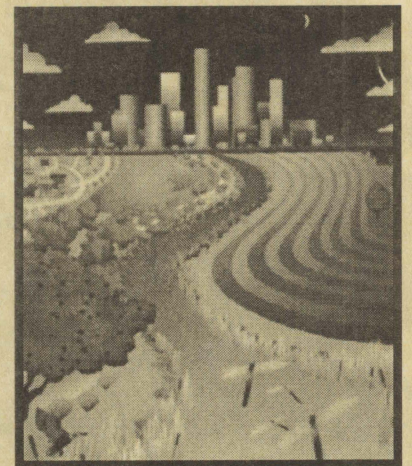
These funds are obligated by the federal government for projects in the Little Sioux Watershed area which is nearly all of the county. The district obligated and spent **\$70,247.34** for terraces and structure projects in FY99.

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**Cherokee
 County
 Soil & Water
 Conservation
 District**

**1999
 Annual
 Report**



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PERSONNEL

Commissioners

Linda Bindner, Marcus
Chairperson

Max E. Mugge, Cleghorn
Vice-chairman

James Corrington, Cherokee
Treasurer

Bruce Amundson, Larrabee

Dale Bugh, Quimby

Assistant Commissioner

Rhoda Grauer, Marcus

Staff

Don Carrington,
District Conservationist

Janet "Sam" Thomas,
Barbara Knudsen,
Soil Conservation Technicians

Darwin Henke, Patty Beyer,
Randy Jipp,
WAE (part-time)

Wanda Hollingshead,
Clerical - Green Thumb Program

Carol Hein, State Secretary

As Commissioners of your
Soil and Water
Conservation District,
we are pleased to
present this 1999 Annual Report
of conservation accomplishments.
It reflects the efforts of many
groups working together to
improve our environment
through conservation programs.

CHEROKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**FISCAL YEAR 99
(October 1, 1998 to
September 30, 1999)**

New Cooperators (100)	32 No.
Conservation Tillage (329)	735 Ac.
Contour Farming (330)	915 Ac.
Windbreaks (380)	12 Ac.
Field Borders (386)	11,150 Ft.
Grade Stabilization Structures (410)	2 No.
Waterways (412)	19 Ac.
Terraces (600)	60,418 Ft.
Water and Sediment Basins (638)...	4 No.
Wetland Restoration (657)	2 No.
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	708 Ac.
Slough Bill Applicants:	44 No.
Slough Bill (Open Prairie/Forest Cover)	1,654 Ac.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES 1999

The Cherokee SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation District) Commissioners meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the district office. There were 11 regular meetings, 2 special meetings and 4 conference calls. All meetings are open to the public. (Open Meeting Law.)

Election of Officers was held in January. They are: Linda Bindner, Chair; Max Mugge, Vice-chair; James Corrington, Treasurer. Carol Hein was appointed Secretary and Rhoda Grauer was reappointed Asst. Commissioner. Bruce Amundson and Dale Bugh were administered the Oath of Office as newly elected commissioners.

District Annual Plan and Average Costs were approved.

District submitted a plan for classroom education in the Backyard Conservation Program.

Rhoda Grauer coordinated the conservation poster contest. The theme was "In the Children's Hands" with about 100 students participating.

District participated in the Iowa Carbon Storage Project, a joint effort with other conservation agencies. They included the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI), Division of Soil Conservation (DSC), and Natural Resources of Conservation Service (NRCS).

Bindner serves on the Sioux Rivers Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Board.

Mugge attended the Little Sioux Works Committee Meeting in March in Correctionville.

Spring Regional meeting at LeMars on March 1 was attended by Mugge and Carrington.

The District participated in the Envirothon Educational competition held at the Army Reserve Center in Cherokee on March 16. Seven Iowa high school teams competed.

Commissioners approved 1998 - 99 IM Budget Spending Plan.

The 1998 Annual Report was published and distributed.

Memo of Understanding with NRCS and Farm Service Agency (FSA) was approved.

District approved a budget and spending plan.

All FY financial reports were approved in July. Iowa Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship (IDALS) DSC/Cherokee SWCD, and the NRCS FY99 supplement to the project was approved by the commissioners. Received \$9,347.00 in REAP funds and \$39,694.00 in state cost share.

District/Cherokee County jointly constructed a grade stabilization structure on C-66 funded by watershed funds.

The Cherokee staff assisted the Green Space Program by providing technical assistance.

Three structures were repaired and maintained to prevent further deterioration.

Contributed a display and participated in the Little Sioux Watershed 50 Year Celebration at Anthon on August 25.

District nominated Lloyd Mattoon as our representative for Cherokee County in the 'Conservation Milestones' Program for the 1999 Farm Progress Show on Sept. 28 - 30.

District/Pheasants Forever (PF) /NRCS entered into habitat agreement promoting buffers in continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Watershed inspections completed in April.

Paid \$500 in State Dues and \$500 in National Dues.

District/City of Cherokee/Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO) co-sponsored grant for Little Sioux Watershed Study Report.

Sponsored 'Food, Land, & People Workshop' for an area teacher at Pecaut Nature Center in Sioux City.

Fall Regional hosted by Cherokee Dec. 7 attended by Commissioners.