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COUNTY SOILS COMMISSIONER'S MEETING, FEBRUARY 25

The first meeting of the Cedar County Soils Commissioners was called together Monday February 25 at 1:30 P.M. with Arnold Meier of Clarence, Robert Kelly of Clarence, and Amos Suchomel of Solon, the newly elected commissioners. Lester Clapp, State Coordinator from Ames, Iowa and Emerson Wolfe, District Conservationist from Marion, Iowa were present to help with the discussion. Floyd Fawcett member of the Cedar County Soils Committee was also present.

It was moved by Robert Kelly, seconded by Amos Suchomel that Arnold Meier be elected chairman. Motion carried. It was moved by Arnold Meier, seconded by Robert Kelly that Howard Hamilton be elected secretary. Motion carried.

Lester Clapp went over the detailed duties of the commissioners and the necessary procedures for completing the organization. It was suggested by Lester Clapp that a regular meeting date be set.

It was moved by Robert Kelly, seconded by Arnold Meier that the secretary write 2 letters to Frank Mendell, State Conservationist requesting help in writing the program of work and help in making a soils survey.

It was moved by Arnold Meier, seconded by Robert Kelly that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Howard A. Hamilton, Secretary

Cedar County Soils Commissioners Meeting, April 12. 1946

A special meeting of the Cedar County Soils Commissioners was called to order by Arnold Meier, at 1:30 P.M., for April 12, to meet with H. H. Backhaus, to discuss the program and work plan.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary. The secretary also read the notice of the organization of the Cedar County Soils District which was filed in the County Recorder's office on March 13, 1946. The secretary also read a memorandum of understanding between the Cedar County Soil Conservation Service and Agricultural Extension Service, which had been signed by R. K. Bliss, Director of Extension and Arnold Meier, Chairman of the Commissioners.

The committee discussed the advisability of calling another meeting at which time they would ask a number of leaders from various organizations of the county, to help with the formation of the program of work. It was suggested that Monday evening, May 6 at 7:30 P.M., be the date set for the meeting.

The commissioners also suggested inviting the following individuals to this meeting: Hy Von Muenster, representing the Triple-A; Louis Thordsen, representative of the Farm Bureau; M. Z. Hendren, Agriculture Teacher; Floyd Fawcett and Carl Mitzner, Soils Committee members; W. H. Witte, Bankers Association, representative of the press; George Kiser, Wilton Junction; Leroy Wiese, Bennett; and Everett Ferguson, Mechanicsville.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Signed: Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

Cedar County Soils Commissioners Meeting, May 6, 1946

A special meeting of the Cedar County Soils Commissioners was called to order by Arnold Meier at 8:00 P.M., for the purpose of discussing and outlining the program of the Cedar County Soils District.

Those in attendance at the meeting were Arnold Meier, Louis Thordsen, M. Z. Hendren, Carl Mitzner, George Kiser, Hy Von Muenster, Amos Suchomel, and Robert Kelly.

The group made several suggestions and a copy of the program as outlined that evening is included in the minutes.

It was suggested that the next meeting be held May 28 to outline the work program.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Amos Suchomel that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Signed: Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

Soil Commissioners Meeting, May 28, 1946.

A special meeting of the Cedar County Soils Commissioners was held May 28, 1946. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and approved as read.

X A copy of the program of the Cedar County Soils District as outlined in the meeting of May 6, was read and thoroughly discussed. It was moved by Bob Kelly and seconded by Amos Suchomel that the program of the Cedar County Soils District as prepared at the May 6 meeting be approved as read. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kelly, seconded by Suchomel that the memorandum of understanding between the Cedar County Soils Conservation District and the USDA as read by Harlan Backhaus be approved as read. Motion carried.

The commissioners discussed the work program and suggested that we continue emphasizing simple practices such as contouring and work with groups where possible.

It was suggested that June 17, be the date set for approval of the work program.

It was moved by Bob Kelly, seconded by Amos Suchomel, that an effort be made to secure a technician by September 1946. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kelly, seconded by Suchomel that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Signed: Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

Soils Commissioners Meeting, June 18, 1946.

A special meeting of the Cedar County Soils Commissioners was held June 18, 1946. Meeting was called to order at 10:15 A.M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman.

Minutes of the May 28 meeting were read and approved as read.

Arnold called on Mr. Backhaus to read the outline of the work plan as discussed at the previous meeting. The commissioners discussed the work plan as Mr. Backhaus read it.

It was moved by Kelly, seconded by Suchomel that the work plan as read by Mr. Backhaus be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Suchomel, seconded by Kelly that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Signed: _____

Howard A. Hamilton

Secretary

Soils Commissioners' Meeting, August 12, 1946

A special meeting of the Cedar County Soils Commissioners was held at the Farm Bureau Office August 12, 1946, with the following men present: Arnold Meier, Chairman; Robert Kelly, Commissioner; Harlan Bachus, District Soils Conservationist; Howard A. Hamilton, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Minutes of the June 18 meeting were read. It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Robert Kelly that the June 18 minutes be corrected to include a discussion on the supplemental memorandum of understanding and the approval of the same. Motion carried.

X It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Arnold Meier that our soils groups be limited to not less than five individuals and these individuals are to be located within a radius of two miles. Motion carried.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Arnold Meier that Harlan Bachus and Amos Suchomel contact the individuals whose petitions are not complete. It was suggested that they make arrangements to hold interest meetings with them where possible. The committee approved the petitions in the order that they plan to have the work done.

It was suggested by Robert Kelly that the petition have a statement typed on them indicating the minimum requirement of five individuals with these to be located within a radius of two miles. It was further recommended by Kelly that an attempt be made to hold interest meetings with all groups including those that the committee approved. September 5 and 6 was set as dates for Harlan Bachus to come into the county and help with interest meetings. It was suggested that Mr. Bachus work with Amos Suchomel on the afternoon of September 5 and with Arnold Meier on the morning of September 6. It was also suggested that at the time these interest meetings were held if the men appeared to be interested in a tour to Jones County, an effort be made to arrange the same.

It was moved by Kelly and seconded by Meier that meeting adjourn.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING, OCTOBER 14, 1946:

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was held at the Farm Bureau office, October 14, 1946, with the following men present: Arnold Meier, Chairman; Robert Kelly, Commissioner; Harlon Backhaus, District Soil Conservationist; Howard A. Hamilton, Secretary.

The minutes of the August 12th commissioners meeting were read and approved as read.

Secretary Hamilton read a resignation which was submitted by Amos Suchomel, due to ill health. It was moved by Kelly and seconded by Meier, that Amos's resignation be accepted. Motion carried.

It was suggested that the Secretary send a letter to Clyde Spry, Secretary of the State Committee, announcing Mr. Suchomel's resignation.

It was moved by Kelly and seconded by Meier that the commissioners approve the 6 groups for farm planning work as listed on separate sheet.

X It was moved by Meier, seconded by Kelly that we use the Farmers-District Cooperative Agreement, as set up by the Soils Service. Motion carried. A copy of the same is included in the minutes.

Moved by Arnold Meier, seconded by Robert Kelly, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOILS DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
MEETING - - December 9, 1946

The regular meeting of the Soil District was held in Farm Bureau Office, 1:45 P.M., at Tipton. Those present were commissioners Arnold Meier, Robert Kelly and Floyd Fawcett. Also Harlon H. Backhaus, District Conservationist

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Kelly submitted an application for assistance for consideration by the commissioners. Mr. Meier moved it be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Fawcett. Carried. This being Group #7.

Discussion held pertaining to holding field demonstration during the Spring of 1947. The following townships suggested, with possible sites.

<u>Townships</u>	<u>Sites</u>
Gower & Springdale	Wartzboughber Farm
Springfield	Bowstead Farm
Massillon	Eiselstein Farm
Near Mechanicsville	Furgerson Farm
Linn	Albaugh Farm
Center	--
Northern part of Gower	--

These to be addition to those held in conjunction with group already formed.

Suggested by Kelly that a publicity program be started to inform people on policies of District and how to obtain assistance from District. Seconded by Fawcett. Also suggested that each commissioner have an article ready for presentation and release at next meeting.

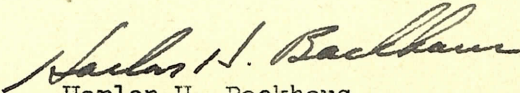
Mr. Kelly moved that a letter be written to Machinery Companies requesting that furrow openers be made available to local dealers and also to see if a set could be obtained on loan for use by the District. Seconded by Fawcett.

Agreed that a letter should be written to all farmers contouring in 1946 with a return card for 1947 intentions and possible assistance needed. Complete list furnished by Mr. Meier.

Agreed to send a letter to Dr. Buchanan requesting that a study be started on relative nutritional value of foods. Letter sent Dec.10, 1946.

Motion made by Kelly to get County Banks to include a phase of Soil Conservation in their newspaper ads. Seconded by Meier.

Motion made by Kelly to adjourn. Seconded by Fawcett.


Harlon H. Backhaus,
Acting Secretary.

CEDAR COUNTY SOILS DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
MEETING - January 20, 1947

A special meeting of the Cedar County Soils Commissioners was held Monday, January 20, with the following present: Arnold Meier, Chairman; Robert Kelly; Floyd Fawcett; and Howard A. Hamilton.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by Arnold Meier. The minutes of the December 9 meeting were read and approved as read.

The Commissioners and Mr. Backhaus met with William Shirley, County Superintendent of Schools, to outline a soils program for the rural schools. The Commissioners discussed furrow-openers and recommended that an attempt be made to secure the horse-drawn type to be used for demonstration purposes in the county.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that Arnold Meier be the delegate to the State Soils Conservation short course which is being planned for Commissioners from January 29 to February 1. Motion carried.

Ralph Gruenwald met with the group to receive suggestions for the Tipton School Institute which is to deal primarily with various phases of conservation, including soil conservation and wildlife. Tentative date for the Institute has been set for Friday, March 21. The group also outlined various programs that might be used in connection with night schools, dealing with various phases of the Conservation Program.

The Commissioners went over the annual report as prepared by Harlon Backhaus. After some discussion on the same, it was moved by Kelly and seconded by Fawcett that the annual report be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Kelly and seconded by Fawcett that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION COMMISSIONERS
MEETING - Monday, February 10, 1947

The Cedar County Soil Commissioners met at the Farm Bureau Office, Monday, February 10. The meeting was called to order by Arnold Meier, Chairman, at 2:00 P. M. Those present included Arnold Meier, Chairman; Floyd Fawcett; Robert Kelly; Harlon Backhaus; Philip Poland; and Howard A. Hamilton. Secretary Hamilton read the minutes of the January 20 meeting and these were approved as read.

Arnold Meier suggested that 180 pounds of Certified Fischer Bromegrass had been made available for the Cedar County Soils District. After considerable discussion relative to the procedure in handling the Bromegrass it was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that we ask the farmer who receives the seed to give 25 per cent of the seed produced from the first and second seed crops to the Soils District. Motion carried.

The group discussed the Clean Plowing Contest which will be held April 26. It was suggested that they work out a booth exhibit, if possible.

It was suggested that the first two weeks in March be used for interest meetings and meetings with groups which are already organized. March 3 was suggested for an interest meeting at West Branch. It was suggested that an interest meeting be held at Clarence, March 1, at 1:30 P. M. Other sites suggested for interest meetings were Mechanicsville, Lowden, and Tipton.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION COMMISSIONERS
MEETING - Monday, March 10, 1947

The regular meeting of the Commissioners was called to order at the Conservation Office at 1:40 P. M. by Robert Kelly. Those present at the meeting were Robert Kelly, Floyd Fawcett, Phillip Poland, Harlon Backhaus, and Howard A. Hamilton. Minutes of the February 10 meeting were read by the Secretary and approved as read.

The group discussed the best method of signing up farmers for conservation work. It was suggested that all of the present signatures be considered as requests for farm plans and that signatures of new individuals be taken at the close of the interest meeting. The group agreed that anyone receiving help for field contouring must agree to invite four or five of his neighbors in in order that they might observe the laying out of the contour. The group suggested that Phillip Poland use the period from 8:00 A. M. to 9:00 A. M. on Mondays and Thursdays for office hours.

Thursday, March 13, at 1:30 P. M. was the time set for an interest meeting at Alba Gaul's. Floyd Fawcett and Phillip Poland plan to take care of this meeting.

It was suggested that publicity articles on the District be prepared and sent to all of the local papers.

The following is a list of individual signatures on Petition No. 7, which was approved at the December 9 meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Township</u>
J. E. Smith	Clarence	Dayton
Harold Dewell	Clarence	Dayton
Kelly Bros.	Clarence	Dayton
R. G. Weatherwax	Clarence	Dayton
Krumboltz & Meyer	Clarence	Dayton
John Fedderson	Clarence	Dayton
John Bixler	Clarence	Dayton

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Robert Kelly that we approve Group 8. Motion carried. This group is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Township</u>
Earl Anderson	Tipton	Center
Elmer Feldman	Tipton	Center
Robert Albaugh	Tipton	Center
Joe Johnston	Tipton	Center
Lester Chambliss	Tipton	Center

Mr. Backhaus reported that plans have been completed for an exceptionally good Grass and Legume Exhibit to be used in connection with the Second National Clean Plowing Contest on the Earl Elijah farm. It was suggested that Mr. Backhaus and Robert Kelly contact Fred Kleppe of Stanwood, Iowa, to see whether or not a contour demonstration might not be established on his farm in connection with the Clean Plowing Contest, April 26.

The schedule of interest meetings set up to date is as follows:

March 10, 8:00 P. M. - Floyd Fawcett
March 11, 1:30 P. M. - ~~Hans~~ Hansen
March 11, 8:00 P. M. - Triple A Office
March 12, 1:30 P. M. - Clarence Shipping Association
March 12, 8:00 P. M. - Francis Moffit
March 13, 1:30 P. M. - Alba Gaul
March 18, 8:00 P. M. - Earl Elijah

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that meeting adjourn.
Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Monday, April 14, 1947

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Commissioners was held at the Soil Conservation Office, Monday, April 14. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Mr. Meier called on Howard Hamilton, Secretary, to read the minutes of the March 10 meeting. These minutes were approved as read. Those present at the meeting were Harlon Backhaus, District Soil Conservationist; Phil Poland, Local Farm Planner; Arnold Meier; Robert Kelly; and Howard A. Hamilton.

Phil Poland reported that 7 interest meetings were held during the month in which local leaders were elected. He indicated that he had helped lay out several contour demonstrations during the month.

It was suggested that the Secretary secure a number of wood hand levels from Woody's Woodworks at Keosauqua.

Phil indicated that Marvin Mallie was the first farmer in Cedar County to plan strip-cropping for 1947.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Arnold Meier that the following groups be approved:

Group 9 to be as follows:

George Kiser, Wilton Junction (Leader)
Milo Ahrens, Tipton
Clare Nebergall, Tipton
Frank Kiser, Wilton Junction
Homer Smith, Tipton
W. W. Witmer, Tipton

Group 11 as approved by the

Group 10 as accepted by the Commissioners includes the following:

Willard Eiler, Stanwood (Leader)
Homer & Floyd Burgess, Stanwood
Earl Elijah, Clarence
Warren Claney, Clarence
Robert Elijah, Stanwood
Roy Joslin, Clarence
Arnold H. Kleppe, Clarence
Hy Von Muenster, Clarence
Marvin Schilling, Clarence
Roscoe Schilling, Clarence
Arnold Meier, Clarence
William Horr, Stanwood

Group 11 as approved by the Commissioners includes the following:

Victor Gaul, Mechanicsville (Leader)
Ben Schroeder, Tipton
Glen Agne & Son, Tipton
Forest Rhoads, Mechanicsville
Howard Rhoads, Mechanicsville
Charles Achenbach, Stanwood

Two of the groups across the river appear to be strung out and cover too much territory. It was suggested that Floyd Fawcett secure one or two of these leaders and make an effort to line up groups in a smaller radius of territory.

It was suggested that interest meetings should be held with the following groups sometime in the near future: One group around Gus Nopoulos, Wilton Junction; another group around Alba Gaul, Tipton; and a third group around Wm. Davidson, Stanwood.

In going over the different territories, it was suggested that Robert Kelly, Commissioner from Clarence, assume the responsibility of the North tier of townships and Springfield Township as well. This will give Mr. Kelly Springfield, Massillon, Dayton, Fremont and Pioneer. It was suggested that Arnold Meier include in his territory Fairfield, Red Oak, Linn, Center, Cass and Inland. The group agreed that Floyd Fawcett should take charge of Gower, Springdale, Iowa, Rochester, Sugar Creek and Farmington. It was generally agreed that whenever one of the Commissioners was not able to attend a meeting in his own territory one of the other men would take his place.

Considerable time was spent discussing the Second National Clean Plowing Contest to be held on the Earl Elijah farm. Arrangements have been completed to conduct a contour demonstration in connection with the Clean Plowing event. The soil conservation men have also made arrangements to have a two-way plow exhibit in connection with the contouring and plow adjustment program. Other phases on the Soil Conservation end will include the laying out and establishment of contours. It was also suggested that an effort be made to have a portable public speaking address system for this part of the program.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Arnold Meier that the meeting adjourn.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Monday, May 12, 1947

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Commissioners was held at the Soil Conservation Office, Monday, evening, May 12. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present at the meeting were Arnold Meier, Floyd Fawcett, Phil Poland and Howard A. Hamilton. The minutes of the April 14 meeting were read by the Secretary and approved as read.

It was suggested by Floyd Fawcett that Alfred Larson and Wm. Wertzbaugher be added to the Austin Ellyson group.

Arnold Meier reported on a meeting which was held at Alba Gaul's on April 18. It was moved by Arnold and seconded by Floyd that Flowery Smith be approved as leader of this group which will be Group 12. The group is as follows:

Flowery Smith, West Branch, (Leader)
Alba Gaul, Tipton
Albert Swart, West Branch
V. S. Anderson, Tipton
Leo I. Nebergall, Tipton
Norwin Martens, Tipton
Paul Fitzpatrick, West Branch
Raymond Millett, West Branch
Harry Raymond, Bettendorf

Phil reported that he had contoured over 1000 acres during the month of April. He stated that three demonstrations had been held during the month. Phil reported that he would be attending school at La Crosse, Wisconsin from May 26, to June 30. The Commissioners suggested that a field trip be held in the county around June 20. The Commissioners also suggested that it might be nice for Phil or Harlon to arrange a trip to La Crosse for the Commissioners in Cedar, Jackson and Jones counties. They suggested that this trip be arranged for a Friday with the possibility of staying over and doing some fishing on Saturday and coming home on Sunday.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Monday, August 18, 1947

The meeting of the Commissioners was called to order by Arnold Meier, Chairman, at 8:00 P. M. with the following present: Robert Kelly, Clarence; Arnold Meier, Clarence; Floyd Fawcett, West Branch; Phil Poland; Harlon Backhaus; Francis Moffit, Mechanicsville; Marvin Mallie, Mechanicsville; with Morton Bittinger acting as secretary in place of Howard Hamilton.

Robert Kelly reported on his recent plane trip from Burlington to Muscatine to Davenport to Cedar Rapids and Waterloo. Mr. Kelly said there were many bare spots and much washing and gullying over the territory. He also stated that the group was entertained by the Muscatine Kiwanis Club.

The Commissioners then examined the farm plans of Francis Moffit^① and Marvin Mallie^②. It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

The Commissioners discussed the farm plans of Ernest Gaul^③, Dewey Bishop^④, and Ralph White^⑤. It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the above three plans be approved. Motion carried.

The Farmers' District Cooperative Agreements for the above farms were signed by the Chairman.

Harlon Backhaus brought to the attention of the Soil Commissioners the Soil Conservation contest and promotion plans sponsored by the Goodyear Company for the District Conservation Commissioners. Mr. Backhaus also mentioned the Soil Conservation District Commissioners plan for a meeting at the Savory Hotel, Des Moines, at 8:00 P. M., October 10, to organize a state association of the District Commissioners.

Mr. Backhaus brought to the attention of the Commissioners the Verne McClung farm where Verne is anxious to construct a fish pond and would like to have technical help designing the same. The Commissioners indicated that since Mr. McClung is not a cooperator, this would be an individual service and they decided that they could not do work of this kind until after a plan was set up for the farm. The Secretary was advised by the Commissioners to notify Mr. McClung that the District Commissioners could not act on such a project until the farm plans were filed. They suggested that another interest meeting be tried in that territory.

The third Monday in September was selected as the date for the next meeting.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Mort Bittinger acting sec -

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Monday, September 15, 1947

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present at the meeting were Arnold Meier, Robert Kelly, Floyd Fawcett, Phillip Poland, and Howard A. Hamilton.

Mr. Meier called on the Secretary, who read the minutes of the August 18 meeting. The minutes were approved as read. The Secretary also read the answer to Verne McClung concerning the construction of a fish pond.

The group discussed the soil conservation contest sponsored by the Goodyear Rubber Company. It was moved by Fawcett and seconded by Kelly that the Secretary notify William E. Still of the Goodyear Company that Cedar County was not far enough along with their conservation work to participate in the contest this year but that they were in sympathy with the idea.

After some discussion of the farm plan of C. L. Hudley and Dr. J. H. Wick, it was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Robert Kelly that we approve the same, this farm plan being No. 6. Motion carried.

The farm plan of Bert Christian and George L. Schoonover was also discussed by the commissioners. It was moved by Kelly and seconded by Fawcett that we approve the Christian-Schoonover plan and that it be designated as No. 7.
Motion Carried -

Phillip Poland reported that considerable time during the month had been spent on the George Heick farm but indicated that the farm plan had to be dropped because of lack of interest on the part of his landlord. Phil also reported that considerable time had been spent with Don Armstrong in an effort to work out a farm plan. He indicated that the Cornell College Farm Manager was not too familiar with the set up and it was suggested that one of the commissioners go along with Harlon Backhaus and Earl Elijah to meet with the Manager or possibly the board of directors of the college in an effort to help develop more interest in the soil conservation program on their farms. Phil also indicated that some work had been done with Austin Ellyson. He suggested that the plan for the Ellyson farm be kept on file for the future instead of being completed at the present time.

Arnold Meier indicated that Jerry Goldsmith was interested in some help with tiling. The commissioners discussed the set up for his farm for some time and it was suggested that Robert Kelly contact Mr. Goldsmith in an effort to interest him in a farm plan.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

Monday, October 13, 1947

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Conservation Commissioners was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present at the meeting were Arnold Meier, Robert Kelly, Floyd Fawcett, Phil Poland, Harlon Backhaus and Howard A. Hamilton.

Mr. Meier called on the secretary who read the minutes of the September 15 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

It was moved by Kelly and seconded by Fawcett that the Commissioners send a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Spry expressing appreciation for the excellent job they did in helping to plan the state-wide meeting of the Soil Commissioners, recently held at the Savory Hotel in Des Moines. Motion carried.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that Fred H. Goldsmith of Clarence be added to Group No. 7. Motion carried.

The farm plan for Ardell Christensen of West Branch was discussed by the Commissioners. It was moved by Kelly and seconded by Fawcett that the Christensen farm plan be approved as No. 8. Motion carried.

It was suggested by Floyd Fawcett that an interest meeting be held in the West Branch community following corn picking.

The group discussed the establishment of a terracing demonstration. It was pointed out that this demonstration should be located on an easily accessible farm and should be one which blends itself in well for a proper terrace demonstration.

Mr. Backhaus discussed the possibility of a training school for volunteer workers in soil conservation work. It was felt by the group that it might be better to hold this meeting at a later date.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Monday, November 10, 1947

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was called to order at 1:45 P. M. by Robert Kelly, acting as chairman in place of Arnold Meier, who was absent. Others present were Floyd Fawcett, Harlon Backhaus, and Howard A. Hamilton.

Mr. Kelly called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the October 13 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

5 It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Robert Kelly that the Commissioners cooperate with Iowa State College in their study of the effect of removing red clover or leaving it on the ground to be plowed under. Motion carried. A suggested plan for carrying on the red clover experiment may be found in the minutes.

Robert Kelly suggested that an effort be made to locate a Reed's Canary Grass plot near Lowden. It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Robert Kelly that Phil Poland and the Secretary locate the places for the Bird's Foot Tree Foil and the Reed's Canary Grass.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the Secretary send Floyd Fawcett's name in to Clyde Spry to attend a short course at Ames, January 7, 8, and 9. Motion carried.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the President, Arnold Meier, select a nominating committee and hold an election the same time as the Tipton School Institute. Motion carried.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Robert Kelly that we approve the following farm plans as they are numbered:

- No. 9 - Wm. Wertzbaugher, West Branch
- No. 10 - Alfred Larson, West Branch
- No. 11 -
- No. 12 - Harry Hemmingway, West Branch
- No. 13 - Nathan Coppock, West Branch

It was suggested by Harlon Backhaus that a joint meeting of the Commissioners from the neighboring counties be held at which time Maurice Heath would lead a discussion on hay and forage.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Robert Kelly that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOILS COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Monday, December 8, 1947

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soils Committee was called together at 1:45 P. M. at Phillip Poland's Office by Robert Kelly, acting as chairman in place of Arnold Meier. Those present were Robert Kelly, Floyd Fawcett, Harlon Backhaus, Phillip Poland and Howard A. Hamilton.

Robert Kelly called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the November 10 meeting were read and approved as read.

The group discussed suggestions for the 1948 Soil Conservation program. They emphasized that more publicity articles should be mailed to the local papers. It was suggested that Phil Poland might make a report to the local papers each week on his activities.

Floyd Fawcett suggested the possibility of holding local tours in the different sections of the county next spring.

The Commissioners suggested the possibility of meeting with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the part they might play in connection with the Soil Conservation program.

It was suggested that a number of educational meetings be held during the winter and a complete program for the same be outlined at a later meeting.

The following farm plans were approved by the Commissioners in order:

- Plan No. 11 - E. G. Anderson, West Branch
- Plan No. 14 - Oswald Jensen, West Branch
- Plan No. 15 - William Stotler, West Branch
- Plan No. 16 - Verlin L. Pemberton, West Branch
- Plan No. 18 - Fawcett Brothers, West Branch

Phil Poland reported that he had met with the group around Amos Suchomel's.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Robert Kelly that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOILS COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Monday, January 12, 1948

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soils Commissioners was called together at 1:30 P. M. at Phillip Poland's Office by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were Arnold Meier, Robert Kelly, Floyd Fawcett, Harlon Backhaus, Phillip Poland, and Howard A. Hamilton.

Mr. Meier called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the December 8 meeting which were read and approved as read.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the following farm plans be approved:

- Plan No. 17 - Scattergood School, West Branch
- Plan No. 20 - Arnold Meier, Clarence
- Plan No. 21 - Amos Suchomel, Solon
- Plan No. 22 - Wm. Thordsen, Tipton
- Plan No. 23 - Alfred and Floyd Fawcett, West Branch

Phil Poland reported that he had worked during the month on the group of farms around Amos Suchomel's and that some work was done with those wanting tiling. He also reported that he planned to start farming March 1, 1948, in Adair County and that his address would be Stuart, Iowa.

The County Extension Director indicated that Oliver Hansen of the Liberty Trust and Savings Bank at Durant was arranging for a soils meeting to be held at the Durant High School, February 10, at 7:30 P. M. At this meeting two motion pictures will be shown. One is entitled "The Big Muddy" and the other "Regimental Raindrops". It was suggested that Phil, Harlon and Bob plan to attend this meeting.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that we approve the action of the Executive Committee of the State Association of District Commissioners and leave the present program as it now stands. Motion carried. The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the resolution to Clyde Spry.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Arnold Meier that Floyd Fawcett of West Branch and I. S. Larson of West Branch be included on the nominating ballot for a District Commissioner from that area.

County Extension Director, Howard A. Hamilton, and Harlon Backhaus plan to get together sometime during the month to outline the educational program.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Robert Kelly that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

Cedar County Soil Commissioners Meeting
Monday, February 9, 1948

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soils Commissioners was called to order at 1:30 P.M. at Phil Poland's office by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were Arnold Meier, Robert Kelly, Floyd Fawcett, Harlon Backhaus and Howard A. Hamilton. Others who attended the meeting were Amos Suchomel, Andrew Wiskus, Clark Workman, and Kenneth Madden.

Kenneth Madden discussed the wildlife conservation program as it ties into the soil conservation program. He pointed out that arrangements had been completed for fencing in a wildlife area on the Wm. Thordsen farm with a live malta-flora rose fence. He also mentioned that locusts were being used on the banks of the area. This is to be used as a demonstration program for the county. Clark Workman and Kenneth Madden discussed the project with the group.

It was agreed by the commissioners that the election of the commissioner be held March 9, 1 to 3 P.M. at the City Hall in Tipton in connection with a previous scheduled weed meeting.

County Extension Director discussed the educational meetings and indicated that plans were underway for stressing soil conservation in connection with the township Farm Bureau meetings and at a county-wide meeting on February 24 and again on March 9.

The group discussed the possibility of employing Robert Kelly on a day basis to help with laying out contours and the soil conservation work until a new fieldman could be secured.

The following farm plans were approved by the commissioners:

- Plan No. 24 - Harold W. Dewell, Clarence
- Plan No. 25 - Dr. John E. Smith, Clarence
- Plan No. 26 - John H. Feddersen, Clarence

Andrew Wiskus of 101 Mulberry Street, Tipton, Iowa, met with the group and indicated that he had a bull dozer with a scoop which would handle 4 yards. He indicated that he planned to charge approximately \$10.00 per hour for the use of the same. His phone is 216, Tipton, Iowa.

It was moved by Robert Kelly, seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the meeting adjourn.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOILS COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Tuesday, March 9, 1948

The regular meeting of the Soils Commissioners was held at the City Hall, Tuesday morning, March 9. The meeting was called to order at 9:45 A. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were Arnold Meier, Robert Kelly, Floyd Fawcett, Harlon Backhaus and Howard Hamilton.

The Chairman called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the February 9 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Harlon Backhaus indicated that 90 pounds of brome grass was available. It was moved by Meier and seconded by Kelly that Marvin Mallie be contacted and given the entire 90 pounds of Lincoln Brome grass if he wanted the same and that Floyd Fawcett be the second alternate in case Mr. Mallie was not interested. Motion carried. Mr. Backhaus also indicated that 10 pounds of Iowa Reed Canary Grass was available.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the following individuals be given small quantities of this grass providing they wanted the same: Floyd Fawcett, West Branch; Wm. Thordsen, Tipton; Clifford Tisinger, Tipton; Harold Dewell, Clarence; Willard Eiler, Stanwood; Carl Mitzner, Tipton; and Flowery Smith, West Branch.

After some discussion it was moved by Kelly and seconded by Fawcett that Harlon Backhaus be at the Tipton office on Wednesdays of each week. Motion carried.

Floyd Fawcett of West Branch announced plans for an afternoon meeting on March 18 with all the farmers in his territory who have farm plans to date.

Arnold Meier reported plans for a meeting at Louis Thordsen's with a group on Thursday evening, March 18, with Harlon Backhaus in attendance.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the following farm plans be approved by the Commissioners:

Plan No. 27 - Fred H. Goldsmith, Clarence
Plan No. 28 - Kelly & Hasselbusch, Clarence

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Robert Kelly that the meeting adjourn.

The election of a commissioner to fill the expired term of Floyd Fawcett was held at the City Hall, March 9, from 1:00 to 3:00 P. M. The two men nominated on the ballot were Floyd Fawcett of West Branch and I. S. Larson of West Branch. Floyd Fawcett received 26 votes and I. S. Larson received 7 votes, resulting in the election of Floyd Fawcett of West Branch for a 6-year term as Soils Commissioner.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOILS COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Monday, April 12, 1948

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soils Commissioners was held at the Soils Office Monday evening, April 12, with the following present: Arnold Meier, Floyd Fawcett, Harlon Backhaus, Don Williams, and Howard A. Hamilton.

Arnold Meier called the meeting to order at 8:00 P. M. and called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the March 9 meeting. The minutes were read and approved as read.

The group discussed the meetings which were held during the last month. One meeting was held with the group around Paul Hain's and another meeting was held with the group around Jim Smith's. It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the petition of the Paul Hain group be accepted as No. 13 and that the Jim Smith group petition be accepted as No. 14.

Harlon Backhaus reported that the 90 pounds of Lincoln Bromegrass had been given to Marvin Mallie. He also reported that 2 pasture plots had been established on the Wm. Thordsen and the Clifford Tisinger farms. These plots include a seeding of Birdsfoot trefoil, Fischer Bromegrass, and Alta fescue.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

Cedar County Soil Commissioners Meeting
Monday, May 10, 1948

The regular meeting of the Soils Commissioners was called to order by Arnold Meier, Chairman, at 1:40 P. M. Those present were Arnold Meier, Chairman; Robert Kelly; Floyd Fawcett; Don Williams; Harlon Backhaus and Howard Hamilton.

Arnold Meier called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the April 12 meeting. The minutes were read and approved as read.

Robert Kelly reported that Wm. Horr and John Greig had indicated a willingness to cooperate with his project to leave strips of hay which was not harvested in order that the fall crop could be plowed under this fall and a comparison made on the corn yield the following year. He also indicated that some commercial fertilizer would be used on part of the plots.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the petition of B. G. Penningroth and the group around him be accepted as Group No. 15. Motion carried.

Harlon Backhaus reported that work had been done during the month on a large number of farms over the county.

Don Williams indicated that he was to attend a special training course to be held at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, from May 17 through May 25. Harlon Backhaus indicated that he would keep the office open on each Wednesday and would also assist any of the men desiring help in constructing contours.

The group had a lengthy discussion on construction and seeding of waterways. Mr. Kelly pointed out that much more emphasis needs to be placed on proper drainage construction.

The group discussed the men in the county that were available for filling gullies and doing soil conservation excavation work with machinery. The following men were listed as being interested in this type of work and have power equipment: Jess Cole, West Branch; Pat McGuire, Tipton; and Andrew Wiskus, Tipton.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that arrangements be made for a demonstration to be held in August giving these men the latest information on proper formation of drainage ditches and other soil conservation practices. Motion carried.

After some discussion it was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that the short term man of the three commissioners be elected as president each time. Motion carried. The approval of the above motion automatically makes Robert Kelly of Clarence, Iowa, Chairman for 1948.

Harlon Backhaus discussed the various district contour plowing contests to be held in the neighboring counties this fall.

It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOILS COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Tuesday, October 12, 1948

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soils Commssioners was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by Robert Kelly, Chairman. Those present were Arnold Meier, Floyd Fawcett, Robert Kelly, Harlon Backhaus, Don Williams and Howard Hamilton.

The minutes of the May 10 meeting were read and approved as read.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that Petition 16 be approved. Motion carried.

X It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that the regular meeting be held the second Tuesday in the month with the November 9 meeting being held in the evening. The rest of the meetings during the winter months to be held in the daytime. Motion carried.

The Commissioners suggested that farmers with complete plans be furnished detailed information on taking soil samples and encouraged to secure complete chemical analyses on the samples from the Soils Laboratory at Ames where they plan to use commercial fertilizer.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that Lester Chambliss' Plan No. 29 be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that Elmer Feldman's Farm Plan No. 30 be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that Frank Kiser's Farm Plan No. 31 be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that H. C. Leabhart's Farm Plan be approved as No. 32. Motion carried.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that George Kiser's Farm Plan No. 33 be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the Homer A. Smith Farm Plan No. 34 be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that the Donald Johnston Farm Plan No. 35 be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the W. W. Whitmer Farm Plan No. 36 be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOILS COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Tuesday, November 9, 1948

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soils Commissioners was called to order at 7:50 P. M. by Robert Kelly, Chairman. Those present were Arnold Meier, Floyd Fawcett, Robert Kelly, Harlon Backhaus and Don Williams.

The minutes of the October 12 meeting were read and approved as read.

Robert Kelly read a letter from the State Association of District Commissioners which stated that the membership committee had recommended raising the dues from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per year. This matter was discussed and it was decided to defer action until the December meeting.

Harlon Backhaus discussed the district meeting to be held at Maquoketa on December 10.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the Clare Nebergall Farm Plan No. 37 and Milo Ahrens Plan No. 38 be approved. Motion carried.

It was decided to hold a meeting with all groups that have already been planned sometime during the winter.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Don Williams
Secretary Pro.-Tem.

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Monday, January 10, 1949

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Acting Chairman. Those in attendance were Floyd Fawcett, Arnold Meier, Don Williams, Harlon Backhaus and Howard A. Hamilton.

Mr. Meier called on the Secretary who read the minutes of the November 9, 1948, meeting. There being no objections or corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Meier reported on the recent district meeting of the commissioners at Maquoketa. The next district commissioners meeting is to be held at Tipton and it was suggested that the date of March 18 be accepted if possible. The meeting is to start at 10:00 A. M. with dinner at Crispin's at noon. Suggested program features were seeding methods and rates and good rotation.

After some discussion of the following farm plans, it was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that they be approved. Motion carried.

Farm Plan No. 39 - Krumboltz and Meyer, Clarence
Farm Plan No. 40 - Willard Eiler, Stanwood
Farm Plan No. 41 - Hy Von Muenster, Clarence
Farm Plan No. 42 - Robert Elijah, Stanwood
Farm Plan No. 43 - Earl Elijah, Clarence
Farm Plan No. 44 - E. Wm. Horr, Stanwood
Farm Plan No. 45 - Arnold Kleppe, Clarence

The Commissioners discussed the annual report. It was suggested that Harlon Backhaus secure suggestions from Robert Kelly and proceed with the writing of the same.

It was suggested that Ernest Werling be asked to give a report on the Soil Conservation Short Course at Ames at the February meeting of the commissioners.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
February 14, 1949

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was held at Don Williams' Office, February 14. The meeting was called to order by Robert Kelly, Chairman, at 1:45 P. M. Those in attendance at the meeting were Harlon Backhaus, Don Williams, Robert Kelly, Floyd Fawcett, Arnold Meier, Howard A. Hamilton and Ernest Werling.

The Chairman called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the January 10, 1949 meeting which were approved as read.

Robert Kelly called on Ernest Werling who gave a very interesting report of his recent attendance at the Short Course at Ames. He stated that there were approximately 142 in attendance.

Harlon Backhaus reviewed the work load indicating a need of more local groups this summer. Robert Kelly stated that there were a number of groups which would be ready to go almost any time. Harlon Backhaus suggested that we would need 60 farmers who are interested in having complete farm plans.

Floyd Fawcett discussed the Ronnie Ellyson farm plan. It was explained that Ronnie wanted too much corn and therefore the plan had not been approved.

The Commissioners discussed the Goodyear Contest. It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that we go in on the 1949 Goodyear Contest. Motion carried.

Floyd Fawcett asked Don Williams to meet with his group February 21, at the Town Hall in West Branch.

The Commissioners discussed the problem of what to do with the new men who want to join an old group. It was agreed that each individual case is different and the decision depends somewhat on whether the individual is really interested in soil conservation.

The following farm plans were discussed by the Commissioners and it was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that they be approved. Motion carried.

- No. 46 - Roscoe Schilling, Clarence
- No. 48 - Marvin Schilling, Clarence
- No. 47 - Warren Claney, Clarence
- No. 49 - Leabhart and Anderson, Tipton
- No. 50 - Roy Joslin, Clarence
- No. 51 - Clifford Tisinger, Tipton
- No. 52 - Howard Rhoads, Mechanicsville
- No. 53 - Victor Gaul, Mechanicsville

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that the Commissioners' report be approved. Motion carried.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at the same time as the 4-County Soil Commissioners meeting. The date suggested for this meeting was March 18.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 12, 1949

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was held Tuesday evening, April 12. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P. M. by Robert Kelly, Chairman. The following were in attendance: Arnold Meier, Robert Kelly, Harlon Backhaus, ~~Floyd Fawcett~~, Melvin Bird, and Howard Hamilton. *Don Williams*

Mr. Kelly called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the February 14 meeting. The minutes were read and approved as read.

A discussion of the Massillon Group took place and it was suggested that Harlon Backhaus contact Ray Severin and set dates for 2 or 3 different meetings after Easter.

The Commissioners agreed that the following individuals should be added to the Flowery Smith Group:

Frank Donohue, West Branch
Lester Willier, West Branch
E. E. Newton, West Branch
Ralph Schooley and Son, West Branch
Hubert Lynch, West Branch

They also suggested that Paul Kellerhals, Cass Township, be added to Group 6 which is the Suchomel group. They also agreed that Wm. Walde of Tipton be added to the George Kiser Group, that Ralph Gaul be added to the Mallie Group along with the 273-acre Cornell College farm. The Commissioners agreed that I. S. Larson's farm rented by Mr. Welty be added to the Wm. Wertzbaugher Group. They suggested that Douglas Cashman, Clarence, be added to the Dewell Group.

It was suggested that the ~~Firestone~~ *Goodyear* Project be discussed at the next Commissioners meeting.

Arnold Meier reported that Tom Moore III of West Branch was interested in fish for his pond.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Robert Kelly that the following farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

Farm Plan No. 54 - Glen Agne & Son, Tipton, 233 acres of land
Farm Plan No. 55 - B. S. Schroeder, Tipton
Farm Plan No. 56 - Forest Rhoads, Mechanicsville
Farm Plan No. 57 - Raymond Millett, West Liberty

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Robert Kelly that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 16, 1949

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was held Monday evening, May 16. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by Robert Kelly, Chairman. The following were in attendance: Robert Kelly, Clarence; Floyd Fawcett, West Branch; Harlon Backhaus and Don Williams.

Mr. Kelly called on Don Williams to act as temporary secretary and read the minutes of the April 12 meeting in the absence of the Secretary, Howard Hamilton. The minutes were approved as read with the following exceptions: Floyd Fawcett was deleted from the present list of the April meeting and Don Williams added to the present list. The word Firestone was changed to Goodyear, in the 6th paragraph.

The Goodyear contest was discussed and work started on filling in the "Progress Chart".

The matter of working with the clergy for Soil Conservation Week was discussed. It was decided to contact as many ministers as possible, both individually and by groups, and to provide bulletins, etc., to give them material for a sermon.

Reverend Ferguson's application for mapping his 160-acre farm was approved. It was also suggested that everything possible be done to cooperate with the Vocational Agriculture class of Tipton to help them with their 20 acres.

It was decided that an essay contest on conservation would be worthwhile and that the commissioners should sponsor such a contest.

Harlon Backhaus discussed working with natural leaders through the years. A number of names were suggested and others will be added. A list of these is to be kept in the soil conservation office. Names given were:

Austin Ellyson, West Branch
Walter Geadelmann, Clarence
Ray Severin, Lowden
Emil Stuhr, Bennett
Lawrence Kleppe, Clarence
Louis Thordsen, Tipton

Floyd Fawcett made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Robert Kelly. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

Don N. Williams
Secretary Pro Tem

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
June 13, 1949

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was held Monday evening, June 13, with the following members present: Floyd Fawcett, Robert Kelly, Don Williams and Howard A. Hamilton.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by Robert Kelly, Chairman. Mr. Kelly called on the Secretary who read the minutes of the May 16 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Don Williams presented the farm plan of Flowery Smith of West Branch. This is Farm Plan No. 58. It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Robert Kelly that Flowery Smith's Farm Plan be approved. Motion carried.

Don Williams presented the Alba Gaul Farm Plan No. 59. Following some discussion of the same, it was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Robert Kelly that Farm Plan No. 59 of Alba Gaul's be approved. Motion carried.

The group discussed the district picnic to be held June 26 at Crystal Lake near Dewitt. The commissioners were encouraged to attend if possible.

Soil Conservation Week, June 19 to June 26, was discussed. Don Williams gave the commissioners material to be distributed to the ministers of the county that they might use to help them in forming a sermon on soil conservation during the week of June 19.

The commissioners suggested 3 outstanding soil conservationists to enter the Goodyear Contest. The men suggested were as follows: Marvin Mallie, Tipton; Oswald Jensen, West Branch; and George Kiser, Wilton Junction.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Robert Kelly that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
July 12, 1949

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was held Tuesday evening, July 12, with the following members present: Robert Kelly, Harlon Backhaus, Don Williams, and Howard A. Hamilton.

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 P. M. by Robert Kelly, Chairman. Mr. Kelly called on the Secretary who read the minutes of the June 13 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Due to the fact that two commissioners were not present no farm plans were approved.

The group discussed the possibility of a float or exhibit in connection with the Tipton days and county fair.

The meeting was adjourned with much of the material to be taken up when there is a quorum present.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 4, 1949

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was held Thursday evening, August 4, with the following members present: Robert Kelly, Harlon Backhaus, Floyd Fawcett, Arnold Meier, and Don Williams.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P. M. by Robert Kelly, Chairman. Mr. Kelly called on Don Williams who read the minutes of the June 13, and the July 12, meetings in the absence of Howard A. Hamilton, Secretary. The minutes were approved as read.

A letter from the State Soil Conservation Committee, giving dates for district meetings, was read by Robert Kelly. It was decided that August 10, was the date for the meeting for this district in Cedar Rapids.

Robert Kelly also read a letter from the state association on dues. It was moved by Arnold Meier that the Commissioners pay their annual dues at this time. Seconded by Floyd Fawcett. Motion carried.

The budget was discussed and a rough copy submitted. Arnold Meier made a motion that the tentative budget be adopted and that Robert Kelly be given power to make alterations after the Cedar Rapids meeting, if necessary.

It was decided to not hire a clerk at present and to try to hire an assistant during the spring layout season.

Motion made by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that the \$18.20 bill from Hedges-Baker Lumber Co. for plywood for exhibit purposes be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that the present office be rented for the year 1950, if possible. Motion carried.

It was decided to have an exhibit at the Cedar County Fair. Arnold Meier will contact Mr. Moore on this and notify Melvin Bird when the exhibit is to be placed.

The essay contest was discussed and it was decided to discuss this further at the next commissioners meeting.

The following farm plans were presented by Don Williams:

Farm Plan No. 60 - Albert Swart
Farm Plan No. 61 - Harry Raymond and Flowery Smith
Farm Plan No. 62 - Gus Nopoulos and Randall Aegerter
Farm Plan No. 63 - Homer Burgess and Freeman Wendt
Farm Plan No. 64 - Frank Townsend and Paul Hain
Farm Plan No. 65 - J. I. Dickinson
Farm Plan No. 66 - F. S. Chapman
Farm Plan No. 67 - Fitzpatrick Bros.
Farm Plan No. 68 - Austin Ellyson
Farm Plan No. 69 - Elwood Hain

Plans were approved

Motion to adjourn was made by Arnold Meier, seconded by Floyd Fawcett. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

Don N. Williams
Secretary Pro Tem

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 20, 1949

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was held Tuesday evening, September 20, with the following present: Robert Kelly, Chairman, Arnold Meier, George Kiser, Harlon Backhaus, Don Williams, County Superintendent Lester Gill, and Howard A. Hamilton, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by Robert Kelly.

The group discussed the proposed conservation essay contest for the schools. It was agreed that grades 5 through 8, inclusive, would be included in one group and grades 9 through 12, inclusive, in another group. Duplicate prizes are to be offered for the 2 different ranges.

It was suggested that the topics for the boys and girls to write on be as follows:

1. Conservation of the Soil
2. Wildlife Management
3. Song Birds
4. Fish Management

It was agreed by the group that the essay should not be more than 450 words in length.

The prizes offered for each of the 2 groups are to be as follows: First - \$10.00; Second - \$5.00; Third - \$3.00; Fourth - \$2.00 and ten prizes of \$1.00 each, making a total of \$30.00.

The entries are to be sent to the county superintendent's office by February 1, 1950. It was suggested that the 2 top essays be published in the local papers.

Robert Kelly called on the Secretary who read the minutes of the August 4 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

There being no further business to come before the group, the meeting was adjourned.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 11, 1949

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was held Tuesday evening, October 11, with the following present: Robert Kelly, Floyd Fawcett, Arnold Meier, Harlon Backhaus and Don Williams. Howard Hamilton, Secretary, was also present but left early because of another meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Robert Kelly at 7:40 P. M. Robert Kelly called on Don Williams who read the minutes of the September 20 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Arnold Meier moved that an outline of the proposed plan for the essay contest be drawn up and sent to each commissioner so that they could contact the superintendents of the town schools in the county. It was agreed that the proposed plan would be drawn up.

The bills from Hedges-Baker Lumber Company for lumber for \$17.20 and 70 cents were presented. Motion made by Arnold Meier, seconded by Floyd Fawcett, that these bills be approved. Motion carried.

The following farm plans were presented by Don Williams:

Farm Plan No. 70 - Robert Schroeder, Tipton
Farm Plan No. 71 - Ferguson & Soppe, Tipton
Farm Plan No. 72 - Harold Oldorf, Stanwood
Farm Plan No. 73 - Dwayne Drager, Tipton

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that the above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

Floyd Fawcett made a motion that a banquet be held in connection with the election of a district commissioner next winter. Motion seconded by Arnold Meier. Motion carried. It was decided that the latter part of January would probably be the best time to hold the banquet. Harlon Backhaus was instructed to check into the possibilities of getting a banquet speaker.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Arnold Meier made a motion that the meeting adjourn; seconded by Floyd Fawcett. Meeting adjourned.

Don N. Williams
Secretary Pro Tem

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 15, 1949

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was held Tuesday evening, November 15, with the following present: Arnold Meier, Floyd Fawcett, Robert Kelly, Harlon Backhaus and Donald Williams.

The meeting was called to order by Arnold Meier at 8:25 P. M. Don Williams read the minutes of the October 11 meeting in the absence of the Secretary, Howard A. Hamilton. The minutes were approved as read.

The following farm plans were presented by Don Williams:

Farm Plan No. 74 - Paul Kellerhals, Mechanicsville
Farm Plan No. 75 - James S. Smith, Stanwood
Farm Plan No. 76 - Douglas Cashman, Clarence
Farm Plan No. 77 - Ed Davidson, Stanwood
Farm Plan No. 78 - L. L. Chesmore, Stanwood

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the above farm plans be approved with the reservation that the L. L. Chesmore plan be written with the recommendation that the fences be put on the contour. Motion carried.

The Commissioners expenses of \$49.24 for Robert Kelly, \$7.56 for Floyd Fawcett, and \$3.36 for Arnold Meier--Total--\$60.16--was presented. Motion by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Arnold Meier that the Commissioners' expenses be approved as presented. Motion carried.

The 2A budget was discussed and it was decided to submit a request for a Whirlwind terracer, camera and filing cabinet in a revised 2A budget.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the prize money for the essay contest be divided into groups of two \$10.00 prizes, four \$5.00 prizes, and ten \$2.00 prizes. Motion carried.

It was decided to have the next meeting at 1:30 P. M., Wednesday, December 14.

It was decided to send Floyd Fawcett to the State Short Course for District Commissioners in January.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Arnold Meier made a motion that the meeting adjourn; seconded by Floyd Fawcett. Meeting adjourned.

Don N. Williams
Secretary Pro-Tem

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 14, 1949

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was held Wednesday, December 14, with the following present: Harlon Backhaus, Robert Kelly, Floyd Fawcett, Don Williams, Melvin Bird and Howard A. Hamilton.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by Robert Kelly, Chairman. Mr. Kelly called on the secretary for the minutes. Secretary Hamilton read the minutes of the November 15, 1949, meeting which were approved as read.

The group discussed the school essay contest. It was suggested that Harlon Backhaus, Superintendent Gill and Robert Kelly are to act as judges of this contest.

Robert Kelly called on Harlon Backhaus for a reading of the budget. It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Robert Kelly that we authorize the state committee to purchase a camera with light meter and flash light attachment and filing cabinet for Cedar County. Motion carried.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Robert Kelly that the committee secure 3 local bids for a terracer.

It was suggested that the following 30 or 40 leaders be invited in to a one-day soils meeting with the thought in mind of using them as group leaders to help hold meetings:

Walter Kiehl, Mechanicsville	Harold White, West Branch
Alvin Davidson, Mechanicsville	Frank Floerchinger, West Branch
Everett Ferguson, Lisbon	Sam Ireys, West Liberty
Wm. Geadelmann, Clarence	Mearl Crist, Stanwood
Harold Barnhart, West Branch	Ronald Spear, Stanwood
Ivan Barnhart, West Branch	Frank Thomson, Mechanicsville
Nevin Kelley, Wilton Junction	James High, Mechanicsville
Le Roy Thede, Wilton Junction	Ted Worrall, West Branch
Walter Grimm, Wilton Junction	Ralph Pelzer, Atalissa
Mike Schmidt, Wheatland	Forest Davis, West Liberty
Walter Behrens, Lowden	Lester Chapman, Atalissa
Orlando Steffens, Wheatland	Leroy Wiese, Bennett
Elias Williams, Olin	Delbert Wiese, Bennett
	Harry Johansen, Bennett

Robert Kelly appointed Floyd Fawcett and Arnold Meier to handle the nomination papers for the commissioner to be elected.

Don Williams presented the following bills: \$7.28 for stamped envelopes from the post office and \$9.06 for 2000 letterheads from the Clarence Sun Publishing Company. It was moved by Robert Kelly and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the bills be allowed. Motion carried.

Applications for soil conservation work were presented from G. D. Goldsmith of Tipton and Elwood Rhoads of Mechanicsville. It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Robert Kelly that both applications be approved. Motion carried.

The following farm plans were presented and upon a motion by Floyd Fawcett and second by Robert Kelly were approved as presented:

Farm Plan No. 79 - Wm. Wade, Tipton
Farm Plan No. 80 - Herschel Flater, Moscow
Farm Plan No. 81 - Ralph Gaul, Tipton
Farm Plan No. 82 - Sam Thumma, Mechanicsville

It was suggested by the group that the soil conservation banquet be held Tuesday evening, February 7. Howard A. Hamilton will look after the place and dinner arrangements. It was suggested that the tickets be sold for \$1.50 and the ladies to receive \$1.25 for serving the same.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by Robert Kelly that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 11, 1950

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was held Wednesday, January 11, with the following present: Harlan Backhaus, Robert Kelly, Arnold Meier, Don Williams and Melvin Bird.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by Robert Kelly, Chairman. Mr. Kelly called on Don Williams for the minutes of the December 14, 1949, meeting which was approved as read.

The group discussed the District Commissioners election and it was decided to open the ballot box from 2:00 until 9:00 P. M.

The program for the banquet was discussed and it was decided to get Mr. Weatherwax and Don Ruether on the program. Several possibilities for a speaker were discussed and it was decided to have Harlon contact and get one of these.

The following farm plans were presented and upon a motion by Arnold Meier, and seconded by Robert Kelly were approved as presented:

Farm Plan No. 83 - Don Driscoll, Mechanicsville
Farm Plan No. 84 - Leo Driscoll, Mechanicsville
Farm Plan No. 85 - Erwin Lehrman, Mechanicsville
Farm Plan No. 86 - Edward Scorpil, Wilton Junction

The matter of who would be responsible to the state committee for the whirlwind terracer was discussed and it was decided to make Arnold Meier responsible.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Robert Kelly that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Don Williams
Secretary Pro-tem

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 10, 1950

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was held Friday, February 10, 1950, with the following present: Harlan Backhaus, Don Williams, Melvin Bird, George Kiser, Floyd Fawcett, Arnold Meier, and Howard A. Hamilton.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by Arnold Meier, acting as chairman. Mr. Meier called on Secretary Hamilton to read the minutes of the January 11 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

After some discussion of a new chairman, it was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by George Kiser that Arnold Meier be elected Chairman. Motion carried.

Don Williams was called upon to give a report of the banquet. He indicated that 151 tickets had been sold for a total of \$226.50. Expenses for the meeting were as follow: \$187.50 for W.S.C.S. of Methodist Church, \$9.16 for Earl Elijah for a present for Robert Kelly, \$3.06 for printing tickets, making a total of \$199.72, leaving a balance of \$26.78. It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the above report of the receipts and expenditures as presented by Don Williams be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Arnold Meier that Floyd Fawcett be elected as Treasurer, Motion carried.

It was moved by Floyd Fawcett and seconded by George Kiser that Howard A. Hamilton be elected as Secretary. Motion carried.

The following expenses were incurred from December 1, 1949 to February 10, 1950: \$1.84 for light bulbs, .50¢ for an educational poster, \$52.49 for a new cabinet file from the Des Moines Stationery Company, \$41.33 for Floyd Fawcett---expenses from December 1, 1949 to February 10, 1950, \$6.32 for Arnold Meier---expenses from December 1, 1949 to February 10, 1950, for Robert Kelly---expenses from December 1, 1949 to February 10, 1950, 95¢ for Arnold Meier and 95¢ for Floyd Fawcett for meals February 10, 1950.

A suggested program for the soils leaders meeting for February 15, was presented by Harlon Backhaus. The program sounded very good and was approved by the Commissioners.

Following a discussion of the annual report, it was suggested that Floyd Fawcett go over the material with Harlon Backhaus.

The following farm plans were discussed:

Farm Plan No. 87 - Walter Conrad, Clarnece
Farm Plan No. 88 - Erwin Butterbrodt, Tipton
Farm Plan No. 89 - Vernon L. Petersen, Tipton
Farm Plan No. 90 - Wm. Davidson, Stanwood

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

It was suggested that Milo Ahrens' old farm plan No. 38 be cancelled and a new farm plan be given the same number. It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the new farm plan of Milo Ahrens be No. 38. Motion carried.

Following some discussion of Floyd Fawcett's farm plan, it was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Arnold Meier that the plan be approved with the suggested changes mentioned by Floyd Fawcett. Motion carried.

There was some discussion of how to dispose of the bromegrass seed which George Kiser has on hand. It was suggested that an effort be made to secure a farmer who would use part of it for seed production to be given back to the Soils District.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Floyd Fawcett that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton, Sec.

SOILS COMMISSIONERS MEETING

March 15, 1950

Arnold Meier, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners to order at 1:45 P. M. with the following present: Arnold Meier, George Kiser, Howard A. Hamilton, Harlon Backhaus, Don Williams, and Melvin Bird.

Mr. Meier called on the secretary for the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of February 10, were read and approved as read.

George Kiser reported that he sold the bromegrass for 45¢ per pound. He indicated that he would turn over some of his 1950 seed to the soils district. It was suggested that Marvin Mallie, Elwood Hain and George Kiser be sent copies of the pamphlet on the use of bromegrass for seed production.

The essay and scrapbook contest was discussed. It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Arnold Meier that we submit a bill to the state committee for \$60.00 for prizes for the essay contest. Motion carried.

The following bills were presented: Don Williams, \$1.84 for 10 flash bulbs; postcards, \$1.00; 5 sheets of poster paper - 75¢; February 5, rental of City Hall - \$2.50.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Arnold Meier that Clifford Connelly of Mechanicsville, Section 21, Red Oak Township, be added to Group 18 of Carl Mitzner. Group 19 containing 17 farmers with Arnold Ridenour as chairman was approved as a group. It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Arnold Meier that Marvin W. Goldsmith of Clarence be included in Group 15 with B. G. Penningroth as chairman. It was suggested that 40 acres be added to the George Kiser farm plan.

The terracing machine was discussed. The Commissioners agreed to charge \$1.50 per hour for the actual time the machine was in use plus \$2.00 per day for every day the individual had it. A fraction of a day will be considered the same as though he had the machine for a full day.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by George Kiser that 95¢ be added to the last month's minutes for both Arnold Meier and Floyd Fawcett for their meals on February 10. Motion carried.

The following farm plans were discussed:

- Farm Plan No. 92 - D. C. Armstrong, Mechanicsville
- Farm Plan No. 93 - Lawrence Kroemer, Stanwood
- Farm Plan No. 94 - Don Smith, Stanwood
- Farm Plan No. 95 - B. G. Penningroth, Tipton
- Farm Plan No. 96 - Ernest Werling, Tipton
- Farm Plan No. 97 - Earl Eiselstein, Lowden

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Arnold Meier that the above farm plans be approved.

It was moved by arnold Meier and seconded by George Kiser that we adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 12, 1950

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was called together Wednesday evening at 8:00 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were George Kiser, Arnold Meier, Melvin Bird, Harlon Backhaus, Don Williams, and Howard A. Hamilton.

Mr. Meier called on the Secretary who read the March 15 minutes and were approved as read.

The following groups were discussed and accepted as work groups: 6 men in Group No. 20 with Donald Daut as Chairman, 5 men in Group No. 21 with Frank Fisher as Chairman. It was also suggested that an effort be made to secure a work group around Walter Kiehl and Alvin Davidson of Mechanicsville.

The scrapbook contest was discussed and it was agreed to sponsor one again this year.

The Commissioners discussed the budgets and orders for supplies and equipment.

The following forms were approved upon motion by George Kiser and seconded by Arnold Meier: Forms No. 1000, 1001, 1001A, 1002, and 1003.

The Commissioners decided to order 8 folding chairs and a trailer to haul the terracing machine.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Arnold Meier that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 10, 1950

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was called together Wednesday evening, May 10, at 8:05 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were Arnold Meier, George Kiser, Melvin Bird, Harlon Backhaus, and Howard A. Hamilton, and Don Williams.

Mr. Meier called on the Secretary who read the April 12 minutes and they were approved as read.

The following farm plans were discussed:

Farm Plan No. 98 - Ben Tholen, Tipton
Farm Plan No. 99 - Cornell College No. 2, Mechanicsville
Farm Plan No. 100 - Elwood Rhoads, Mechanicsville
Farm Plan No. 101 - Ralph Schooley, West Branch
Farm Plan No. 102 - Ralph Schooley, West Branch

It was moved by George Kiser, seconded by Arnold Meier, that the above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

A discussion was held in regard to opening an account with the bank. The account would be called Cedar County Soil Conservation District.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Arnold Meier that Robert Kelly's expense for \$6.46 be approved.

The following work groups were discussed and it was moved by George Kiser, seconded by Arnold Meier, that the groups be accepted:

No. 22 - David Wordsworth, Tipton - 5 men
No. 23 - Lester Chapman, Moscow - 4 men
No. 24 - H. L. Witmer, Tipton - 4 men

A discussion on possible appointments for a commissioner to take Floyd Fawcett's place was held.

It was moved by George Kiser, seconded by Arnold Meier that 50 days at \$8.00 per day and 2700 miles at 7¢ budget on 1949-50 2A budget be turned back to state committee.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Arnold Meier that Don Williams be reimbursed \$60.00 for awards for essay contest.

It was moved by Arnold Meier, seconded by George Kiser that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

June 19, 1950

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was called Monday evening, June 19, at 8:20 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were Arnold Meier, George Kiser, Harlon Backhaus, and Don Williams.

Mr. Meier requested that Don Williams read the minutes of the May 10 meeting in the absence of Howard Hamilton who was attending an Extension short course. The minutes were approved as read.

The following farm plans were discussed:

Farm Plan No. 104 - Hugo Stuhr, Tipton
Farm Plan No. 105 - Hugo Stuhr & Harold Syring, Tipton
Farm Plan No. 106 - Arnold Mente, Tipton

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by George Kiser that the above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

The following bills were presented:

\$27.47 - George Kiser, expense
88.36 - Arnold Meier, expense
36.90 - 8 steel folding chairs
5.06 - 2 rolls black and white film and 1 roll colored film
1.84 - 10 flash bulbs
8.57 - for terracer hitch
7.28 - 200 envelopes
6.90 - 2 Kodachrome films, 20 exposures

George Kiser moved that the above bills be approved, seconded by Arnold Meier. Motion carried.

It was moved by George Kiser that the \$60.00 which Arnold Meier reimbursed Don Williams on the essay contest be approved, seconded by Arnold Meier. Motion carried. This is a total of \$120.00 reimbursed Don Williams for essay contest prizes.

A discussion was held in regard to an exhibit at the county fair. It was decided to provide an exhibit for the fair.

Collections for rental on the terracer was discussed. It was decided that a collection should be made whenever a farmer offered to pay; otherwise, a bill will be sent after a commissioners' meeting.

It was moved by Arnold Meier, seconded by George Kiser that the meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 P. M.

Don Williams
Secretary Pro-tem

SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

July 12, 1950

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was held Wednesday evening, July 12, at Don William's Office. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman.

The Secretary read the minutes of the June 19 meeting and they were approved as read.

Those present included Arnold Meier, George Kiser, Harlon Backhaus, Don Williams, and Howard A. Hamilton.

Howard Hamilton discussed a recent meeting concerning the soil testing laboratory at Cedar Rapids and suggested that it would be necessary for all of us to encourage farmers to send in more soil samples during the slack season if we wish to keep the laboratory in operation. He also suggested that the Farm Planner should encourage farmers with complete farm plans to have their soil tested.

He reported on the sale of the levels and suggested that since these were purchased at the request of the commissioners, that we should see if we couldn't sell the same.

Plans were discussed for an exhibit in connection with the county fair. It was finally suggested that the exhibit be held in the International tent if possible and that the terracer along with a number of pictures be used to create interest in the soil conservation program.

Arrangements were made for Arnold Meier and George Kiser to contact Wm. Wertzbaugher and find out whether or not he would serve as a commissioner replacing Floyd Fawcett.

It was suggested that Don Williams contact George Langdon or Ralph Albaugh and secure some good pictures for the fair exhibit.

Mrs. Burdette Schultz's farm of Wilton Junction, Iowa was approved as a single farm.

Arnold Meier suggested that we needed some new groups before fall and each one of us should be thinking about plans for securing the same.

Farm Plan No. 107, Wm. Geadelmann, Clarence, and Farm Plan No. 108, Erwin Niermeyer, Clarence, were considered by the commissioners. It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Arnold Meier that the 2 above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by George Kiser that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 15, 1950

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was held Tuesday, August 15, at Don Williams's Office. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were: George Kiser, Arnold Meier, Wm. Wertzbaugher, Harlon Backhaus, Don Williams, and Howard A. Hamilton.

Chairman Meier called on the secretary who read the minutes of the July 12 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

The 1-A and 2-A budgets for the period ending June 30, 1950, were reviewed by the committee. The 1-A budget showed an expenditure of \$270.76 and the 2-A budget showed an expenditure of \$730.84. It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the report on the two budgets be approved. Motion carried.

Arnold Meier was instructed to send a letter to the state committee recommending Wm. Wertzbaugher as a commissioner replacing Floyd Fawcett.

Harlon Backhaus discussed plans for a soils meeting with the rural teachers of the county on August 25 from 9:30 A. M. to 12:00 noon. The meeting is to be held on the Marvin Mallie farm.

The committee indicated that the following farmers would have bromegrass seed available this year: Marvin Mallie, George Kiser, Ernest Werling, Earl Elijah, Clifford Tisinger, Kenneth Clements, Carl Agne and Arnold Mente.

The Extension Director discussed plans for a farm management tour. It was agreed by the commissioners that we should try to work out a joint farm management and SCS tour if possible during the week of September 11. It was suggested that the E. G. Anderson of West Branch farm or one of the commissioners farms could be used for the SCS part of the program.

It was suggested that a general SCS tour be held between September 25 and October 15 and that Darrell Russel be asked to attend this tour as well as the one during the week of September 11 to lead a short discussion on soil testing.

Harlon Backhaus discussed plans for an SCS trip to LaCrosse, Wisconsin, on September 15. All present indicated an interest in attending this trip if possible. The secretary was asked to check on room reservations.

The following farm plans were considered by the commissioners:

- Farm Plan No. 109 - Lawrence Ruther, Clarence
- Farm Plan No. 110 - I. S. Larson, West Branch
- Farm Plan No. 111 - Herman Schwein, Clarence
- Farm Plan No. 112 - Elmer Schroeder, Clarence

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by George Kiser that we approve the above farm plans. Motion carried.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the LaForrest Jedlicka farm be included with the Victor Gaul group. Motion carried.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 25, 1950

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was held September 25, at Don Williams's Office. The meeting was called together at 1:45 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman, with the following present: George Kiser, Wm. Wertzbaugher, Arnold Meier, Don Williams, Harlon Backhaus, and Howard Hamilton.

The chairman called on the secretary who read the minutes of the August 15 meeting which was approved as read.

There was a short discussion of the LaCrosse trip.

The following bills were submitted:

Wm. Wertzbaugher:

September 14 and 15 - 502 miles to Lansing and Vicinity
August 15 - 36 miles to commissioners meeting
September 25 - 36 miles to commissioners meeting

George Kiser:

July 12 - 26 miles
August 15 - 26 miles
August 16 - 26 miles
September 14 and 15 - 434 miles
September 25 - 26 miles

Arnold Meier:

July 12 - 16 miles
August 15 - 16 miles

September 25 - 200 postcards, \$2.00
Pictures from Conservative - \$13.50

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by George Kiser that the above bills be allowed. Motion carried.

The group discussed the September 29 tour. It was suggested that cards be sent to the ag teachers at Olin, Wilton Junction, and Tipton. It was also suggested that a stop be planned at Milo Ahrens's on the pasture improvement work.

The following interest meetings were recorded: Don Williams held one at E. E. Wards of West Liberty and at the Bennett Bank. Harlon Backhaus and George Kiser held one at the Lyle Chapman farm, Durant.

Don Williams reported on a meeting held at Frank Fisher's with 100% of the group in attendance.

It was suggested that the Farm Planner go ahead in Farmington as far as possible with Lyle Chapman and Chas. Moeller and others interested.

The following farm plans were approved:

Farm Plan No. 113 - Pat Donovan, Tipton
Farm Plan No. 114 - Port Stonerook, Clarence
Farm Plan No. 115 - James Ward, Clarence
Farm Plan No. 116 - Marvin Goldsmith, Clarence
Farm Plan No. 117 - Floyd Aegerter, Tipton (Cornell College)

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the above farm plans be accepted. Motion carried.

Albert Scorpil, Hugh Elliott and C. S. Miller requested additional help. It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Arnold Meier that we go ahead and assist them. Motion carried.

The Goodyear Tire contest was discussed and following a short discussion it was moved by George Kiser, seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the Cedar County District enter the 1951 Goodyear contest. Motion carried.

Moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 8, 1950

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was held at Don Williams's Office Wednesday, November 8. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were: Arnold Meier, George Kiser, Wm. Wertzbaugher, Harlon Backhaus, Don Williams, Melvin Bird and Howard A. Hamilton.

Mr. Meier called on the Secretary who read the minutes of the September 25 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Don Williams reported the following bills:

\$1.00 for Al Warner for painting sign
\$6.35 for Brown and Murphy for equipment for the terracing machine.

He reported receipts of \$22.50 from the use of the terracing machine on 4 different farms.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the 2 above bills be approved. Motion carried.

Melvin Bird reported that the state auditor Allen Schroeder had checked the books and found them to be in good shape.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Arnold Meier that the district purchase 4 of the good \$4.75 levels with state funds. Motion carried.

It was suggested that we discuss the Goodyear program at the next meeting.

The following farm plans were presented:

Farm Plan No. 118 - Howard Hines, Mechanicsville
Farm Plan No. 119 - Robert Kelly, Clarence
Farm Plan No. 120 - Ray Severin, Lowden
Farm Plan No. 121 - Amy Meyer and Leo Bopp, Massillon
Farm Plan No. 122 - Hugo Rix, Clarence
Farm Plan No. 123 - L. H. Dickinson, Wilton Junction

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

The following requests for farm plans were received: Arnold Monte, Tipton, on the 80 acres which he rents and Gerald Stout, West Branch. Owner of the Stout farm is Mary Adams under the supervision of the Doane Agricultural Service, Box 1134, Cedar Rapids, Forest Gotsch, Fieldman.

It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that the 2 above requests for farm plans be considered when possible.

The possibility of new groups was discussed. Several suggestions were offered including possible groups south of Lowden.

It was suggested that the next meeting be held December 13, and that the winter meetings be held in the afternoon.

The group discussed the annual meeting and plans for writing the annual report with the details to be worked out at the next meeting.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
December 19, 1950

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was held at Don Williams's Office Tuesday, December 19. The meeting was called to order at 1:45 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were: Arnold Meier, George Kiser, Wm. Wertzbaugher, Harlon Backhaus, Don Williams, Melvin Bird and Howard A. Hamilton.

Mr. Meier called on the Secretary who read the minutes of the November 8 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

The Commissioners discussed the ordering of levels. It was suggested that Howard A. Hamilton turn in a receipt for 4 of them.

It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that the bill of \$2.50 to Nephew and Woods be approved for hanging the sign in front of the office. Motion carried.

It was suggested that the banquet be held February 20 at \$1.50 per ticket, and that we secure an extra \$25.00 hall rent to help cover expenses.

Harlon stated that the Commissioners Short Course at Ames would be held January 2 to January 5. It was suggested that Wm. Wertzbaugher go, if possible; if he is unable to attend, George Kiser will take his place.

The group discussed field day on Stanley Shima's farm.

The Commissioners discussed the following farm plans:

- Farm Plan No. 124 - Orva Phillis, Tipton
- Farm Plan No. 126 - Charles Driscoll, Mechanicsville
- Farm plan No. 127 - Edwin Blake, Tipton
- Farm Plan No. 128 - E. E. Ward, West Liberty
- Farm Plan No. 129 - Stanley Shima, Tipton
- Farm Plan No. 130 - Carl Mitzner, Tipton
- Farm Plan No. 131 - Leo Fisher, Stanwood

It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that the above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

The group discussed the annual report and County Short Course to be held January 22 and February 5 with Jerry Meldrum discussing "Soils and Rotations" and Walter Weiss, "Grasses and Legumes". It was suggested that we invite all old cooperators, and ask them to bring a neighbor along.

It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
January 12, 1951

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was held at Don Williams's Office Friday, January 12. The meeting was called to order at 10:45 A. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were: Arnold Meier, George Kiser, Wm. Wertzbaugher, Harlon Backhaus, Don Williams, Melvin Bird and Howard A. Hamilton.

Mr. Meier called on the Secretary who read the minutes of the December 19 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Discussion for the annual banquet took place in which a limit of 175 tickets was decided. Jim Beckett was suggested to lead Community Singing. 350 tickets are to be printed for the S. C. D. Banquet. The tickets will read: date, February 21, time, 6:30 P. M., place, M. E. Church, and the price, \$1.50.

The group talked over the annual report and what was to be included.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that Melvin Bird be re-inbursed for a box of envelopes (\$9.08) which he purchased for the district. Motion carried.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by George Kiser that the district purchase 1000 envelopes and 500 cards. Motion carried.

The following bills were submitted:

Arnold Meier

December 13 ---- Regional Meeting Anamosa \$5.83
January 12 ---- Commissioner Meeting \$1.42

Wm. Wertzbaugher

November 8 ---- Commissioner Meeting \$2.52
December 13 ---- Regional Meeting Anamosa \$3.80
December 19 ---- Commissioner Meeting \$2.52
January 12 ---- Commissioner Meeting \$3.94

George Kiser

November 8 ---- Commissioner Meeting \$1.68
December 13 ---- Regional Meeting Anamosa \$2.96
December 19 ---- Commissioner Meeting \$1.68
January 12 ---- Commissioner Meeting \$3.10

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the bills be allowed.

It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that Mrs. Jack Smith be hired at \$.75 per hour. Motion carried.

The Essay and Scrap-book contest will close February 28th. It was suggested that someone would check with Superintendent Gill to see if we can work in our presentation of awards with the eighth grade exercises.

The following farm plans were presented:

Carl Mitzner	}	Farm Plan No. 132
and Raymond Thompson		
Clifford Connelly		Farm Plan No. 133
Curtis A. Cromer		Farm Plan No. 134
Alvah Morpew		Farm Plan No. 135
George Kiser		Farm Plan No. 121

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

Discussion was held of Good Year Tire and Rubber Contest.

It was moved by George and seconded Wm. Wertzbaugher that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
January 29, 1951

The special meeting of the Soil Commissioners was held at Don Williams's Office Monday, January 29. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were: Arnold Meier, George Kiser, Wm. Wertzbaugher, Harlon Backhaus, Don Williams, Melvin Bird and Howard A. Hamilton.

A discussion of the banquet took place and after considerable checking with the ladies and with the speaker, it was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the banquet be held at twelve o'clock noon February 21 at the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Tipton and that the tickets be sold at \$1.75 each. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that we approve the Soil Conservation stamp costing \$1.50 from the Tipton Conservative. Motion carried.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting February 16 at 10:30 A. M.

It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by Geo. Kiser that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
February 20, 1951

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was held at the S. C. S. office Tuesday February 20th. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were Arnold Meier, George Kiser, Wm. Wertzbaugher, Don Williams, Harlan Backhaus, and Melvin Bird.

Minutes of the January 12th meeting were approved as read.

The following farm plans were presented:

Howard McClellan-----	Plan No. 136
C. W. La Rue } -----	Plan No. 138
Wm. C. Palmer } -----	
Victor Andresen -----	Plan No. 139
Frank Fisher -----	Plan No. 140
Donald Daut -----	Plan No. 141

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Bill Wertzbaugher that the above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

The annual report for 1950 of district activities was written and discussed. Moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that it be approved. Motion carried.

It was suggested that complimentary tickets to the annual meeting, be given to Jim Beckett and Rev. Kratzat.

Moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by George Kiser that \$350 from the 2A Budget be turned back to the State Committee. Three hundred of this amount is to be taken from that which had previously been set aside for technical assistance. The remaining \$50 is to be taken from that which was allotted for technician's mileage. Motion carried.

Moved by George Kiser and seconded by Bill Wertzbaugher that the LeRoy Wiese group consisting of nine farmers be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by George Kiser that W. D. Willer and Robert Meinholdt be accepted as additions to the D. C. Wardsworth group. Also that W. H. Peden, Joe Barclay and Fred Schroeder be added to the Don Daut group, and Henry C. Meyer be added to the George Kiser group. Robert Mather to be accepted as an individual. Motion carried.

Moved by George Kiser and seconded by Bill Wertzbaugher that the meeting adjourn.

Melvin Bird
Pro-Tem.

Cedar County Soil Commissioners Meeting
March 15, 1951

Following an early dinner in Tipton, the Cedar County Soil Commissioners met at Don Williams's Office at 12:30 noon, March 15. The meeting was called to order by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were Wm. Wertzbaugher, George Kiser, Arnold Meier, Marion Backhaus, Don Williams, Melvin Bird, and Howard A. Hamilton.

Chairman Meier called on the secretary who read the minutes of the February 20 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

The following farm plans were discussed:

Farm Plan No. 137 - Cedric C. Ballou, Tipton
Farm Plan No. 142 - Freeman Kaufmann, Wilton Junction
Farm Plan No. 143 - LaForest Jedlicka, Tipton
Farm Plan No. 144 - Claude Mitchell, Tipton
Farm Plan No. 145 - Albert F. Scorpil, Tipton

It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that the above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

A letter from Darrell Russel on the use of a soil conservation exhibit was discussed and the commissioners indicated that it might be of considerable value if we could use it during our fair week, August 7 to 10.

Melvin Bird reported on the annual banquet.

Ticket Sales - \$224.00
Dinners--Ladies Guild - \$131.25
Rental of Church - \$25.00
(for annual meeting)
Expense of Tom Kelly - \$60.10 ✓

The following bills were approved:

February 21: 2 reams of mimeograph paper - \$3.50
Use of City Hall January 22 & February 5 - \$5.00

Don Williams mentioned a number of additions to old groups. It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the following be added to their respective groups. Motion carried.

Donald Driscoll to Wm. Davidson group
L. B. Morehouse to the Ridenour group
Stanley Elder to the Ward group
H. V. Conley to the Chapman group

There was also considerable discussion on the need for more groups.

It was suggested by the commissioners that Elias Williams be accepted for an individual farm plan in the event there are not enough of his neighbors interested to form a group.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the committee approve the purchase of 5 bundles of 50 each of laths.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

Cedar County Soil Commissioners Meeting
April 11, 1951

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman, who called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the March 15 meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Those present were Wm. Wertzbaugher, George Kiser, Arnold Meier, Harlon Backhaus, Don Williams, Melvin Bird, Hy Von Muenster, and Howard A. Hamilton.

The group discussed the housing and building problem and the various possibilities for housing P. M. A., S. C. S., P. C. A., and Federal Farm Loan. They discussed the possibility of enlarging the present P. M. A. Office and also the possibility of various other locations in Tipton. It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that Hy Von Muenster, Arnold Meier, and Don Williams be appointed on a committee to investigate the various possibilities for office space suitable to the entire group. Motion carried.

The group discussed the work load and the possibility of using Robert Kelly of Clarence for taking soil samples and helping to lay out contours. The group also discussed plans for various practices such as tiling, contouring and ponds.

The following farm plans were discussed and considered:

- Farm Plan No. 146 - Grunder and Witmer
- Farm Plan No. 147 - Naly and Hutchinson
- Farm Plan No. 148 - David W. Bishop
- Farm Plan No. 149 - Lester Chapman
- Farm Plan No. 150 - Roger A. Messner and Carl Mather
- Farm Plan No. 151 - Vern McClung
- Farm Plan No. 152 - Don Showalter

It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that the above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

Wm. Wertzbaugher indicated that he received a letter from Darrell Russel approving of his farm exhibit to be used at the Cedar County Fair, August 7 to 10.

Don Williams reported that requests had come from Harold White for a possible group in his vicinity. He also indicated that a possible group could be formed around Ralph Johnston.

Harlon Backhaus read a news release extending Dr. Bennett's time as U. S. Head of S. C. S.

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Additions

Howard Rhoades - Re-planned

Request - Darrel Dircks Group was approved.

The following bills were presented:

Tipton Conservative - \$11.50 for paper
Hedges-Cough - \$7.65 for laths
Wm. Wertzbaugher - \$16.49 - expense to March 15, 1951
Arnold Meier - \$5.66 - expense to March 15, 1951
George Kiser - \$14.84 - expense to March 15, 1951

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher
that the bills be approved. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

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Cedar County Soil Commissioners Meeting
May 9, 1951

The meeting of the Soil Commissioners was called to order May 9 at 8:00 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were Wm. Wertzbaugher, George Kiser, Arnold Meier, Don Williams, Harlon Backhaus and Howard A. Hamilton.

Mr. Meier called on the secretary to read the minutes of the April 11 meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Meier reported that Robert Kelly of Clarence had indicated that he would take soil samples.

Harlon Backhaus read a suggested letter and questionnaire to be sent to the farmers. After considerable discussion it was suggested that the letter be rewritten and some of the material taken out. The group also suggested that a letter be sent to those who had requested tilling. Harlon and Arnold agreed to rewrite the letters in order that they may be available for sending out the next general PMA mailing.

The commissioners suggested that Don Williams order 5,000 sheets of stationary.

It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that the following clerks time be approved:

January 15 to February 14 - \$36.00
February 15 to March 14 - \$40.50
March 15 to April 14 - \$42.00

Motion carried.

The commissioners suggested that Don Williams write about the price of the cheap wood and metal hand levels.

~~X~~ It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that we ask contract tilers to contribute two cents per rod to the soils district where Don Williams or the ag. engineer help lay out the same. Motion carried.

It was suggested that a soil testing kit be ordered from Darrell Russel, Cedar Rapids.

Various housing possibilities were discussed by the group.

Requests for assistance were received from the following:

George Brown, Mechanicsville
Lester Nicholl, Mechanicsville
Ray Puffer, Mechanicsville
Everett Ferguson, Lisbon
R. H. Bowman, Mechanicsville

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the above requests be accepted. Motion carried.

Don Williams reported on a meeting which he held at West Branch.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that Farm Plan No. 153 of Forest Rhoads be approved. Motion carried.

The commissioners discussed the 1952 budget.

It was suggested that an estimate for the clerk be made on a half-time basis and that Harlon prepare a tentative budget for the next meeting.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
June 13, 1951

The meeting of the Soil Commissioners was called to order June 13, at 8:30 P. M. by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were Arnold Meier, Wm. Wertzbaugher, George Kiser, Don Williams, Harlon Backhaus, and Howard A. Hamilton.

Mr. Meier called on the Secretary who read the minutes of the May 9 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

The Secretary read a letter from Lester Clapp on the Soil Conservation Scholarship for teachers. He also discussed the Beef Producers feed lot tour planned for June 29.

The following bills were presented:

ad in the Conservative - \$12.80
ad in the Advertiser - \$3.50
Arnold Meier, 80 miles to Cedar Rapids March 27, for state committee meeting

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that we purchase the 10 bundles of lath at \$1.00 per bundle from Otto Pruess. Motion carried. It was also suggested that Don Williams secure the remaining bundles of lath which Mr. Pruess has available.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by George Kiser that the above bills be approved.

They discussed the wages of the clerk and agreed to leave them at the same rate which is \$7.00 per day.

Don Williams mentioned that Mr. Nelson was helping Melvin Bird as a rod man. The committee agreed to pay him at the rate of \$7.00 per day.

The following receipts were reported:

Robert Murphy for tiling - \$11.07²
Robert Kelly for use of terracing machine - \$18.00

The annual meeting of the District Commissioners date has been set for September 11 and 12.

It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that we approve \$60.00 for the prize winners in the county scrapbook contest.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that we approve the mileage for George Kiser, trip to the pasture farm at Albia June 7, 1951. Motion carried.

Harlon Backhaus discussed the 1-A budget for the coming year and estimated a total need of \$500.00. It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the 1-A budget be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that Don Williams purchase 1000 envelopes and 500 postcards. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that Don Williams secure bids from the Conservative and Advertiser for 5000 letterheads made from 20 bond paper. Motion carried.

Harlon Backhaus discussed the 2-A budget for the coming year which indicated a need of \$1686.00. It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by George Kiser that the 2-A budget be approved. Motion carried.

Requests for assistance were received from the following:

Richard Dircks and 10 other farmers in his community
Herschel Martin, Bennett
Cedric Ballou, Tipton
John R. Smith, Tipton

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the above requests be approved.

The following farm plans were presented:

Farm Plan No. 155 - Eadsley & Rummels, West Branch
Farm Plan No. 156 - Louis Ahrens

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

Harlon Backhaus explained the new district agreement blanks for the cooperators. It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that we approve the new agreement forms. Motion carried.

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by George Kiser that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

July 11, 1951

The meeting of the Soil Commissioners was called to order at 8:00 P. M., July 11, by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were: Wm. Wertzbaugher, Arnold Meier, George Kiser, Don Williams, Harlon Backhaus, and Howard A. Hamilton.

Mr. Meier called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the June 13 meeting. With one or two corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

The group discussed plans for the educational soils exhibit at the county fair. It was suggested that Don Williams order a tent of approximately 14 x 14 feet from the Cedar Rapids Tent and Awning Company. The committee suggested conducting a guessing contest to help create more interest. People will be given an opportunity to guess the number of brome heads in a glass container. Prizes are to be as follows: 1st prize - 2 bushels of brome grass seed, 2nd prize - 1 bushel of brome grass seed. The Commissioners as well as the S. C. S. employed personnel indicated that they would help part time in the booth.

The following farm plans were considered:

Farm Plan No. 157 - Arnold Monte
Farm Plan No. 158 - Don Rathzen
Farm Plan No. 159 - Charles R. Moeller
Farm Plan No. 160 - Hugh Elliott

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by George Kiser that the above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

The following bills covering the Commissioners expenses from March 16 to June 13, inclusive, were presented:

Arnold Meier - \$6.60
Wm. Wertzbaugher - \$7.56
George Kiser - \$26.76
Don Williams - \$2.45 for 6 feet of 20-inch acetate
\$5.50 for soil testing kit from Iowa State College
\$2.33 for level repair - Keuefel Esser and Company

It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by Arnold Meier that the above bills be approved. Motion carried.

The following time for Mrs. Jack Smith and John R. Nelson was approved upon a motion by George Kiser and second by Wm. Wertzbaugher:

Mrs. Jack Smith - May 14 to June 14 - \$34.50
June 15 to June 30 - \$18.00
John R. Nelson - June 12 to June 29 - \$16.62

✓ The committee discussed the 2 per cent contribution from the contractors for the Soils District fund. It was decided to not put too much stress on this item and leave it on a strictly voluntary basis.

Don Williams discussed the new cooperator agreement form. It was generally agreed that this form would be satisfactory and might eventually help to bring more members into the Soils District.

A discussion was held concerning contouring, tiling, etc., for A. C. P. payments. It was suggested that a letter from the P. M. A. Office be sent to farmers informing them that they must have approval of the S. C. S. Office before the A. C. P. payments can be made.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 5, 1951

The meeting of the Soil Commissioners was called to order at 12:00 noon September 5, 1951 by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were: Arnold Meier, George Kiser, Harlan Backhaus, Don Williams, Howard Hamilton, Melvin Bird.

Mr. Meier called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the July 11, Meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

The group held a short discussion on the coming year's budget. It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Arnold Meier that the district sponsor a poster contest during the coming year. The details are to be worked out at a later date. Motion carried.

X It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by George Kiser that the new agreement forms be adopted for use in the district and that the State Committee be notified of such. Motion carried.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Arnold Meier that the district buy 100 copies of the bulletin " Why, What and How of the Soil Conservation District". Motion carried.

A discussion was held in regard to the questionnaire sent out by the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts. It was decided to table it for the present.

The following farm plans were presented.

Plan No. 161	Dale Johnston
Plan No. 162	Cedric Ballou
Plan No. 163	Bob Meinholdt
Plan No. 164	John Fitzgerald

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by George Kiser that the above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

The following farms were presented as requests:

L. C. Rummells-----two farms owned by him
Ed Rate
Williams & Phelps
D. A. Donohue
Walter Geadelmann
Melvin Oldorf
Don Henderson----Group
Russ Willer-----Group

It was moved by Arnold Meier and seconded by George Kiser that they be accepted. Motion carried.

It was reported that the final count on the bromegrass seed contest was 92,719. Larry Thede of Wilton Jct. was first with an answer of 91,000. Mrs. Arnold Mente was second with an answer of 98,763.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Melvin Bird
Pro Tem

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 26, 1951

The meeting of the Soil Commissioners was called to order at 7:45 P. M. October 26, 1951 by George Kiser who acted as temporary Chairman. Those present were George Kiser, William Wertzbaugher, Harlan Backhaus and Don Williams.

Mr. Kiser called on Don Williams to read the minutes of the past meeting in the absence of Howard Hamilton. Minutes were approved as read.

The following farm plans were presented:

165.	John Peeters
166.	Noble B. White
167.	Stanley Elder
168.	Wm. Barnhart
169.	Gaylord Wilson
170.	H. L. Witmer
171.	W. E. Williams

It was moved by William Wertzbaugher that the above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

The following request were presented:

	Don Armstrong
172.	Max Nebergall
173.	Joe Shima

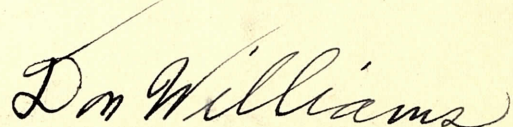
It was moved by William Wertzbaugher that they be accepted. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the possibility of the District buying Birdsfoot Trefoil for Experimental Pasture Improvement. It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by William Wertzbaugher that the District buy 10 pounds of Certified Birdsfoot Trefoil Seed. Motion carried.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by William Wertzbaugher that the bill of Zager's Rexall Drug Store of \$1.50 for developing and printing film be allowed. Motion carried.

Harlan Backhaus discussed the Agricultural Resources Conservation Program. He told the purpose of the program as he saw it and explained what had been done to date.

Motion by George Kiser that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P. M.


Don Williams
Sec. Pro Tem

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 28, 1951

The meeting of the Soil Commissioners was called to order at 7:45 P. M. November 28, 1951 by Arnold Meier, Chairman. Those present were Arnold Meier, George Kiser, Wm. Wertzbaugher, Harlan Backhaus and Don Williams.

The minutes were read by Backhaus in the absence of Howard Hamilton. The minutes were approved as read.

The following farm plans were presented:

- 175. Willard Hencks
- 176. Don Armstrong
- 177. Eugen Rohlf
- 178. Eric & Everett Van Muenster
- 179. D. A. Donahue

It was moved by Kiser and seconded by Wertzbaugher that the above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

The following request for Initial Agreements were presented:

- 180. Max Crawford
- 181. Dale Smith
- 182. Richard Kroll
- 183. Cookson Estate

It was moved by Wertzbaugher and seconded by Kiser that the above requests be accepted. Motion carried.

The following bills were read:

Electric hook-up at fair--Martin Electric	\$ 5.00
Tipton Conservative Stapler	\$ 5.50
National Association of Soil Conservation	
District---100 Bulletins	\$ 4.25
Bob Potter----Labor	\$ 3.00
Otto Pruess---Lath	\$18.00
Cedar Rapids Tent & Awning--Tent for Booth	\$21.00

It was moved by Kiser that the above bills be approved and paid, seconded by Wertzbaugher. Motion carried.

It was decided to order on dozen levels from the Woody Woodwork, Keosauqua, Iowa.

It was moved by Kiser and seconded by Meier that the price of tickets for the Annual Soil Conservation District Banquet be \$2.00. Motion carried.

The Chairman appointed Kiser as Chairman of a Committee to set up the program etc. for the annual meeting.

The matter of State and National dues was brought up. It was decided to table this until after the annual meeting.

It was decided to try to hold the annual meeting the last week of January or the first week of February.

George Kiser moved that Fawcett, Kelly and Meier serve on the nomination committee. Seconded by Wertzbaugher. Motion carried.

It was decided to hold the December meeting on Thursday December 27th at 10:30 A. M.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 P. M.

Don Williams
Sec. Pro Tem

Cedar County Soil Commissioners Meeting

December 27, 1951

The regular meeting of the soil commissioners was called to order by George Kiser at 10:45 A. M. Those present were Wm. Wertzbaugher, George Kiser, Melvin Bird, Harlon Bachus, Don Williams and Howard Hamilton.

The chairman called on the secretary who read the minutes of the November 28 meeting. They were approved as read.

It was agreed that the annual meeting be held Tuesday, February 5, at twelve o'clock with Walter Weiss as speaker.

It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that we give Earl Nisclstein two free tickets because of his mix-up last year. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that a booth be open for voting at 11:00 A. M. and closed at 3:00 P. M. at the Reform Church on Tuesday, February 5, 1952. Motion carried.

It was agreed that contour layout demonstrations be held in March. It was also suggested that part of them be held on Saturday so ag. classes and C. I. instructors could attend.

A discussion on the work load for 1952 was held. It was approved as presented; however, the P. M. A. does not have their work load turned over to S. C. S. yet. It was suggested that township committeemen be trained for layout work and inspection.

Wm. Wertzbaugher stated that he would try and attend the training school in Ames January 15-17.

The writing of the annual report was discussed.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the following commissioners bills be approved. Motion carried.

George Kiser - - - - -	\$12.25
Bill Wertzbaugher - - - - -	19.59
Arnold Meier - - - \$1.30 plus \$22.40 -	23.70

The following farm plans were presented:

Farm Plan No. 184 - Leroy Wiese, Bennett
Farm Plan No. 185 - Erwin Voss, Bennett
Farm Plan No. 186 - Harry Hunter, West Branch
Farm Plan No. 187 - Herschel Martin, Bennett
Farm Plan No. 188 - John Coxon, West Branch

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the above plans be approved. Motion carried.

The following requests were presented:

Gale Maurer, Tipton, 190 acres
(Cont'd. on next page)

Ralph Milder, Tipton, 200 acres
Ralph Johnston, Tipton, 120 acres
Kenneth Clements, Tipton, 280 acres
Wm. Davidson, Stanwood, 160 acres

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the above requests be received. Motion carried.

X It was agreed by the commissioners that from now on only two copies of farm plan maps shall be kept. One copy for the farmer and one copy in the district files.

It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 29, at 10:30 A. M.

Melvin Bird
Secretary Pro-tem

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CEDAR COUNTY SOILS COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 14, 1953

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The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A. M., by Wm. Wertzbaugher, president. Those present were George Kiser, James Smith, Wm. Wertzbaugher, Don Williams, Howard A. Hamilton and Clarence Buyers.

The chairman called on the secretary to read the minutes of the December 10 meeting, which were approved as read.

The following bills were presented:

Bottles - - - - \$2.14
Floor Wax - - - 3.55
Janitor Fees- - 4.00

It was moved by James Smith and seconded by George Kiser that the above bills be approved. Motion carried.

After some discussion it was moved by James Smith and seconded by George Kiser that we employ Lucille Farnum at \$7.00 per day on a part-time basis. Motion carried.

The various possibilities for the annual meeting were discussed. It was suggested that it be held between February 15 and March 5, and have either an afternoon or evening meeting. The secretary is to contact Ray Anderson to see whether he would be available for a talk on the program.

The short course at Ames, January 20-22, was discussed with one or two of the commissioners going to attend one day, if possible.

The Tile Drainage Meeting, January 26, was discussed.

The group plans to discuss the possibility of a Field Day at their next meeting. They discussed the possibility of a silage and conservation tour, as well as an airplane tour next summer. It was suggested that Don Williams and Howard A. Hamilton check on the possibilities of a tour early in February.

The following Initial Agreements and Conservation Farming Guides were presented and upon a motion by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith, were approved:

Initial Agreements

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Acres</u>
284	La Verne Wood	Tipton	80
285	Paul Wade	Atalissa	138
286	Edward Kleppe	Olin	160
287	Elmer Bixler	Olin	220
239	Charles Sankot	Lisbon	254
290	H. W. Kretschmar	Wilton Junction	162

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Conservation Farming Guides

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Acres</u>
288	Coulter Bros.	Iowa City	325
241	Wm. Woods	Mechanicsville	160
232	Ernest Crook	Mechanicsville	120
289	Claire Miller & Ernest Werling	Tipton	79
245	Reid Hunt	Tipton	200

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith that the meeting adjourn.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

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CEDAR COUNTY SOILS COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 11, 1953

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soils Commissioners was called to order at 1:00 P. M., by George Kiser, acting as chairman. Those present were: James Smith, George Kiser, Donald Williams, Clarence Beyer, and Howard A. Hamilton.

Mr. Kiser called upon the secretary to read the minutes of the January 14 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

The Committee discussed the annual report and a preliminary report of the same was read by Donald Williams. It was agreed that approximately 200 copies should be mimeographed.

Donald Williams mentioned a district meeting for commissioners at Iowa City, February 25, from 10:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M., Post Office Building, Civil Service Room.

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Kiser that the following Farm Guides and Initial Requests be approved. Motion carried.

Farm Guides

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>
291 ✓	Paul Gardner	390
221 ✓	Wash & Maher	235
203 ✓	J. H. O'Connor	250
259 ✓	Stokey & Smoy	200
250 ✓	Mate Sayre	156
182 ✓	Richard Krall	240
296 ✓	Howard Riedesel	144
260 ✓	Linn Larson	200

Initial Requests

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Acres</u>
292 ✓	Walter Behrens	120
293 ✓	Nicolous & Marolf	375
294 ✓	Arnold Meier	160
295 ✓	Arnold Meier & Soper	160

The following expenses were presented:

James Smith - - - - -	\$ 5.67 8.20
George Kiser - - - - -	16.85
Wm. Wertzbaugher - - - - -	13.97
Lucille Farnum - - - - -	52.50
Janitor - - - - -	5.00

Moved by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith that the above expenses be approved. Motion carried.

The plans for the annual meeting were discussed and it was agreed that it should be held at the Tipton Library, Thursday, March 5, starting at 1:30

P. M. A suggested program included a talk by the district conservationist, the possibility of a motion picture, and some special entertainment from the Tipton School. It was suggested that Donald Williams check up on the possibility of the implement dealers furnishing some prizes.

Moved by James Smith and seconded by George Kiser that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

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CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 15, 1953

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was held at Don Williams's office, Wednesday, April 15, starting promptly at 8:00 P. M. Those present were Jim Smith, William Wertzbaugher, George Kiser, Don Williams and Howard A. Hamilton.

Chairman Wertzbaugher called on the Secretary who read the minutes of the February 11 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Don Williams and William Wertzbaugher reported on letters they had received from Harlon Backhaus expressing his appreciation for the excellent cooperation from the various individuals and groups in Cedar County.

The following bills were presented for approval:

State Representative dinners - - - - -	\$ 5.50
Lucille Farnum, February salary- - - - -	59.50
Ardena Enrich, janitor - - - - -	5.50
Ernest Werling, labor- - - - -	22.00
Ardena Enrich, janitor - - - - -	4.00
Lucille Farnum, March salary - - - - -	87.50
Book, "Soil Conservation Districts in Action"	2.45
Clarence Beyer, picture frame- - - - -	1.00
Clarence Beyer, clothes line - - - - -	2.30

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith that the above bills be approved. Motion carried.

The following initial agreements and advance farm guides were presented:

Initial:

- 300 - Cecil C. Burnett, Bennett - 120 acres
- 301 - Volk & Zaruba - 160 acres
- 302 - Martin Licht, Lowden - 82 acres
- 303 - Larkin & Harris - 360 acres
- 305-304 - George Peden, Atalissa - 245 acres
- 307 - Dale Fitzjarrell, Wilton Junction - 170 acres
- 308 - Kenneth Clements, Wilton Junction - 160 acres
- 309 - James High, Mechanicsville - 120 acres
- 310 - R. M. Willer, Tipton - 346 acres
- 311 - Fritz Kuehl - 95 acres

Advanced:

- 296 - Harold Riedesel, Bennett - 144 acres
- 297 - Derynck & Weber - 160 acres
- 298 - Michels & Howe, Tipton - 438 acres
- 299 - Michels & Schnipkoweit, Tipton - 155 acres
- 262 - H. F. & Gale Maurer, Tipton - 162 acres
- 267 - Otto Nealson - 174 acres
- 304 - Geadelmann Bros., Clarence - 240 acres
- 256 - Bowstead and Meyer - 200 acres
- 272 - August Eilers, Tipton - 101 acres
- 198 - Clement Marek - 115 acres
- 257 - Ray A. Dies, Bennett - 210 acres
- 230 - Frederick Mohr, Tipton - 100 acres
- 258 - Frederick Gill, Wilton Junction - 119 acres
- 265 - Fred Townsend, Tipton - 140 acres

Basic:

306 - Bob Meinholdt, Tipton - 276 acres

280 - Don Henderson - 160 acres

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Jim Smith that the above farm guides, initial requests, and basic farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning a possible air tour some time in June. It was suggested that Don Williams secure information concerning the same.

After a short discussion of the advisability of a booth at the county fair, it was agreed that there was not enough interest in the same to justify the work involved. They also discussed the possibility of a booth at the State Fair and felt that the distance was too great to warrant going ahead with the same.

It was moved by Jim Smith and seconded by George Kiser that we approve the turning back of \$400.00 from the 2-A budget to the state committee. Motion carried.

The committee suggested that a request be made for a stenographic chair and an executive desk from the state committee.

It was moved by Jim Smith and seconded by George Kiser that the Cedar County Soils District cooperate in the purchasing of the new S. C. S. film for this area from the 1-A budget. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Smith and seconded by George Kiser that the following farm plans be cancelled:

No. 202 - Harold Woodhouse

No. 189 - Kenneth Clements

No. 163 - Bob Meinholdt

Motion carried.

The Chairman appointed Superintendent Gill, Arnold Meier, and Howard A. Hamilton to act as judges for the scrap book contest.

It was moved by Jim Smith and seconded by George Kiser that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

Don Williams

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 27, 1953

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was held at Don Williams's office, Wednesday, May 27. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M. by William Wertzbaugher. Those present were William Wertzbaugher, Jim Smith, George Kiser, Don Williams and Howard A. Hamilton.

The chairman called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the April 15 meeting. They were approved as read.

Don Williams reported on an airplane tour in June. He stated that the Hunter Flying Service of Cedar Rapids was willing to conduct the tour at \$5.00 a person for a thirty minute ride. The Committee suggested that Don make a further check with other companies.

The group discussed the possibility of a soil conservation ad to be carried in the Farm Bureau Spokesman. It was moved by Jim and seconded by George that the Cedar County District carry an ad in the special edition of the Spokesman. It was suggested that Don line up material for the special edition.

The following bills were presented for approval:

Chair for stenographer-----	\$37.31
Freight for chair, Don Williams	2.07
Lucille Farnum, April salary---	80.50
Ardena Emrich, janitor service-	4.00

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Jim Smith that the above bills be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim and seconded by George that the following farm plans be cancelled:

2 - Marvin Mallie
19 & 20 - Arnold Mier
52 - Howard Rhoades
58 - Flowery Smith
64 - Paul Hain
80 - Herschal Flatter
134 - Curtis Cromer
231 - Laverne Wood

Motion carried.

Moved by Kiser and seconded by Smith that the following initial agreements be approved: Motion carried.

313 - Herbert Lehrman, Stanwood, Iowa	240 acres
314 - Robert E. Wertzbaugher, West Branch, Iowa	101 "
315 - James Gray, Mechanicsville, Iowa	187 "
316 - Dale A. Thumma, Tipton, Iowa	236 "
317 - Frank Drake & Vincent F. Eppel, Tipton, Iowa	160 "
318 - Gus Nopoulos, Wilton Junction, Iowa	80 "
321 - L. C. Rummelle, West Branch, Iowa	160 "
312 - Edward Long, West Liberty, Iowa	90 "

319 - Gus Nopoulos, Wilton Junction, Iowa	210 acres
320 - Harold Schuett, Wilton Junction, Iowa	160 "
322 - Elmer Wilke, Tipton, Iowa	110 "
323 - Elvin F. Stiff, Tipton, Iowa	546 "
324 - Wayne Hodgen, Tipton, Iowa	178.2 "
325 - Richard Voparil, Solon, Iowa	204 "
326 - Charlie Achenback & Wilson Howe, Tipton, Iowa	119 "
327 - August H. Schroeder, Tipton, Iowa	200 "
328 - Anders V. Mather, Sr., West Liberty, Iowa	216.5 "
329 - Clarence L. Spurgin, Tipton, Iowa	160 "
330 - Samuel C. & Paul Hegarty, Tipton, Iowa	180 "
331 - Eloise Kelch & Jack Kelch, West Branch, Iowa	210 "

The Committee discussed state and national dues. Moved by George and seconded by Jim that we pay the state dues and let the national dues go for the time being. Motion carried.

The tuition for teachers to attend state conservation conventions was discussed. Moved by Jim and seconded by George that the district pay the tuition for one teacher from the county who attends. It was suggested that Earl Elijah award the prizes for the scrapbook contest during the Eighth Grade Commencement.

It was moved by George and seconded by Jim that we pay Keith Smith \$8.00 per day for his help with the soil conservation program. Motion carried.

The budgets were discussed and it was agreed that the committee would wait until the next time to approve them.

The committee discussed the Register and Tribune Conservation Contest, and took no action on the same.

Moved by Jim and seconded by George that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton

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CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
June 10, 1953

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was held at the Soil Conservation Service office Wednesday, June 10. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by Wm. Wertzbaugher. Those present were Wm. Wertzbaugher, James Smith, Geo. Kiser and Don Williams.

The chairman called on Don Williams to read the minutes of the May 27 meeting. They were approved as read.

Don Williams reviewed last years State Budget and suggested what he thought would be needed for the coming fiscal year.

Geo. Kiser moved that the budget be approved as presented, seconded by James Smith. Motion carried.

Copy of Budget is attached

Wm. Wertzbaugher and Don Williams reported what they had found out on the air tour. Geo. Kiser suggested that we plan to get Hudachek because he has the only landing strip in the county and his price seemed to be as good or better than that offered by any other company. It was decided to give this publicity to all papers and try to have the tour during the last two weeks in July.

The following basic and advanced farm plans were presented:

Basic		
192 Gale Maurer, Buchana, Iowa	190.5	acres
282 Wilbur Little, West Branch, Iowa	80	acres
Advanced		
321 L. C. Rummells, West Branch	160	acres
Cancellation		
66 Frank Chapman	160	acres

It was moved by Geo. Kiser, seconded by James Smith that the above plans and cancellation be approved. Motion carried.

The matter of turning back money to the State Committee was again discussed. It was decided to turn back \$50.00 at this time.

It was also decided to buy the following postage at this time:

1500	3¢ stamped envelopes	\$54.48
500	2¢ postal cards	10.00
100	3¢ stamps	3.00
100	1¢ stamps	1.00
Total		68.48

The following bills were presented for approval:

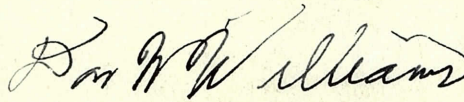
Room rent for annual meeting.....	\$ 2.00
Postage.....	39.32
Lucille R. Farnum, May salary.....	73.50

(Bills cont'd.)

Aurdena Emrich, Janitor.....	\$ 5.00
Keith Smith, Tech.....	32.00
Charlie Geertz "	8.00

It was moved by Geo. Kiser and seconded by James Smith that the above bills be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Geo. Kiser, seconded by James Smith that the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 P.M.



Don N. Williams
Secretary Pro tem

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
July 8, 1953

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was held at the Soil Conservation office Wednesday, June 8. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M. by Wm. Wertzbaugher. Those present were Wm. Wertzbaugher, James Smith, George Kiser, Don Williams, and Howard A. Hamilton.

The chairman called on the Secretary who read the minutes of the June 10 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

The following bills were presented:

Keith Smith - - - - -	\$ 36.00
Ardena Emrich - - - - -	4.00
Lucille Farnum - - - - -	91.00
1 bottle of Lime Testing Solution - -	.92
Soil Conservation ad in Spokesman - -	7.50
Postage - - - - -	68.48
Prizes for Scrap book - - - - -	60.00
Desk - - - - -	162.99

Moved by James Smith and seconded by George Kiser that the above be approved. Motion carried.

The group discussed the plans for the air tour and it was agreed to hold the tour on July 20, and, or 21. Don Williams out-lined a suggested tour of the country where they might see a considerable amount of conservation work. It was agreed that the suggested tour be carried in the local papers.

The following farm plans were presented:

Initial Plans

~~No. 322~~ ³³² - Arvo Uuskallio - 102 acres

Conservation Farming Guide

No. 303 - Evelyn B. Larkin and Thorton Harris - 360 acres

It was moved by Geo. Kiser and seconded by Jim Smith that the above plan and guide be approved. Motion carried.

Don Williams reported on the progress of the work program in the last six months.

Moved by Jim Smith and seconded by Geo. Kiser that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

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CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSION'S MEETING

August 26, 1953

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was held at the Soil Conservation Office Wednesday, August 26. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P. M. by Wm. Wertzbaugher. Those present were Wm. Wertzbaugher, James Smith, Geo. Kiser, and Don Williams.

The chairman called on Don Williams to read the minutes of the July 8 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

The following bills were presented:

Aurdena Emrich - - - - -	\$ 3.00
Betty J. Von Muenster - - - - -	30.00
Lucille R. Farnum - - - - -	84.00
Wax - - - - -	3.55
Scale & Pie Plates - - - - -	6.14

Moved by James Smith and seconded by Geo. Kiser that the above bills be approved. Motion carried.

The following initial requests, advanced agreements, and basic plans were presented:

Initial:

No. 333 Hubert Richmann, Bennett, Iowa - 200 acres
 No. 334 Dr. G. A. Whetstine, Wilton Junction, Ia. - 80 acres
 No. 335 Frank J. Shima, Tipton, Iowa - 45 acres
 No. 337 Earl L. Rohlf, Bennett, Iowa - 160 acres
 No. 338 Leonard Kingsbury, West Branch, Iowa - 200 acres
 No. 339 Leon Timmerman, Bennett, Iowa - 235 acres
 No. 340 Leonard Schwitzer, Tipton, Iowa - 238 acres
 No. 342 W. N. Rorick, Wilton Jct., Iowa - 254 acres
 No. 343 Marvin Koch, Tipton, Iowa - 198 acres
 No. 344 Geller & Von Dusen, Tipton, Iowa - 309 acres

Advanced:

No. 183 Cookston Estate, West Branch, Ia. - 400 acres
 No. 336 Wm. H. Naber, Tipton, Iowa - 201 acres
 No. 249 Blanche Spear, Clarence, Iowa - 40 acres
 No. 248 Louis Thordsen, Tipton, Iowa - 56 acres

Basic:

No. 244 Masonic Lodge, Tipton, Iowa - 240 acres
 No. 204 Don Weih, Bennett, Iowa - 160 acres
 No. 317 Drake & Eppel, Tipton, Iowa - 160 acres
 No. 341 Ray H. Schwitzer, Tipton, Iowa - 120 acres

It was moved by Geo. Kiser and seconded by James Smith that the above initial, advanced, and basic agreements be approved. Motion carried.

The scrapbook contest for Cedar County Schools was discussed. Geo. Kiser made a motion that the Cedar County Soil Conservation District again sponsor the contest with the same rules and prizes as last year. Motion seconded by James Smith. Motion carried.

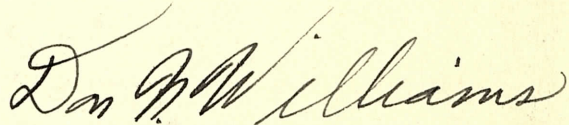
The 1953 Speaking Contest was discussed. It was decided that that an effort be made to see the speech instructor of the Cedar County High Schools in order to see if they would be interested in such a contest.

It was decided to enter the Good-Year Contest, also the ten district cooperators with the ten best balanced farming programs. It was decided not to enter an outstanding commissioner this year.

Before calling the meeting to order, Don Williams showed colored slides taken on the air tour. It was decided to have him take an hour tour of the county for the purpose of taking more colored slides.

Wm. Wertzbaugher read a letter from Frank Mendell expressing appreciation of the progress made in soil conservation in Cedar County during 1952. Don Williams read a similar letter from Othie McMurray.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Don N. Williams
Secretary Pro Tem

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 23, 1953

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was held at the Conservation Office Wednesday, September 23. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by William Wertzbaugher. Those present were Jim Smith, George Kiser, William Wertzbaugher, Don Williams, Howard A. Hamilton, and J. S. Boatman.

Chairman Wertzbaugher called on Howard A. Hamilton to read the minutes of the August 26 meeting which were approved as read.

After the discussion concerning the scrapbook contest it was moved by Jim Smith and seconded by George Kiser that the prize money be split into two different groups with the fifth and sixth grade in one group and the seventh and eighth grade in the other group. Motion carried.

The president then called on Mr. Boatman to report for the Fort Dodge meeting. Mr. Boatman discussed a land use and practice chart emphasizing need for more terracing.

The following bills were presented for approval:

Ardena Emrich - - - - -	\$ 3.00
Betty J. Von Muenster - - - - -	33.00
Lucille R. Farnum - - - - -	73.50
Zager's Rexall Drugs (exp. kodachrome) - - - - -	3.50
Lewis Hudacheck - - - - -	10.00
Hedges and Gough Lumber Company - - - - -	.95
The Tipton Conservative - - - - -	6.50

It was moved by Jim Smith and seconded by George Kiser that the above bills be approved. Motion carried.

A letter about the Soil Conservation Service film was read. It was suggested that the film be limited to any one county for one week at a time. This is a new film which was purchased jointly by several of the counties and is a forty minute film entitled, "Soil Conservation and Iowa People."

The new Soils District and Soil Conservation Service agreement on use of equipment was read by William Wertzbaugher. It was moved by Jim Smith and seconded by George Kiser that Chairman Wertzbaugher O. K. the same. Motion carried.

The following initial, advanced, and basic farm plans were presented:

Initial:

345 - Robert Clark, Tipton - 196 acres
346 - D. C. Wordsworth, West Branch - 82 acres
347 - Darrell Brown, West Branch - 250 acres
348 - Kenneth C. Harden, Tipton - 400 acres

Advanced:

235 - Lester Willier, West Branch - 167 acres
264 - Lamp and Reeder, Tipton - 200 acres
349 - Ray Puffer, Mechanicsville - 320 acres
308 - Kenneth Clements, Wilton Junction - 160 acres

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Basic:

233 - George E. Brown, Mechanicsville-360 acres

209 - Secor and Fischer, Mechanicsville - 270 acres

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Jim Smith that the above plans be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Smith and seconded by George Kiser that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

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CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 21, 1953

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was held at the Conservation Office Wednesday, October 21. The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Wertzbaugher at 7:45 P. M. Those present were Jim Smith, William Wertzbaugher, Don Williams, and Howard A. Hamilton.

Chairman Wertzbaugher called on Mr. Hamilton who read the minutes of the September 23 meeting. They were approved as read.

A report was given concerning the expense of the commissioners and it was suggested that the expenses be brought up to date.

A discussion on finances on hand was brought up by Don Williams. Don reported a balance of \$157.65 on hand that could be spent as the commissioners see fit.

Don Williams also gave a short report on the 1 A. and 2 A. budgets.

There was a short discussion of the A. C. P. Program Meeting at Cedar Rapids October 22.

The following conservation agreements were considered:

- 350 - H. Ray Challis, Tipton - 143 acres
- 351 - Julius Timmerman, New Liberty - 163 acres
- 352 - Mrs. Lulu P. Garris and Donald Madson, Durant - 187 acres
- 353 - Ernest W. Kunde, Tipton - 160 acres

Guides:

- 354 - Owners: Ruby Reitz, Ella Sorgenfrey, Harold Nicolous
Operator: Robert Grage, - 160 acres

- 310* 355 - *Smith* LeVerne A. Wood, Tipton - 205 acres

Basic?

- 206 - Arthur Schott, Tipton - 160 acres
- 245 - Hunt and Dawson, Tipton - 200 acres

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Wertzbaugher that the above farm plans be approved.

The following bills were presented:

Betty J. Von Muenster	- - - - -	\$42.00
Lucille R. Farnum	- - - - -	70.00
Keith Smith	- - - - -	20.00
1 bottle of lime testing solution	- - - - -	1.02
Peterson Hardware (folding rule)	- - - - -	1.65

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Wertzbaugher that the above bills be approved. Motion carried.

Don Williams mentioned that some lath would ^{be} needed soon.

There was a discussion on a charge for soil samples.

Don Williams reported on other activities during the month. He showed colored slides taken in the county on the air tour.

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Wertzbaugher that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 18, 1953

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was held at the Conservation Office Wednesday, November 18. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wm. Wertzbaugher at 7:45 P. M. Those present were Wm. Wertzbaugher, James Smith, Bryon Boatman, and Don Williams.

Chairman Wertzbaugher called on Don Williams to read the minutes of the October meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

The possibility of moving to the basement was discussed. It was decided that it would be advisable to remain upstairs in the present office if possible.

The work load for 1954 was presented by Don Williams. It showed a need for more help than was available to the district during the past year. Because of this, it was decided to ask for the full 5% of ACP funds.

Possibilities of getting part time help next year was discussed; several possibilities were suggested.

The following plans were presented:

Initial

- 356 Earl Dougherty, Stanwood - 239 acres
- 360-355 Herman Deerberg, Mechanicsville - 160 acres
- 358 Shrope Bros., Mechanicsville - 400 acres
- 359 Cosgriff & Kirk, Tipton - 240 acres

Advanced

- 324 Wayne Hodgen, Tipton - 185 acres
- 326 Achenbach & Howe, Mechanicsville - 119 acres
- 261 Hormel & Stickrod, West Liberty - 155 acres
- 357 Fawcett Bros. & Larsen, West Branch - 200 acres

Basic

- 205 Burgstahler & Wroblewski, Lisbon - 200 acres
- 287 Elmer Bixler, Stanwood - 220 acres
- 285 Paul Wade, Atalissa - 138.5 acres

James Smith made a motion that the above farm plans be approved; it was seconded by Wertzbaugher. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim Smith and seconded by Wertzbaugher that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Don N. Williams

Don N. Williams
Secretary Pro Tem

Cedar County Soils Commissioners Meeting
December 16, 1953

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A. M. by Chairman Wertzbaugher. Those present were: George Kiser, James Smith, William Wertzbaugher, Don Williams, and Howard A. Hamilton.

Don reported that the full 5 per cent from A. C. P. funds had been approved for 1954. He discussed the work load for 1954, and the following goals for 1954 were suggested: Initial 70, Advanced 50, and Basic 25.

He reported on the letter for subscription to the Iowa Soil and Watershed bulletin showed that 35 had been received.

It was moved by George and seconded by Jim that the following bills be approved:

October bills--

Black and Same, Inc. (mimeograph ink) - - - - -	\$ 2.77
Petersen Hardware Co. (folding rule) - - - - -	1.65
Ames Soil Testing Service (solution) - - - - -	1.02
Tipton Lumber Co. (10 bundles of used lath) - - - - -	10.00
Zager Drug Store - - - - -	4.00
Ardena Enrich - - - - -	4.00
Lucille R. Farnum - - - - -	101.50
Robert Kelly - - - - -	6.25
Iowa Soil and Watershed Bulletins - - - - -	45.00

November bills--

Lucille Farnum - - - - -	98.00
Tipton Conservative (clasp envelopes) - - - - -	1.00
Ardena Enrich (November 14 - 28, December 5 & 12) - -	4.00
Postage - - - - -	9.00

Motion carried.

The annual Soils District Meeting was discussed and it was suggested that the time be set for February 11, at 11:00 A. M., with door prizes being offered. The commissioners agreed to contact feed, seed, and fertilizer dealers for prizes. They suggested that the secretary secure Burns Byron for speaker if possible. It was also agreed that the women should be encouraged to attend.

They suggested the election of a chairman since Mr. Wertzbaugher's term expires this year. It was moved by Jim and seconded by George that William Wertzbaugher's name be put on the ballot with a blank line for write ins. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim and seconded by George that Bob Kelly receive a certificate of recognition for his service to the soils conservation program. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim and seconded by George that the following farm plans be approved as well as the two canceled:

Initial:

361 - Roy M. Mayhew, West Branch - 100
365 - Willard Eiler, Stanwood - 80

Advanced:

- 362 - Arnold Driscoll, Mechanicsville - 325
- 363 - Calvin Moore, Tipton - 154
- 278 - Bernhardt Stuehn, Bennett - 121

Basic:

- 259 - Smay and Stookey, Mechanicsville, - 200
- 364 - Paul Zimmerman, Tipton - 113
- 254 - Everett Ferguson, Lisbon - 280
- 366 - Otto Nealsen, West Liberty - 85
- 289 - Miller and Werling, Tipton - 8679

Cancel:

- 113 - H. A. Donovan, Tipton - 113
- 267 - Otto Nealsen, West Liberty - 174

Motion carried.

It was moved by Jim and seconded by George that we request an adding machine for the S. C. S. Office. Motion carried.

Since George was the only one who could get away, it was suggested that he attend the annual commissioners meeting in January.

It was moved by George and seconded by Jim that Don Williams write the annual report. Motion carried.

January 13 was suggested for the next meeting.

It was moved by Jim and seconded by George that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Jan 29, '52

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was called to order by Arnold Meier at 11:10 A. M. Those present were Wm. Wertzbaugher, George Kiser, Melvin Bird, Harlan Bachaus, Arnold Meier, Howard Hamilton and Don Williams.

The Chairman called on the secretary who read the minutes of the December 27th meeting. They were approved as read.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that Don Williams purchase one dozen levels.

George Kiser gave a report on the plans for the annual meeting. Don Williams was directed to arrange the program.

It was decided that Robert Kelly and Floyd Fawcett be asked to help with the election. George Kiser is to be responsible for the election.

George Kiser was appointed to be in charge of the annual meeting in the absence of Arnold Meier.

The following Farm Plans were presented:

- 193. Walter Geadelmann
- 194. Fred Schraeder
- 195. Eckerman & Norton
- 196. Kaufmann & Peden
- 197. Don Driscoll
- 201. Ernest Riedesel

Wm. Wertzbaugher made a motion that the above plans be approved. It was seconded by George Kiser. Motion carried.

The following initial agreements were presented:

- 198. Clement F. Marek
- 199. Norman A. Rogers
- 200. Witmer Bros.
- 202. Harold Woodhouse
- 203. Kunde & O'Conner

Motion made by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that the above initial agreements be approved. Motion carried.

Harlan Bachaus discussed the two per cent funds to be received from the P. M. A. to help carry the added work load as a result of the A. C. P. Program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Don Williams
Don Williams
Secretary Pro-tem

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CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
March 5, 1952

The regular meeting of the Soil Commissioners was called to order at 1:45 P. M., by Wm. Wertzbaugher, acting as temporary chairman. Those present were Arnold Meier, James Smith, Melvin Bird, Don Williams, Wm. Wertzbaugher, Harlan Bachaus, George Kiser, and Howard A. Hamilton.

The Chairman called on the secretary who read the minutes of the December 27 meeting. There being no corrections, they were approved as read.

Melvin Bird gave a detailed report of the annual meeting. His report showed the following:

Receipts	Expenses
100 Tickets sold @ \$1.00 each - \$200.00	112 Dinners - - - \$168.00
A possible refund from the	Printing Tickets- 2.50
state for church rental - - - - 25.00	

The balance in the three budgets was read by Wm. Wertzbaugher.

The election of officers was as follows: Moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher that George Kiser be elected chairman. Moved by George Kiser that Wm. Wertzbaugher be elected chairman. It was moved by James Smith that nominations cease. Seconded by George Kiser. Motion carried. The results of a written ballot were, 2 for Wm. Wertzbaugher and 1 for George Kiser, resulting in Wm. Wertzbaugher being elected Chairman for the coming year.

George Kiser nominated James Smith for treasurer. It was moved by Wm. Wertzbaugher and seconded by George Kiser that nominations cease. Motion carried. Resulting in James Smith being elected as Treasurer.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith that Howard A. Hamilton be elected as secretary. It was moved by James Smith and seconded by George Kiser that nominations cease. Motion carried.

It was moved by James Smith that George Kiser be nominated to look after the district equipment. Seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher. Motion carried.

A report of the finances as of March 5, 1952 was as follows:

District Account - - - - -	\$ 180.12
1A Budget- - - - -	341.76
2A Budget- - - - -	1,265.14

The following requests for assistance were received:

No. 219. Howard Secor and Harold Fischer
No. 206. Arthur Schott
No. 205. ~~Birtstetter~~ and H. J. Wroblewski
Burgstahler

The following farm conservation guides were presented:

204. Don Weih

- 210. Robert Mather
- 211. Lyle Chapman
- 212. Edward Rate
- 213. Melvin Derynck

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The following farm plans were presented:

- 207. R. J. Dircks
- 208. R. J. Dircks and Robert Rix

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith that the above three groups of farms be approved. Motion carried.

The following bills were presented:

Postage - - - - - \$ 5.00
Birds Foot Trefoil - - - 15.00

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith that the above two bills be approved. Motion carried.

It was suggested that the 10 pounds of Birds foot trefoil be distributed to each of the following:

Wilbert Norton, Wilton Junction, Iowa
George Brown, Mechanicsville, Iowa
Lester Chapman, Atalissa, Iowa

A letter concerning the State and National dues was read by Wm. Wertzbaugher. After some discussion it was agreed to table the matter until a later meeting.

A discussion of the 2A budget was held as to whether we would need all the remaining \$1375.00 until the end of this year. It was suggested that we would need it providing help could be secured and that we would make another report a month later.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith that Don Williams be authorized to hire some help on a temporary basis. Motion carried.

A discussion of a forage field day this summer was held. It was suggested that a meeting be scheduled with the implement dealers to determine their interest in a Grass Land Forage Field Day.

A discussion of a Pasture Improvement Program was held. It was suggested that the district go along with the Pasture Improvement Program and it was moved by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith that we take \$60.00 from the 1A budget to be used as prizes for a Pasture Improvement contest.

Plans were announced for a Drainage Contractors Meeting to be held at Cedar Rapids, March 18.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

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CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 23, 1952

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by chairman Wm. Wertzbaugher. Those present were James Smith, Wm. Wertzbaugher, George Kiser, Harlan Bachaus, Don Williams, and Howard A. Hamilton.

The chairman called on the secretary to read the minutes of the March 5 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

The following bills were presented:

12 Hand Levels from the Nesco Agricultural Supply Company, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin - - - - -	\$28.95
Bulletin Board, Geller Lumber Company - - - - -	6.35
Supplies, Nelson Hardware - - - - -	.55

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith that the 3 above bills be allowed. Motion carried.

After some discussion, it was moved by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith that we allow a teacher \$17.50 towards her expenses at the Conservation Camp to be held at Springbrook State Park. Motion carried.

It was moved by James Smith and seconded by George Kiser that Don Williams be authorized to hire a janitor at .75 per hour. Motion carried.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith that \$600.00 of the 2A Budget be returned to the state. Motion carried.

The commissioner's expenses for the first quarter were discussed, but no bills were presented. They discussed a questionnaire on the 1952-1953 budget which was received from the state.

Requests for assistance were received from the following:

- 217. Everett Von Mienster and Veronica E. Brammer
- 221. Roscoe C. Nash and Robert Maher
- 223. Milo Agne
- 224. Glen Agne
- 229. Carl Hertz and Stanley Eichhorn
- 230. Frederick Mohr
- 231. La Verne Wood
- 232. Ernest Crock
- 233. George E. Brown

The following requests for Conservation Guides were received:

- 219. Melvin Klein
- 222. Arthur Domer
- 226. Henry C. Meyer and Wendell D. Gimm
- 228. Stanley Maurer and Herb Maurer

The following Basic Plans were received:

- 214. Darrel D. Dircks
- 215. Donald Witte
- 216. Hans Christiansen
- 225. Don Williams and Chas. Wilder
- 227. Harry Johansen
- 218. Marvin Mallie

Farm Plan No. 218. of Marvin Mallie's was rewritten. It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith that the above requests for Assistance, Farm Guides, and Farm Plans be approved. Motion carried.

Chairman Wm. Wertzbaugher appointed the following judges for the poster contest: Harlan Bachaus, Hy Von Muenster, and Howard A. Hamilton.

The dates set for the Grass Land Field Day are June 4, weather permitting, or June 6. The commissioners suggested that Dale Hull be asked to help with the field day. They also agreed to ask Alfred Mommsen to talk during the noon hour.

It was moved by James Smith and seconded by George Kiser that we enter the Cedar County District in the Iowa Conservation District award program. Motion Carried.

Some discussion was held concerning ways to increase the number of terraces in the county.

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith to adjourn the meeting.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

Cedar County Soil Commissioners Meeting
May 14, 1952

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was called to order at 8:15 P. M. by Wm. Wertzbaugher, chairman. Those present were Wm. Wertzbaugher, J. S. Smith, Harlan Backhaus, and Don Williams.

The ~~Secretary~~ ^{CHAIRMAN} called on Don Williams to read the minutes and act as secretary in the absence of Howard Hamilton. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

The grassland field day to be held at the Willard Eiler farm was discussed. It was decided that Wm. Wertzbaugher would be chairman of the noon program. The program for this day is as follows:

Open-- 9:30 A. M.

Mowing

10:00 Side delivery & rakes

11:00 Field Choppers

12:00-12:30 Lunch

12:30-1:10 Noon Program

Wm. Wertzbaugher, chairman

Alfred Mommsen, speaker

1:10-2:00 Balers

2:00-3:30 Field choppers

The Ferguson day ~~to~~ ^{is} to be held on the Glen Agne farm, was decided that Wm. Wertzbaugher would announce that the District would be glad to co-operate with any Implement Company that wished to put on a similar field day.

The following bills were presented:

Floor wax	\$3.62
Wm. Wertzbaugher, expenses	\$50.32
George Kiser	\$7.43
Janitor & Misc. Supplies	\$7.87

A motion was made by Smith that the above bills be approved as read. It was carried.

It was moved by Smith that the following initial requests and basic plans be approved. It was carried.

234 W. J. Norris & L. D. Burgess

Basic: 235 Lester Willier
224 Glen Agne

It was decided that an effort be made to get the ministers of the county together for a meeting in regard to Soil Conservation week.

written It was decided to ask Arnold Meier if a letter could be ~~went~~ to all those who had requested payment of contouring. who had not already contacted us. This letter to state that if a card which will be inclosed was not returned by a pre-determined date that it would be assumed that the farmer not returning the card had not contoured and was not going to ask for P. M. A. payment.

J. S. Smith made a motion that we give Donna Wolfe a \$1.00 per day raise as of July 1 and that we use her full time this summer if needed.

J. S. Smith made a motion that we request the 1A and 2A budget for the 1952-53 fiscal year as shown on the 1A and 2A budget forms--copy is attached.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P. M.

Don Williams
Don Williams
Secretary Pro Tem

Cedar County Soil Commissioners Meeting
June 18, 1952

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was called to order at 8:20 P.M. by Wm. Wertsbaugher, chairman. Those present were Wm. Wertsbaugher, J. S. Smith, and Don Williams.

The chairman called on Don Williams to read the minutes and act as secretary in the absence of Howard Hamilton. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

The following bills were presented:

Prizes for poster contest	\$32.00
Wm. Wertzbaugher expenses	9.24
J. S. Smith expenses	1.75
Tipton Conservative	4.00

The motion was made by Smith that the above bills be approved. The motion was carried.

It was decided that an effort be made to have a booth at the County Fair again this year. It was suggested that everyone concerned try to get some ideas for the booth prior to the next meeting. It was decided that an effort should be made to get some good pictures.

It was decided that the District should again sponsor something to co-operate with the schools to interest children in conservation. If possible it was suggested that someone meet with the schoolmaster's board.

J. S. Smith made a motion that it be suggested to the Farm Bureau Board and Extension Director that an effort be made to get more interest in soil conservation. The motion was carried.

The matter of having a pasture tour this fall was brought up. It was decided that one should be held if enough good improved pastures could be found.

The following plans were presented for approval.

Dircks & Fide	No. 236 Basic
R. J. Dircks	No. 237 Conservation agreement
Harlen Reeder	No. 238 Advanced
Howard Fountain	No. 240 Conservation agreement
Wm. & W. W. Woods	No. 241 Conservation agreement
Robert Geertz	No. 242 Conservation agreement
Wallace Wingert	No. 243 Conservation agreement

The motion was made that the above co-operator be accepted as presented.

It was decided to enter the Iowa Soil Conservation District Award Program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Don N. Williams
Secretary Pro Tem

A motion was made by Smith that the following plans be cancelled:

Wm. Thordsen	No. 22
Clifford Connelly	No. 133
Flowery Smith	No. 58
L. L. Chessmore	No. 78

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
July 9, 1952

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was called to order at 8:20 P. M. by Wm. Wertzbaugher, chairman. Those present were James Smith, Wm. Wertzbaugher, Don Williams, Harlan Backhaus, and Howard A. Hamilton.

The Chairman called on Secretary Hamilton to read the minutes of the June 18 meeting. The minutes were approved as read, with one or two corrections.

There was some discussion as to how we might develop more interest in Soil Conservation in our 4-H clubs over the county.

The group discussed plans for a Soil Conservation Booth at the county fair. Don Williams agreed to check on the possibility of securing the same location as last year and to order a tent.

It was suggested that the Sears & Roebuck Company film entitled "The People Together" was a very good soil conservation film.

It was suggested that a soil conservation banner be made.

It was moved by James Smith and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that we purchase 100 copies of the pamphlet "Down the River" for use in the county. Motion carried.

The group discussed the possibility of a meeting with County Superintendent Gill and a number of other school superintendents to outline a soil conservation program for the school children.

Don Williams presented the following initial cooperation requests:

Masonic Lodge	Tipton, Iowa	No. 240
Reid Hunt	Tipton, Iowa	No. 245
Louis Thordsen	Tipton, Iowa	No. 248

The following Conservation Farm Guides were presented:

Howard Secor	Mechanicsville	No. 209
Milo Agne	Stanwood	No. 223
Melvin Thumma	Stanwood	No. 247

The following Basic Farm Plans were presented:

Marguerite Davidson & Harry Meyer	Stanwood	No. 220
Melvin Oldorf	Stanwood	No. 246

It was moved by James Smith and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the above farm plans be approved. Motion carried.

There was some discussion of the different girls available for office help. It was moved that Don Williams go ahead and hire someone on a day basis.

A report on the program of the ACP Payment work was given by Don Williams.

It was suggested that the next commissioners meeting be postponed until Don Williams comes back. The suggested date was August 20.

It was moved by James Smith and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION MEETING
August 20, 1952

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was called to order by William Wertzbaugher at 8:00 P. M.. Those present were William Wertzbaugher, George Kiser, James Smith, Harlan Backaus, Don Williams, and Howard Hamilton.

Called on the secretary to read the minutes of July 9th meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

The group approved and seconded the payment of the following:
\$9.44 for 100 Copies of "Down the River."
\$9.00 for Banner to Al Warner.

William Wertzbaugher mentioned two contests in connection with the state meeting of the Soil Commissioners at Cedar Rapids, Sept. 14-15-16.

It was moved by James Smith, seconded by George Kiser that William Wertzbaugher represent Cedar County as the outstanding Commissioner for the county.

James Smith reported that Miss Clark had returned from the Conservation Camp, enthusiastic about the course.

Moved by George Kiser, seconded by James Smith that the following applications and Basic plans be approved.

Basic:

Melvin Lachansky	Standwood, Iowa	No. 252
Adams and Stout	West Branch, Iowa	No. 253
Max Crawford	Tipton, Iowa	No. 180

Initial Request:

Blanch E. Spear	Tipton, Iowa	No. 249
N. H. Sayre	Tipton, Iowa	No. 250
Everett Ferguson	Lisbon, Iowa	No. 254
Purl K. Pearson	Mechanicsville, Iowa	No. 255
Bowstead & Meyer	Lowden, Iowa	No. 256
Raymond Dies	Bennett, Iowa	No. 257
Fredrick B. Gill	Wilton Junction, Iowa	No. 280-258

Motion Carried.

James Smith moved that the \$35.00, state dues be paid, seconded by George Kiser. Motion Carried.

Motion by James Smith, seconded by George Kiser that the meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P. M..

Don H. Williams
Sec Pro Tem

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 10, 1952

The regular meeting of the Cedar County Soil Commissioners was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by Wm. Wertzbaugher, chairman. Those present were Wm. Wertzbaugher, George Kiser, James Smith, Don Williams, Harlan Backhaus, and Howard A. Hamilton.

The Chairman called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the August 20 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

The following bills were presented:

Rent for tent - - - - -	\$18.50
John Nelson - - - - -	27.00
Mrs. Yock - - - - -	77.50
Mrs. Anna Thompson - - - - -	9.00

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith that the above bills be approved. Motion carried.

Wm. Wertzbaugher commented on the State Meeting of Soil's Commissioners to be held at Cedar Rapids, September 15 and 16.

Harlan Backhaus discussed the District Tax Appraisal Meeting to be held in Cedar County, September 29.

The 1953 P. M. A. Program Meeting to be held September 16, was discussed. The group also discussed various possible S. C. S. farms to be used for the P. M. A. Committee Training School.

Harlan Backhaus discussed changes in the organization of the Soil Conservation Service and indicated that he thought the change would be gradual.

Don Williams mentioned the State Auditor's report of the books, showing everything to be okay.

The following initial requests were received:

Stokey & Smoy	Mechanicsville	No. 259
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The following Conservation Guides were presented:

Gale Maurer	Tipton	No. ¹⁹² 190
Wm. Davidson	Stanwood	No. 191
Burgstahler & Wroblewski	Lisbon	No. 205
La Verne Wood	Mechanicsville	No. 231
George Brown	Mechanicsville	No. 233
R. J. Dircks	Clarence	No. 237
Everett Ferguson	Lisbon	No. 254

The following Farm Plans were presented:

Whitmer Bros.	Tipton	No. 200
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It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith that the above Requests, Guides, and Farm Plans be approved. Motion carried.

The committee held a discussion concerning various school activities. They seem to be very favorable to a scrapbook contest and suggested that it be limited to soil and water conservation, and limited to grade schools. They also discussed the possibility of using some good soil conservation films for the 7th and 8th grades over the county. They indicated that if it would be necessary, it would be worthwhile for the Soil Conservation personnel to help with the showing.

It was moved by James Smith and seconded by George Kiser that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

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CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 8, 1952

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by Wm. Wertzbaugher, Chairman. Those present were Wm. Wertzbaugher, James Smith, Harlon Backhaus, Don Williams and Howard A. Hamilton.

The Chairman called on Secretary Hamilton to read the minutes of the September meeting. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Wertzbaugher commented on the state Soil Commissioners meeting at Cedar Rapids.

The following bills were presented:

Mrs. Yock - September 2 to 11 - \$30.00
September 17 to 25 - \$22.50

It was moved by James Smith and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the above bills be approved. Motion carried.

The following initial agreements and guides were presented:

Initial Agreements

- No. 260 - L. C. Larson and Son, West Branch - 200 acres
- No. 261 - Mrs. Henry Harmel and Kirk Stickrod, West Liberty - 155 acres
- No. 262 - H. F. Maurer and Gale Maurer, Tipton - 162 acres
- No. 263 - John L. Ahrens, Bennett - 160 acres
- No. 264 - Wm. H. Reeder, Los Angeles, California and
Vernon H. Lamp, Tipton - 200 acres
- No. 265 - Fred Townsend, Wilton Junction - 140 acres
- No. 266 - Floyd Gruwell, West Branch - 144 acres
- No. 267 - Otto Nealson, West Liberty - 174 acres

Guides

- No. 217 - Veronica Brammer, Davenport and Everett Von Muenster, Bennett -
160 acres
- No. 190 - Ralph and Paul Johnston, Tipton - 120 acres

It was moved by James Smith and seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher that the above initial agreements and guides be approved. Motion carried.

The scrapbook contest was discussed and it was agreed to use the same prizes as were used in 1950, the total amount of money to be awarded being \$60.00. It was suggested that the contest close April 30, 1953, and that the awards be given in connection with the Eighth Grade Graduation.

Don Williams reported on the 2-day P. M. A. training school and the 1953 program.

Harlon Backhaus reported that Melvin Bird planned to resign and suggested that Clarence Beyer of Benton County was interested in the job and would be available soon.

Wm. Wertzbaugher suggested that James Smith represent the Soils District for meetings with the P. M. A. Committee when needed.

It was suggested that the annual meeting be held in the early part of March.

It was moved by James Smith, seconded by Wm. Wertzbaugher, that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Howard A. Hamilton
Secretary

CEDA R COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 12, 1952

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by Chairman, Wm. Wertzbaugher. Present were Wm. Wertzbaugher, George Kiser, James Smith, Harlon Backaus, Don Williams and Clarence Beyer.

The following bills were presented to the commissioners:

Mr. Wertzbaugher-Commissioners expence	July-Nov.	\$30.50	7.14 Clarence Beyer
Mr. Smith- Commissioners expence	July-Nov.		24.72 was appointed
Mr. Kiser- Commissioners expence	July-Nov.		39.38 to be as per
Mrs. Yock-Clerk	October 1 to October 30		4.00 Pro Tem
Mrs. Thompson- Janitor	Sept. 6 to Sept. 27		
	Oct. 4 to Oct. 27		

Motion by James Smith and seconded by George Kiser that said bills be allowed and paid.

The following subjects were discussed:

- The 2% money collected from tilers and contractors.
- The national dues of the commissioners.
- The score sheet for prizes by newspapers and radio.
- The short course at Ames was brought up and was to be mentioned at the Dec. meeting.
- Magazine on Soil Conservation was discussed and Backaus was going to inquire further.
- Certificates for past District Commissioners.

Mr. Backaus presented and analysis of the work done by this office during the first 10 months in 1951 and the first 10 months in 1952.

It showed a big increase in time spent on A.C.P. and a decrease in time spent on farm plans.

The following plans were presented:

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No. 268 - E. W. Penningroth, Tipton, Iowa -

No. 269 - Earl Newmann, Wilton Junction, Iowa

Advance BASIC

No. 234 - Norris and Burgess, Vinton and Tipton, Iowa

It was moved by George Kiser and seconded by James Smith that plans be approved.

Motion made by James Smith and seconded by George Kiser that farm planner send each co-operator a Christmas letter.

It was moved by George Kiser, seconded by James Smith meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Clarence Beyer
Clarence Beyer
Secreatry Pro-tem

CEDAR COUNTY SOIL COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
December 10, 1952,

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 P. M. by Wm. Wertzbaugher, Chairman. Those present were Wm. Wertzbaugher, James Smith, George Kiser, and Don Williams.

The Chairman called on Don Williams to act as secretary and record the minutes of the November meeting. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as read except that a sentence to the effect that the minutes of the October meeting has been read and approved as read was to be added. This correction was made.

The following bills were read:

12 levels \$29.09
Soil Test 11.00
Solution

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Kiser that the above bills be paid. Carried.

The following Initial agreements and Conservation guides were presented:

<u>Initials</u>		<u>Acres</u>
270 Joseph J. Ruzek	West Branch	200
271 Clarence Stonerook	Clarence	121
272 August Eiler	Tipton	101
273 Ralph W. Graham	Lisbon	669
275 Arch Davidson	Stanwood	160
278 Bernhardt Steuhm	Bennett	127
279 Ward James	Tipton	160
281 Herbert A. Christensen	Tipton	170

Conservation Guides

274 Young & Milder	Tipton	200
276 Hubert Lynch	West Branch	118
277 Warren F. Hazlett	West Branch	240
206 Arthur Schott	Tipton	160
199 Norman A. Rogers	West Branch	40
280 Donald & Lloyd Henderson	West Branch	160
282 Wilbur J. Little	West Branch	80

It was moved by George Kiser, seconded by Jim Smith that the above be approved as presented. Carried.

The goals for 1953 were discussed along with 5% ACP funds. Williams gave a comparison of the time spent by the technicians in Cedar County during 1951 and 1952. Arnold Meier, County PMA Chairman, attended this discussion. George Kiser suggested that if PMA turn

over the entire 5%, it might be possible to hire a man for six months. Wm. Wertzbaugher stated that the funds which were not used could be returned. Mr. Meier agreed that he believed that the entire 5% should be turned over in 1953.

The annual report was discussed and Chairman Wertzbaugher divided it among the commissioners to be written up.

Mr. Yock reported that his wife, Gloria, was sick and probably would be unable to continue work. It was decided to try to get another girl.

The annual meeting was discussed. George Kiser suggested the possibility of an afternoon meeting with a speaker and possibly requesting the implement dealers of the County to give door prizes. No final action was taken in this matter.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P. M.

Don H. Williams

Secretary Pro Tem