

Celebrating
our

50th

year of
Conservation

"Reflections of the Past"

Fifty years of soil conservation in Webster County, I can not believe it! Where has the time gone? What shocks me more is that I have been around, and been involved, to experience the beginning, the growth, and the changes of where we are today.

Webster County petitioned to be approved as a Soil Conservation District early in 1944 and an election was held on April 14, 1944 with unanimous approval. At the time there were 2,515 farms compared to a little over 1,000 today. If numbers alone could intimidate, that could have stopped it right there.

Webster County was organized as a Conservation District on April 28, 1944. Commissioners elected were Arthur Sollie, Ivan Slater, and Edgar Hovey with Maurice Campbell appointed Secretary. I stand in awe and respect of these men today as I did then. They were outstanding farmers, community leaders, and businessmen to get this mammoth undertaking underway.

I feel the major reason that Webster County was organized as a District was the interest expressed in receiving drainage assistance. This job was met head on with a request for a government surplus bulldozer and grader. This equipment was in operation by the summer of 1947. The work load must have been crushing,

COMMISSIONERS

1944-1950	Edgar Hovey, Badger
1944-1948	Ivan Slater, Dayton
1944-1950	Arthur Sollie, Callender
1946-1952	W. K. Powers, Duncombe
1948-1949	J. Olger Strand, Dayton
1949-1954	Everett Danielson, Harcourt
1950-1956	Richard Ottosen, Badger
1952-1958	Richard McCarville, Moorland
1954-1960	Donald Slater, Dayton
1956-1962	Verl Black, Barnum
1958-1964	Eldon Hovey, Badger
1960-1966 1974-1982	Jens Rugaard, Dayton
1962-1968	Edgar Licht, Clare
1964-1970	Leon Skoglund, Gowrie
1966-1970	W. E. Martin, Duncombe
1968-1974	Walter Neubaum, Barnum

1970-1976	Wayne Peterson, Fort Dodge
1970-1974	William Martin, Lehigh
1972-1978	Donald Seltz, Clare
1978-Present	Assistant commissioner
1974-1980	Harlan Anderson, Gowrie
1974-1980	Sindy (Bernita) Stiles, Fort Dodge
1976-1984	Garret Geisler, Callender
1978-1984	Richard Collins, Barnum
1981-1987	Irene Dencklau, Vincent
1981-1982	Calvin Burkgren, Dayton
1983-1987	John Field, Fort Dodge
1987-Present	Assistant Commissioner
1984-Present	Thomas Gillespie, Clare
1985-1991	Eddie Peterson, Harcourt
1991-Present	Assistant Commissioner
1987-1990	John B. Fevold, Gowrie
1987-1993	Steve Satre, Dayton
1989-1994	Leroy Lemberg, Fort Dodge
1990-Present	Roger H. Peterson, Gowrie
1991-Present	Robert Anderson, Harcourt
1993-Present	Sherri Musselman, Fort Dodge
1994-Present	Dwight Porter, Fort Dodge

50th Anniversary

WelcomeEddie Peterson, Assistant Commissioner
Master of Ceremonies

Dinner

IntroductionsPresent Commissioners/Assistants

.....Present Office Staff

.....Past Commissioners/Staff

Skit "Hee Haw"
Members of Humboldt Community Chorus

Speaker Dale Cochran, Secretary of Agriculture
Iowa Dept of Agriculture Land Stewardship

DuetDean and Judy Harklau

SpeakerRonald C Williams, Area Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Skit "FmHA"
Members of Humboldt Community Chorus

Drawing of Door Prizes . Bonnie Miller, Assistant Commissioner

Commissioners

Tom Gillespie
Roger Peterson
Robert Anderson
Sherri Musselman
Dwight Porter

Assistant Commissioners

Donald Seltz
John Field
Eddie Peterson
Bonnie Miller

Office Staff

Gary Smith
Jackie Fevold
John White
Jane Rush

