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ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2019

Connecting Landowners with Resources for Conservation

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Conservation in Iowa County

OUR HISTORY

taken from the MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING between IOWA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT and IOWA AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE.

It is recognized that the basic purpose of a soil conservation district is the conservation of soil and water resources and the control and prevention of erosion as set forth in the State Soil Conservation Districts Law.

The Iowa Agriculture Extension Service and the Iowa County Soil Conservation District recognize that successful accomplishment can only be obtained through mutual helpfulness and that cooperation is chiefly a matter of working together to a common end.'

This was signed by the first Iowa County SWCD on August 16, 1945 and approved by the United States Department of Agriculture on November 27, 1945.

At that time Iowa County looked like this: 1944- there were 105,800 acres of cropped land according to the Assessors Records, with 6,400 of those acres in beans and 99,400 acres of corn. There were 6,070 acres of timber in the county. The latest census (1940) indicated there were 17,011 people living in Iowa County. On the 2,049 farms in the county the average size was 110 acres. The topography of Iowa County 'is such that serious soil erosion is inevitable unless a constructive system of soil conservation is employed. According to the Special Report No. 2, "Soil Erosion in Iowa", 82% of the land in the county has a slope of over 5%, while 58% has a slope of more than 10%. Only 20% has little or no erosion. Originally endowed with a fertile top soil of twelve inches or more, the acreage which has been cropped has now lost more than half this amount.' The three main streams: Iowa River, North English River and the Middle English River. Tributaries and other streams of some consequence agriculturally are Gritter Creek, Old Man's Creek, Big Bear Creek, Little Bear Creek, Devil's Run and Honey Creek.

OUR PRESENT

A profile of Iowa County now: According to the 2012 census there are 373,120 acres in Iowa County of which 336,084 acres are considered farm land with 275,246 acres of cropped land. There are 1,019 farms in the county. Crops make up 65% and livestock 35%. The average farm is now 330 acres. Of the cropped acres 65% are considered HEL. The population of Iowa County is 16,311. A part of Iowa County falls in the 'Iowa River Corridor'. Iowa County SWCD has approved applications and conservation plans that implemented the following practices in FY2018: water & sediment control basins, grassed waterways, contour buffer strips, native seeding, ag waste storage, soil health, timber stand improvement, windbreaks, wetlands, filter strips, pasture and hay seeding, urban conservation, channel control, controlled grazing, cover crops, watering facilities, piping. Iowa County was ranked number 2 in the state for applied cover crops.

'HAVING A POSITIVE IMPACT ON IOWA'S LAND AND PEOPLE'

IOWA COUNTY STAFF

COMMISSIONERS	OFFICE
Vanessa Spratt	Chair/ Co-Treasurer
Dan Glandorf	Vice Chair
Bob Faber	
Larry Wetjen	
Stewart Maas	
Al Rudin- Assistant Commissioner	Treasurer
DISTRICT STAFF	
Rose Danaher	Price Creek Watershed Coordinator
NRCS STAFF	
Kate Timmerman	District Conservationist
Eric Adam	Soil Conservationist
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STAFF	
Rob Sproat	State Technician
Deb Conrad	State Secretary

FY2018 District Activities

July- Monthly Commissioners Mtg. RAGBRAI- helped hand out bananas and water near Wellman. Approved Annual Audit.

August- Monthly Commissioners. Approved Annual Report.

September- Monthly Commissioners Mtg. Approve the annual report. Hosted the annual Quad County Soil Judging at Lake Iowa.

October- Monthly Commissioners Mtg.

November- Monthly Commissioners Mtg. Iowa County SWCD Annual Awards Banquet was held at Lake Iowa.

December- Monthly Commissioners Mtg.

January- Monthly Commissioners Mtg. Annual Organizational, Civil Rights review and Training Mtg.

February- Monthly Commissioners Mtg. Approved the final draft for 2019 Iowa County Policies and Priorities.

March- Monthly Commissioners Mtg. Commissioner attended the Spring Regional meeting. Annual review was held for the Price Creek Watershed.

April- Monthly Commissioners Mtg. April 28th was the start of Soil and Water Conservation week. SWCD distributed Service Berry trees and soil health activity books to all 5th graders in the county.

May- Monthly Commissioners Mtg.

June- Monthly Commissioners Mtg.

Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

1M FUNDING

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE	EXPENSES	EARNINGS
Allocation	\$2,000.00		
CDI Dues		875.00	
Commissioner Expenses-monthly meetings		415.67	
Printing		23.11	
Regional Meetings- spring commissioners		35.37	
Postage		310.00	
Office Supplies		101.39	
Plaques/Awards		284.94	
Totals	\$2,000.00	\$2,045.48	-\$45.48

- 1M funds is deposited in the Revolving Account

REVOLVING FUNDS

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE	EXPENSES	RUNNING BALANCE
Beginning Balance 07/01/2018			\$941.57
	\$33,122.37		
		\$24,528.37	
Ending Balance 06/30/2019			\$9,535.57

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDS

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE	EXPENSES	RUNNING BALANCE
Beginning Balance 07/01/2018			\$23,667.47
	\$93,418.87		
		\$94,059.93	
Ending Balance 06/30/2019			\$23,026.41

SAVINGS

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Beginning Balance 07/01/2018			\$27,126.88
Interest	\$11.22		
Service Charge		\$20.00	
Transferred to Revolving Account		\$27,133.10	
Refund Service Charge	\$15.00		
Ending Balance 06/30/2019			\$0.00

TIME CERTIFICATES

DESCRIPTION	BEGIN. BALANCE	INTEREST	END BALANCE
391-Matured on 4/29 rolled over into new CD	\$1,006.76	\$4.53	\$1011.29
392-Matured on 4/29 rolled over into new CD	\$1,006.76	\$4.53	\$1,011.29
858-NEW CD used 391, 392 + \$18,000.00 from Savings	\$20,022.58		\$20,022.58
269	\$1,077.35		\$1,077.35
277	\$1,077.35		\$1,077.35
285	\$1,831.49		\$1,831.49
Revenue		\$9.06	

COST SHARE

FIP COST SHARE

	OBLIGATED	SPENT
BEGINNING OBLIGATION	\$20,300.71	
ALLOCATION	\$210,396.00	
TOTAL EXPENDED		\$74,195.91
TOTAL OBLIGATED	\$156,494.28	
TOTAL RECALLED	\$6.52	
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30,2018	0.00	

- 1M funds is deposited in the Revolving Account

REAP PRACTICESFUNDS

	OBLIGATED	SPENT
BEGINNING OBLIGATION	\$13,056.13	
ALLOCATION	\$28,151.88	
TOTAL EXPENDED		\$28,223.99
TOTAL OBLIGATED	\$12,984.02	
TOTAL RECALLED	\$0.00	
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2018	0.00	

REAP FORESTRY / NATIVE GRASSESFUNDS

	OBLIGATED	SPENT
BEGINNING OBLIGATION	\$4,980.00	
ALLOCATION	\$9,364.50	
TOTAL EXPENDED		\$4,332.00
TOTAL OBLIGATED	\$8,776.41	
TOTAL RECALLED	\$1,236.09	
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30,2018	0.00	

LOW INTEREST LOAN

OF LOANS APPROVED

PRICE CREEK WATERSHED

PRICE CREEK WQ PROJECT - 319

	OBLIGATED	SPENT
BEGINNING OBLIGATION	\$33,784.01	
ALLOCATIONS	\$168,622.00	
TOTAL EXPENDED		\$6,784.01
TOTAL OBLIGATED	\$120,145.00	
TOTAL RECALLED	\$75,477.00	

PRICE CREEK WQ PROJECT -WSPF

	OBLIGATED	SPENT
BEGINNING OBLIGATION	\$33,684.97	
ALLOCATIONS	\$106,990.13	
TOTAL EXPENDED		\$21,320.72
TOTAL OBLIGATED	\$96,804.38	
TOTAL TRANSFERRED	0.00	
TOTAL RECALLED	\$22,550.00	

FIELD OFFICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PROGRAM	# OF CONTRACTS	ACRES BENEFITED	SOIL SAVINGS TON/YEAR
IFIP/GRASSED WATERWAYS	7	13.9	225.97
IFIP/ WATER & SEDIMENT CONTROL BASINS	7	20.05	2065.76
REAP/REAP F/NG	2	36.10	58.
REAP/ REAP P	6	15.4	169
WQI	70	7512.51	14,874.77
PRICE CREEK/WSPF/COVER CROP-3 YRS.	1	40	79.2
PRICE CREEK/WSPF/Fence	1	15.7	31.4
PRICE CREEK/319/Access Control	1	15.7	0
PRICE CREEK/319/Septic System Installation	1	.5	0
EQIP	14	952.7	
CSP	6	157.1	
RP New and Re-Enroll (no sign up this FY)			
Applications Funded for Conservation Practices			

Con-ser-va-tion: (kon-ser-vey-shuh n) - Noun;

1. Preservation, repair, and prevention of deterioration



Recipient of the 2018 Wildlife Management award is Scott Williams and his wife Robin. Award presented by Commissioner Vanessa Spratt, right.



Landowners Judy and Michael Sauter, left, are pictured with their operators Daniel and Kris Burcl center, recipients of the Landlord/Tenant award. Award presented by Commissioner Bob Faber.



Laura and Patrick Blomme, left, received the New Cooperator award. The award was presented by Commissioner Stewart Maas.



Greg Folkmann, left, was this year's recipient of the Owner/Operator award. Commissioner Larry Wetjen presented the award.



Greg Brenneman left, is presented an Amana clock from Commissioner, Larry Wetjen. The Delmar Wetjen family give an award in his memory to people who have helped promote conservation either in practice or profession.



Eric Adam, right, is the recipient of the Conservation Educator for his work with cover crops and FFA clubs participating in soil judging contest. Presenting the award is Kate Timmerman, District Conservationist.

*Also receiving awards that night were the Iowa County winners of the Quad -County FFA Soil Judging Contest which was held in Iowa county earlier this fall. 1st Place winner in the Senior Division- Ty Buresh, Williamsburg FFA. 2nd Place Team in the Junior Division- Zack Brecht, Kamryn Haskey, Carson Adams and Jared Ward, Belle Plaine FFA. Belle Plaine FFA advisor, Steve Eskildsen also attended. **

Iowa County SWCD Celebrates Soil and Water Conservation Week

Iowa County SWCD annually celebrates Soil and Water Conservation Week with activities. For the past several years they have distributed "Trees for 5th Graders". This year they provided Serviceberry trees and Conservation Activity books to the Iowa County schools. Along with the 5th grade project step by step instructions for constructing a rain barrels, rain gardens and other conservation projects were made available at the Williamsburg USDA building.



Pictured above receiving their Serviceberry tree is the 5th grade class at the Lutheran Interparish School, Williamsburg.

