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WEST POTTAWATTAMIE

Soil Conservation District

FORWARD

The West Pottawattamie Soil Conservation District Commissioners present their report of 1958 accomplishments and activities.

We commend our cooperators for another fine year of progress in conservation work. We would like to take this means to invite all our cooperators to make even greater use of the services available through the District staff. We also would like to extend an invitation to all of our other friends to become cooperators of the District.

It is the ambition of the commissioners and the District staff to see soil conservation on every acre in the District. We have set up goals for 1959 that we think are very realistic.

If these goals are met another great stride will have been made in conservation in the West Pottawattamie District.

Recently District activities have been more closely coordinated with the State Highway Commission, their engineering staff and the Soil Conservation Service staff. Through these cooperative efforts many road culverts and other road structures are being located and installed in such a manner as to give a maximum benefit to erosion control in the drainageways crossed by Interstate highways and other State roads.



Reading from left to right, Donald Bladt, Minden; Lawrence Dittmer, Minden; and Louie Fahrenkrog, Chairman, Carson.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

	This Year	To Date
District Cooperators	64	1037
Basic Conservation Plans	51	756
Farms Serviced	605	
Contouring	3,636 Ac.	87,985 Ac.
Terraces	129 Mi.	8,804 Mi.
Diversions	2 Mi.	32 Mi.
Grass Waterways	88 Ac.	1,553 Ac.
Surface Drainage	10 Mi.	79 Mi.
Benefited by Drainage	1,103 Ac.	8,764 Ac.
Erosion Control Structures	9	59
Land Grading	40 Ac.	909 Ac.
Field Boundaries	3,575 Rods	74,907 Rods

GOALS FOR 1959

New District Cooperators	50
Basic Conservation Plans	50
Revised Conservation Plans	20
Farms Serviced	600
Contouring	3,500 Ac.
Terraces	125 Mi.
Diversions	3 Mi.
Grass Waterways	100 Ac.
Surface Drainage	10 Mi.
Erosion Control Structures	10
Field Boundaries	8,000 Rods
Land Grading	200 Ac.
Tile Drains	4,000 Ft.

S. C. S. PERSONNEL

ASSISTING THE DISTRICT

Richard Hogue	Work Unit Conservationist
Earl Kizzier	Soil Conservationist
Oliver Hall	Conservation Aid
Perry Thomas	Conservation Aid
Howard Knox	Conservation Aid
Kathryn Starr	State Clerk



WATERSHED ACTIVITIES

RYAN-HENSCHAL WATERSHED

The Ryan-Henschal Watershed Association was formed in June of 1958. The watershed includes all the area draining into Ryan, Henschal and Little Henschal creeks totaling 9,306 acres. These three contiguous gullies empty into Mosquito Creek near Weston.

A Board of Directors were elected. The directors include Eldon Ravlin, Chairman; Harvey Hansen, Vice-Chairman; Francis Bell, Secretary; and Earl Hough, Oluf Larsen, Edwin Klopping and W. H. Geise.

The board submitted a petition for watershed assistance under Public Law 566 to the State Soil Conservation Committee in August.

In September the Advisory Committee, West Pottawattamie District Commissioners Watershed Directors and other interested parties spent one half day in the watershed observing upland treatment and discussing the problems in the area.

The Board of Directors are hoping for an early assignment of the State Watershed Survey Party to develop the over all work plan for their watershed.

PONY-CREEK

A petition requesting assistance under Public Law 566 on Pony Creek was submitted to the State Soil Conservation Committee in July.

This watershed has been approved by the State Soil Conservation Committee and has been forwarded by the Soil Conservation Service to Washington for approval and for a priority for work plan development. Of this watershed 1,536 acres are in West Pottawattamie.



Bill Young cultivating corn on the contour on the Mrs. Ernest Harms land west of Underwood. Contouring and terracing are the back bone of soil and water conservation in Western Iowa.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Ten regular commissioners meetings were held during the year. Additional meetings were held with the County Board of Supervisors, the City Council, and Watershed Boards of Director regarding watershed organization and operations.

We attended the Region 3 meeting of Commissioners held in Red Oak, Iowa.

We attended meetings with the A.S.C. County and township committees, the Extension Service and the S.C.S. for the 1959 cost-sharing program.

We participated in the annual Area Commissioner's meeting held at Harlan, Iowa.

Donald Bladt was elected for a six year term at our commissioner's election held in March. Eldon Ravlin and Al Fiala were appointed assistant commissioners, to work with the commissioners.