

Fayette County Soil Conservation District's Annual Report, 1982

FINANCIAL STATEMENT July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

IM BUDGET

Commissioners travel expenses to district, regional & state meetings and other travel in the county on district business	\$ 530.64
Office Supplies & Expenses	509.40
Printing	24.81
Total allocation	\$ 1,064.85

IIM BUDGET

Salary, travel, insurance, etc. for State Employee	\$13,178.75
Equipment, Equipment Maintenance	840.02
Total Allocation	\$14,018.77

COMMISSIONERS REVOLVING FUND

Balance on hand July 1, 1981	\$ 1,735.06
Receipts July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982	4,471.14
Total funds available	6,206.20
Miscellaneous Expenses	4,167.15
Balance on hand June 30, 1982	2,039.05

IIIM BUDGET

1981-82 Fiscal Year Total Allocation	\$60,256.00
1981-82 Amount Spent on Conservation Practices	48,878.00
1981-81 Amount Pending Completion of Practices	11,378.00
1980-81 Projects Completed	15,997.83
1980-81 Amount Pending Completion of Practices	4,120.00

DISTRICT GOVERNING UNIT

George Halstead, West Union	Chairman
James Burrack, Arlington	Vice Chairman
Leslie Anderson, Clermont	Secretary
Jonathan Steege, Maynard	Treasurer
Paul Nuss, Hawkeye	Commissioner

DISTRICT EMPLOYEE

Belva J. Bauer	Clerk-Typist III
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U.S.D.A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Gerald L. Muff	District Conservationist
J.K. "Bud" Siebrecht	Soil Conservation Technician
Larry Best	W.A.E.
Ralph Kneeland	W.A.E.
A.W. "Wally" Oxley	(started 11/28/82)
Harold Boehmer, Mason City	Area Conservationist
Barbara Herrera, Mason City	Area Clerk
James Evans, West Union	Area Civil Engineer
John Wildman, West Union	Area Civil Engineer Technician
Roger Koster, West Union	Area Resource Conservationist
Ron Corcoran	C.E.T.A. (April-June)

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

	Number	Acres
District Cooperators	18	4,144
Soil & Water Conservation Plans		2,726
Farms & Groups Serviced	230	
Farms & Groups Applying One or More Practices	104	

MAJOR PRACTICES APPLIED

	Number	Acres
Minimum Tillage (Acres)		1,863
Contour (Acres)		2,912
Farmstead & Feedlot Windbreaks (Acres)		3
Grade Stabilization Structures (Number)	2	
Grassed Waterways (Acres)		6
Tile Outlet Terraces (Feet)		40,373
Water & Sediment Control Basin (Feet)		200
Wildlife Upland Habitat Management (Acres)		3

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES, 1982

The District Commissioners held regular monthly meetings and attended special meetings to conduct the business of the district. This included plans and preparations for the various events that are sponsored by the district, also reviewing all new cooperators, basic conservation plans, group plans, cost-share assistance applications, amendments, and completed cost-share projects.

The public was informed of soil conservation progress with news stories and radio releases. The office staff and commissioners assisted with or conducted conservation tours, talks, demonstrations, presentations and contests.

In January Soil Conservation District and Extension Service co-sponsored a conservation tillage meeting at West Union fairground. Five implement dealers brought displays. Over 100 people attended.

Commissioners Halstead and Burrack, DC Muff and SCT Siebrecht attended Eastern Iowa Tillage Show at Cedar Rapids.

Muff gave a presentation "Fayette County Soil Erosion and Control" and showed slides and results of no-till to Adult Education Ag class in Oelwein.

Muff gave a presentation on "The Application & Value of Seeding Alfalfa (or hay crop) in Soil Conservation" at a dinner meeting provided by Harvester.

The "Fayette County No-Tillers" Club held their first meeting at U.I.U. to elect officers. Plans were made for the no-till program.

Siebrecht and Muff assisted with Big-4 Contractors meeting held at Postville State Bank.

Muff attended Conservation Planning Workshop in Des Moines, in March.

Information on no-till plots and soil conservation was presented by Muff to Starmont School Voc-Ag Department.

A meeting in Manchester concerning Northeast Iowa Target Area program was attended by Muff.

Muff attended a seminar concerning land use and abuse in Manchester. "Strangers and Guests" is the title of the catholic move to address rural America's problems.

Fayette S.C.D. provided a breakfast-brunch for Fayette County clergymen prior to Soil Stewardship week to explain what soil conservation and land use is all about.

Muff gave a "Soil Erosion in Iowa" slide presentation at a Lutheran Brotherhood meeting at Eldorado.

J.K. "Bud" Siebrecht, Soil Conservation Technician was injured at home May 16th while driving a team of horses hitched to a manure spreader. He was hospitalized four months with broken back, ribs and multiple injuries. He is recuperating at home and plans to return to work early in the spring.

A training session in Des Moines entitled Training Methods was attended by Muff. Fayette County No-Tiller bus tour was held on June 17 with approximately 65 people riding the busses supplied by North High School. Monsanto and Shell paid for catered meal. West Union Co-op furnished drinks for meal. Velsicol furnished mid-morning refreshments.

The district had a booth at Fayette County fair in August. A drawing was held daily for the give away of Green Ash trees. Trees will be available this spring at tree planting time.

Will Grundmeyer, Lamont, Iowa was chosen winner of Izaak Walton League Windbreak Award. The windbreak consisted of 2 rows of Arborvitae and 1 row of honeysuckle and was planted in 1968.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Fayette Soil Conservation District actively promotes soil conservation but not without tremendous assistance from others.

We would like to express our gratitude to the following: Fayette County Extension Service — outstanding assistance in promoting no-till program. ASCS — cooperation in administering an effective cost-share program. Fayette County Supervisors — financial assistance of \$1,000 for no-till promotion. Department of Soil Conservation — state cost-share program and guidance with our program. Iowa Conservation Commission, and FmHA.

Earthmoving and tile contractors for their cooperation and fine work in constructing conservation practices. This includes help in surveying and layout of practices.

All newspapers and reporters covering soil conservation activities.

KOEL Radio Station — namely Jim Lang, Farm Editor, for providing consistent and professional soil conservation coverage.

A special thanks goes to all the landowners and operators who cooperated with us on the no-till program.