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*"We must preserve our soil
 and water, or we have
 left our children
 nothing."*

- U.S. Representative Jamie Whitten

**DISTRICT
 FINANCIAL REPORT**
 (July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998)

I-M	
Allocation	\$ 2,500.00
Expenses: Printing & Commissioner Expenses	2,487.46
Released to State	\$ 12.54
3-M Cost Share Funds (97-98)	\$ 34,196.00
(For Conservation Practices)	
Obligated and Spent	33,631.40
Balance 6/30/98	\$ 564.60
Little Sioux Flood Prevention Watershed Maintenance Funds	\$ 151,505.41
Income (Interest)	8,011.13
Expenses	6,485.66
Balance 6/30/98	\$ 153,030.88
General Fund (Revolving)	\$ 3,973.41
(For District Functions)	
Income:	3,458.88
Expense	5,664.47
Balance 6/30/98	\$ 1,767.82
REAP Funds	
(Resource Enhancement & Protection Practices)	
98 REAP-Practices	\$ 8,015.00
Obligated & Spent	3,505.59
Released to State	\$ 4,509.41
REAP Funds	
98 REAP-Forestry/Native Grasses	\$ 1,808.50
Obligated & Spent	728.50
Released to State	\$ 1,080.00
Little Sioux Funds	
These funds are obligated by the federal government for projects in the Little Sioux Watershed area which is nearly all of the county. The district obligated and spent \$144,372.68 for terraces and structure projects in FY98.	

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**CONSERVATION
 POSTER CONTEST**
"Wonders of Wildlife"

**Division 3
 Grades 4 - 6**

Adam Craig	First, Cherokee
Tom Comstock	Second, Cherokee
Ashley Daum	Third, Cherokee (Co-Winner)
and Emly Wells	Third, Cherokee (Home School)
Brian Prunty	First, Marcus-Meriden Cleghorn (MMC)
Alexa Johnson	Second, MMC
Kelli Schreier	Third, MMC

**Cherokee
 County
 Soil & Water
 Conservation
 District**

**1998
 Annual
 Report**



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PERSONNEL

Commissioners

Russell Carver, Quimby
Chairman (January - July)

Linda Bindner, Marcus
Vice-Chairman

James Corrington, Cherokee
Treasurer

Max E. Mugge, Cleghorn
Craig Beyer, Holstein

Assistant Commissioners
Rhoda Grauer, Marcus

Staff

Don Carrington,
District Conservationist
Janet "Sam" Thomas, Ed Sands,
Soil Conservation Technicians
Wanda Hollingshead,
Clerical - Green Thumb Program
Carol Hein, State Secretary

As Commissioners of your
Soil and Water
Conservation District,
we are pleased to
present this 1998 Annual Report
of conservation accomplishments.
It reflects the efforts of many groups
working together to
improve our environment
through
conservation programs.

CHEROKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FISCAL YEAR 98 (October 1, 1997 to September 30, 1998)

New Cooperators (100)	30 No.
Individuals Assisted (102).....	656 No.
Conservation Tillage (329)	1,796 Ac.
Contour Farming (330)	1,515 Ac.
Windbreaks (380).....	14 Ac.
Field Borders (386).....	25,760 Ft.
Grade Stabilization Structures (410)	4 No.
Waterways (412)	26 Ac.
Terraces (600)	41,765 Ft.
Water and Sediment Basins (638)...	21 No.
Cropland Treated (901)	10,102 Ac.
Slough Bill Applicants:	48 No.
Slough Bill (Open Prairie/Forest Cover).....	1,913 Ac.
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).....	348 Ac.

COOPERATORS

A District Cooperator is a landowner who has entered into a cooperative agreement with the district for the purpose of planning, applying, and maintaining the necessary soil and water conservation practices on his land. There were 30 landowners who became cooperators during the year.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES 1998

The Cherokee SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation District) Commissioners meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the district office. There were 11 regular meetings, 2 special meetings and 4 conference calls. All meetings are open to the public. (Open Meeting Law.)

Election of Officers was held in January. All commissioners were reelected and assistant commissioners appointed.

District, Contractor, No-Till Policies, & Average Costs and Annual Work Plan were approved.

Commissioners approved 1998 IM Budget Spending Plan.

The 1997 Annual Report was published and distributed.

Memo of Understanding with NRCS and FSA was approved.

Cherokee and Plymouth Counties sponsored a joint contractors meeting in February in LeMars.

Bindner attended the REAP meeting in Cherokee on January 19 and the RC&D meeting in Sioux City on Feb. 12.

Commissioner Development Program held in February at Ida Grove attended by Bindner and Carver. The also assisted as area facilitators.

Observed Soil Stewardship week by supplying area restaurants with placemats.

The Cherokee Staff assisted the Green Space Program by providing technical assistance.

Commissioners agreed with CDI (Conservation Districts of Iowa) to coordinate DNR, PF (Pheasants Forever) and SWCD money toward the CRP buffer initiative.

Asst. Commissioner Rhoda Grauer coordinated poster contest for 4th graders in the county.

Contributed to the educational project 'Envirothon' at Estherville for Iowa high school students in March.

Spring Regional in Akron attended by Mugge, Carver, and Carrington.

Watershed inspections completed in April.

Carver resigned as commissioner in May. Bruce Amundson appointed to complete the term.

Commissioners attended Legislators Meeting in Sanborn in March.

Paid \$500 to State Dues and \$500 in National Dues.

Contributed to O'Brien Soil Judging Awards for high school students.

All FY financial reports were approved. IDALS DSC/SWCD FY99 Agreement approved. Received \$8,837.00 in REAP Funds and \$34,402.00 in state cost share.

Completed 3 grade stabilization structures in conjunction with the county on C-16.

Bindner attended Annual Conference in September in Des Moines.

District renewed membership to Iowa Watersheds.

Mortenson watershed repair work completed.

Dale Bugh and Bruce Amundson elected as commissioners.

Fall Regional held meetings December 7 at Sheldon in PM attended by Bindner, and at Ida Grove in AM attended by Carrington, Amundson, and Mugge.