

1978 Annual Report Of Hardin

1978 ANNUAL REPORT FOR HARDIN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

JANUARY

- Regular meeting. Topics discussed included ten new conservation agreements, one terrace plan where the soil type was questionable and the amount of liquid animal waste which could be safely spread on the soil.
- Joe Shore was appointed to represent Hardin SCD on the Iowa-Cedar River Basin Committee.
- Three Commissioners attended the Commissioner Short Course in Ames January 17 and 18.
- Martin Broer was elected Chairman for 1978. Gary Walters was Vice-Chairman and Carroll Hobson was Treasurer.
- National dues were paid.

FEBRUARY

- Regular meeting. Commissioners reviewed five conser-

vation plans. One guest attended and the Commissioners' policy of approving cost share for terraces was reviewed. The decision was made to have the Annual Report printed in the Herald Index and the Iowa Falls Citizen.

The Hardin County Resource Committee held a public hearing at the Second National Bank. Best management practices to control erosion was the topic. The opinion of the group attending was that 75-85% cost share was needed for the installation of permanent practices.

MARCH

- Regular meeting. Twelve new agreements were approved and eleven conservation plans were reviewed. State dues were paid. A department proposal for a non-point pollution control program was discussed.
- The final draft of the Hardin Soil Conservation District Resource Inventory was reviewed and approved.
- A four county meeting on Conservation Tillage was held at the Ackley High School in cooperation with their Vo Ag Department and the Butler, Franklin and Grundy SCD's. Ernest Behn, of Boone, was the speaker.

APRIL

- Regular meeting. Four new agreements and four conservation plans were reviewed and approved.
- At this date \$504.50 had been received in response to the request for contributions to the Conservation Club account.
- A tour for the ministers of the north half of Hardin County was held on April 25th for Soil Stewardship which was the following week.

MAY

- Regular meeting. Two new agreements were approved. A cooperators' banquet was planned for December 1978.
- It was decided that the news letter for this month should include an article on the maintenance of tile intake terraces.
- The first week of May was Soil Stewardship Week and the district provided material to all the churches which requested it.

JUNE

- Regular meeting. A review of activities for the past month indicated mostly field work, covering terraces, tile, dams and waterways had consumed the staff time.
- Earnest Hoffa attended a three day training session in Des Moines June 5-7.
- Hogue, Walters and Hobson attended an RCA workshop in New Hampton on June 28.
- Kermit Whitehead announced that he would not be a candidate for Commissioner when his term expired at the end of this year.

JULY

- Regular meeting. Since this was the month the yearly allocation of state cost share funds was received for the fiscal year, most of the meeting was taken up by discussion of the 14 applications; thirteen were approved.
- A display was set up at the Hardin County Fair; Conservation Tillage was the topic.
- An RCA public meeting was held at the Hardin County Bank on July 17. This was a part of the new Resource Conservation Act and provided for public opinion of how best to accomplish the needed protection for our soil and water resources.

AUGUST

- Special meeting August 7. To approve cost share from a special state fund which was set up to include the Pine Lake Watershed. All but a small amount of the cost share fund was committed.
- Regular meeting. Dennis Pate, of Madison, Wisconsin, was named Area Conservationist for the SCS area covering this district.
- Earnest Hoffa was approved for advancement to an Engineering Aide II for the state.

SEPTEMBER

- Regular meeting. A new sign was purchased to be placed on the front of the building. The Commissioners reviewed and accepted the new SCS Planning Manual.
- Soil Conservation Week was observed September 17-23.

OCTOBER

- Regular meeting. The staff reported excellent progress on field work. Most of the meeting time was spent on planning the speech contest and the district banquet as well as approval for cost share on projects completed.
- The speech contest was held October 16. Martha Parris will represent the Hardin Soil Conservation District in the regional contest.
- The Hardin SCD and Field staff, including the Soil Scientists helped with the Soil Judging Contest at Iowa Falls.

NOVEMBER

- Regular meeting. The Commissioners agreed to accept the district's responsibility for implementing the non-point pollution control program.
- Hobson, Walters, Broer and Tidman and Hogue attended the Regional Meeting November 16 in Mason City.
- Charles Klepe, of Hampton, was acting DC in the month of October when Thaine Hogue was gone.

DECEMBER

- Regular meeting was delayed until January 2, so the new Commissioner, James Tidman could be sworn in at this meeting.
- A cooperators' banquet was held December 2. Dean Peterson, of Alden, gave the speech he had used to win the State Contest. He is now a student at I.S.U. and the following day he won the National Speech Contest in Chicago with the American Society of Agronomy. Inga Chase painted pictures and talked to the group! The two pictures she painted were sold by Kenneth Winters, the auctioneer from Iowa Falls.
- Routine business is an essential part of every commissioners' meeting and these items were taken care of at every meeting, in addition to the special items shown for the individual months. Paying the bills, reviewing the activities of the staff and approving state cost share funds are examples of those items which are considered routine for the Hardin Soil Conservation District Commissioners.
- Please refer to the treasurer's report for an accounting of all funds handled by the district.



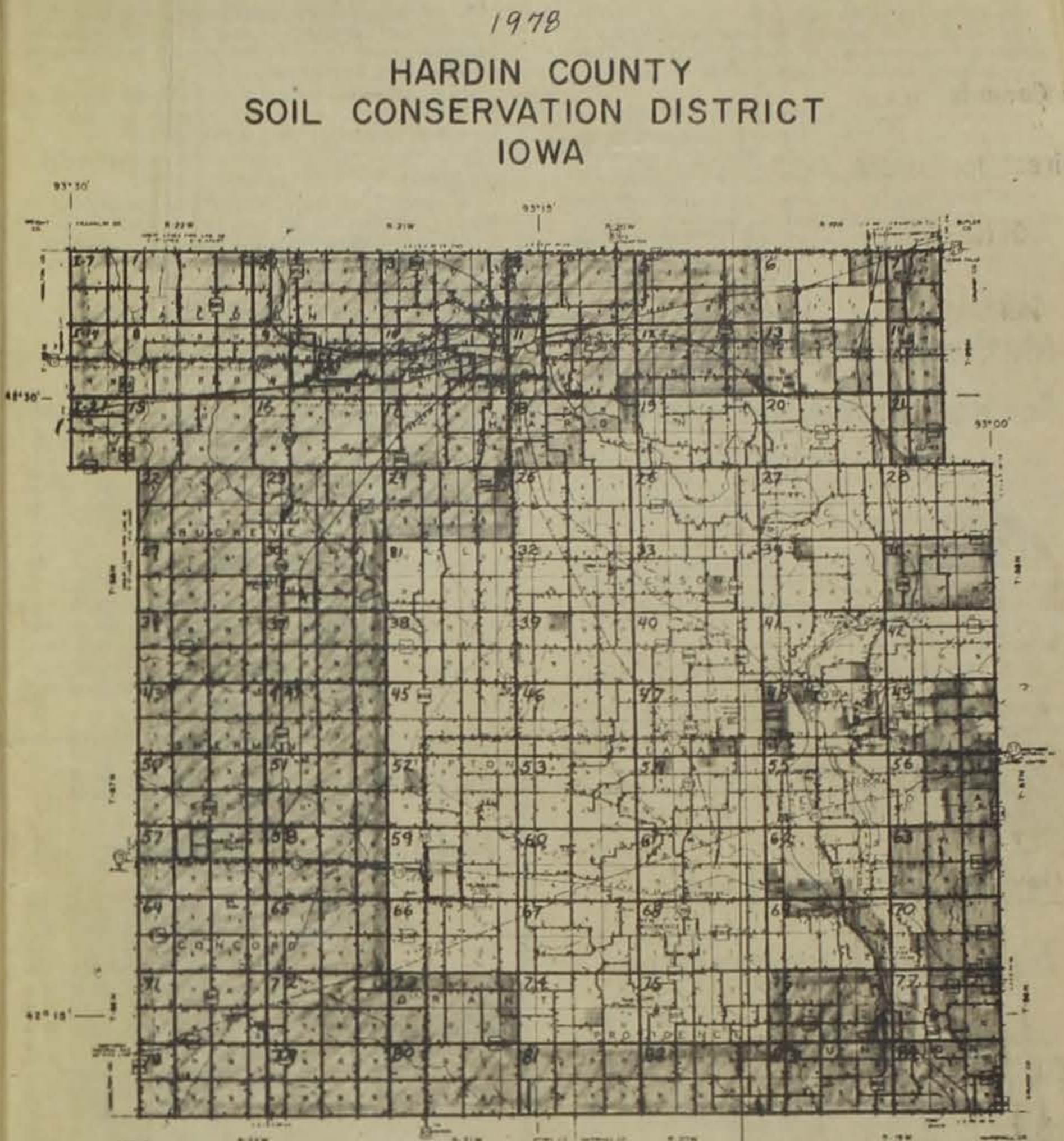
William Vigars receives the Frank Walton District Award for farmland stewardship at the District Cooperators' Banquet, December 2.



Martin Broer receives the Conservation Achievement Award for total conservation of his farm. This award was presented at the District Banquet on December 2.



David Jensen receives the Conservation Achievement Award for total conservation of his farm. His program includes total cropland management as well as a seven acre pond, seven acres of trees and pasture improvement.



Work continues in Hardin county on completion of a soil survey. The shaded portion of the above map indicates the parts of the county where the survey has been completed during the past two years. Soil scientists will be working the central part of the county this coming summer and the total survey is expected to be completed in 1980. Soil maps for areas that have been surveyed are now available in the Soil Conservation Service office in Eldora.

SOIL SURVEY PERSONNEL

Kermit Voy	Soil Scientist	Hampton
Norman Johnson	Soil Scientist	Hampton
Tom O'Connor	Soil Scientist	Hampton
Additional assistance was received from the Soil Conservation Service Area Office in Fort Dodge.		
Dennis Pate	Area Conservationist	
Daryl Carpenter	Agricultural Engineer	
Charles Wright	Civil Engineering Technician	
Vivian Nore	Area Clerk	

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Martin Broer, Chairman; Gary Walters, Vice Chairman;
Carroll Hobson, Treasurer; Caleb Knutson, Jim Tidman

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Thaine R. Hogue, District Conservationist
Earnest Hoffa, State Engineering Aide II
Melinda Schwarck, State Clerk
Fred Rosenkrans, WAE (part-time)

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JULY 1977 - JULY 1978 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

IM Budget	
Allocation—\$1,600.00	
Additional Allocation—\$41.87	
Expenses:	
Commissioners' Expense	650.92
Office Supplies	319.89
Printing	235.90
Prizes for Contests	58.64
Rental for Meeting Halls	11.00
Material for Demonstration	35.00
Office Expense	228.91
Meeting Expense	103.61
TOTAL EXPENDED	\$1,641.87
IIIM Budget	
Allocation—\$20,415.00	
Travel	203.65
Clerical & Technical Assistance	19,046.67
Equipment	40.00
	\$19,290.32
Released back to the State Department—\$1,124.68	
IIIM Budget	
Allocation—\$47,525.00	
Amount of Cost Share Paid	\$39,247.17
3 Projects to be completed	8,252.00
\$25.83 Not Obligated	

REVOLVING ACCOUNT

July 1, 1977 Balance	415.34
June 30, 1978 Balance	410.28
Not Reimbursable [Sales Tax] \$5.66	

CONSERVATION CLUB ACCOUNT

July 1977 Balance	870.78
Income, [Donations]	545.50
Miscellaneous	19.00

Total \$1,435.28

Expense

State Fair Display	75.00
State, National Dues	300.00
Contest Expense	10.00
Miscellaneous	32.93
Maintenance Agreement on 3M Copier	238.00
Office Supplies	57.94
Equipment	47.58

Total 761.45
July 1978 Balance 673.83

\$1,435.28



Three Soil Scientists, all from Hampton serve as Soil Survey Personnel in Hardin County. They are Tom O'Connor, seated, Kermit Voy, left, and Norman Johnson.

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