

Hardin Soil Conservation District
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ANNUAL REPORT HARDIN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

- Made video tape, "A Look at Soil Conservation in Hardin County"
- Sponsored Soil Judging Contest in cooperation with Ellsworth College
- First state cost-share fund allocation for Hardin District
- Preliminary survey of the Union Watershed completed
- Tree planting program provided, public tile drainage conference held in Eldora, teacher's meeting held on outdoor classrooms
- Three teachers attended the Fall Conservation Workshop
- Awards presented:
 - 1973 Outstanding Conservation Teacher Award - Jerry Aldrich
 - 1973 Outstanding Conservation Farmer Award - Dr. Lloyd Bates, owner
John Bradley, operator
 - Goodyear Award for Outstanding Conservationist - Homer Calkins
 - Outstanding Employee Recognition & 20 Years Safe Driving Award -
Dean Miller, SCS Conservation Technician
- Paul Hackbarth winner of speech contest (second consecutive year)
- Soil Stewardship material furnished to churches
- Provided environmental education booklets to 4,5,6th graders
- Art Show with "Sketch and Stir" and "Paint and Palette" art clubs
- 12 regular and 5 special commissioners meetings held

District Commissioners

Carroll Hobson, Chairman
Kermit Whitehead
Caleb Knutson
Martin Broer
Dick Rubow, December
Joe Knight, February
Paul Primus, Assistant
Emerson Calkins, Assistant

Office Personnel

Richard L. Bassett, D.C., June
Thaine R. Hogue, D.C., July 1974
Dean Miller, Cons. Tech.
Joe Shore, Cons. Aide
Shirley Albright, Clerk-Typist, Jan.
Barbara Meyer, Clerk-Typist, April

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GREETINGS
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membership card
enclosed

Hardin District Newsletter



December
1974

CONSERVATION CLUB

We are asking your help again this year, but we are also offering a desk calendar to everyone who donates three dollars or more to the Conservation Club Account. You can see the projects for which the money is needed and we are open for suggestions on any project you would like to promote.

We appreciate your past cooperation and extend our thanks for any help you can give us this year.

COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE

Attached is the Annual Report of accomplishments and the financial statement for the Hardin Soil Conservation District. In addition to this report, we would like to provide you with some background information concerning the policy under which your district operates.

This Hardin Soil Conservation District was organized as a legal entity of state government in April of 1945 and has been in continuous operation ever since. This district has the responsibility for carrying out local, state, and federal programs related to soil and water conservation. Specific federal programs include technical service for the Rural Environmental Assistance Program, Rural Environmental Conservation Program, and Long Term Agreement, Watershed projects under Public Law 566, and Resource Conservation and Development projects. The Annual Reports indicate progress on all programs, except Resource Conservation and Development, which does not apply to the Hardin District at this time.

Under the state program, your district has the responsibility of cost-share allocation for conservation projects and the Soil Conservancy Law. These items are also shown in the attached report.

Local funds come from donations only and they are accounted for under the Conservation Club Account along with the list of activities.

Most of the accomplishments shown are through cooperative efforts with other organizations, including the Extension Service who, by memo of understanding, carries the information and education program for the district, and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service who administers the federal cost-sharing programs.

The policies of the district are established and directed by the five member commission named in the report. There will be an election in the spring of 1975 and we invite your participation. All legally qualified voters of Hardin County are entitled to vote in this election.

At the present time, two federal employees and two state employees are assigned to the district to carry out the technical responsibilities and their names are indicated in the report.

POLICY FOR CONSERVATION ENGINEERING

The Hardin District has established certain policies for the layout of conservation practices which will be of concern to anyone interested in conservation on their land.

1. The service is not limited to farm land, anyone can request service if the problem is related to soil or water management.
2. We will write overall conservation plans when requested.
3. We will plan, design layout, inspect construction and certify completion of all soil and water management practices receiving cost-sharing. (Note the exception of tile, #4.)
4. Drainage tile engineering will be limited to planning and inspection. Flagging lines, etc., is done by other people.
5. We do not design tile mains for legal drainage districts, but we will cooperate, especially if it concerns an overall conservation plan.
6. As a part of an overall conservation plan with the district, the service will do the engineering work on all erosion practices.

YOUR DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST

I am Thaine Hogue, your District Conservationist since July 22. I have met some of you and look forward to meeting many more of you soon. I consider it a privilege to work in the Hardin District and I look forward to continued progress on the items shown in your Annual Report. I also look for progress on some very important items which can receive more emphasis.

First of all, the county-wide soil survey will be started in 1975. This will have a much wider use than the individual farm surveys which we have had. The information can be used for a wide variety of plans and we will have an information program to introduce and explain the soil survey.

Second, I have had several years experience in districts with drainage problems and I see a need for drainage in the western part of this county (Clarion-Webster soil area). Supplemental drainage as needed now is difficult to accomplish and takes a high degree of cooperation, but I am ready to help in any way I can. With the need for food we have now we will surely see crop production in a more favorable light.

Third, my field is Agronomy so I hope to make a contribution in this field and I realize the goal for most landowners is profit.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR PLANNING!

Erosion control projects? Drainage? Tree planting?



HARDIN SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
JULY 1973 - JULY 1974 ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Statement

I-M Budget

Commissioners Expense	\$351.53
Office Supplies	376.63
Office Expense	472.89
Printing	3.24
Meeting Expense	16.03
Prizes for Contests	163.61
Rental for Meeting Halls	25.00
	<u>\$1409.02</u> Total Expended

II-M Budget

Clerical and Technical Assistance \$13,956.00

Revolving Account Balance \$632.75

Conservation Club Account

Balance July 1973	\$925.71
Income (Cons. Club Donations)	777.44
	<u>\$1703.15</u>

Expense

Postage	\$ 40.00
Art Contest	60.00
Other Contests	17.41
Educational Materials	80.00
Equipment Maintenance	246.75
State and National Dues	250.00
Printing	107.42
Picture for Courthouse	39.57
Miscellaneous	24.57
	<u>\$865.72</u>
Balance July 1974	837.43
	<u>\$1703.15</u>

Summary of Work

New Cooperators	30
Cooperator Contacts	.644
Conservation Plans	31
Conservation Plans Revised	39
Inventories and Evaluations Prepared	23
Group Resource Plans	4
Groups Assisted	15
REAP Referrals Serviced	14
Tree Plantings	3 ac.
Parallel Terraces	3,460 ft.
Tile	48,753 ft.
Windbreaks	3 ac.
Grassed Waterways	65 ac.
Land Adequately Treated	4,160 ac.