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From left: Josh Balk, project coordinator; Shaffer Ridgeway, Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist; Paula Even and Lee Bader, Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners; Shane Wulf, project coordinator; Leslie Grundy, conservation assistant; and Jeri Thornsberry and Sherman Lundy, Soil and Water Conservation District Assistant Commissioners.

Black Hawk County SWCD recognized for exemplary efforts toward Water Quality Initiative

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The Black Hawk County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) received recognition for their leadership in the Water Quality Initiative (WQI) program efforts on Aug. 30 at the 70th Annual Iowa Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners Annual Conference at Prairie Meadows Conference Center in Altoona.

The past three years, Black Hawk County has been leading the Miller Creek Water Quality Improvement Project, which is one of 16 watershed based demonstration projects out of the 45 total projects currently funded through the WQI. The Miller Creek project has brought together an active and diverse group of partners to implement multiple demonstration efforts through the project. This project was able to leverage their early success, along with Benton SWCD, to begin the

Middle Cedar Partnership Project Funded by NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Project (RCPP), and more recently, the Midwest Ag Water Quality Partnership RCPP. The Black Hawk SWCD along with key partner organizations have continued to advance the implementation of cover crops, saturated buffers and bioreactors, as well as other key nutrient reduction focused practices as part of improving the water quality and soil health in the Middle Cedar River basin.