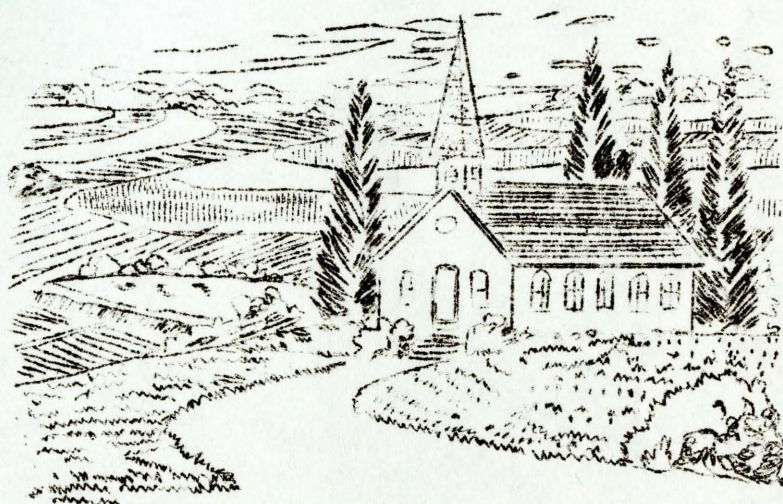


1971
DAVIS COUNTY
SOIL CONSERVATION
DISTRICT



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DAVIS CO. SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

COMMISSIONERS

Sam Botts, Jr.
Charles Chickering
Lionel Herteen
LaVern Weilbrenner
Phillip Melvin
Iles Heady

Chairman
Member
Member
Secretary & Member
Treasurer & Member
Assistant

SCS OFFICE STAFF

Verle Arnold
Eugene Francis
Gregory Martin

Roger Fry
Christine Botts

District Conservationist
Conservation Technician
Soil Conservationist
(January - September 1971)
State Conservation Aid
State Clerk-Typist

AREA SCS PERSONNEL

John J. Eckes
Margaret Dickey
Dale Lockridge
Tom Brown
Stanley Simmons
Roderic Howarth

Area Conservationist
Area Clerk
Soil Scientist
Area Engineer
Cons. Engineer Technician
Cons. Engineer Technician

1971
COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITIES

January

Plan of Operations was discussed and adopted for 1971.

February

State and National SCD dues paid.

Resource Plan for Davis County portion of Soap Creek watershed approved and signed by district chairman.

March

A new district road sign was erected at the north county line on federal highway No. 63.

Jerry Huston, principal at Davis County Community elementary school, met with the commissioners to discuss programs and materials available from the district for use in teaching conservation in the school system. He showed interest in forming a conservation education committee. This will be pursued by the commissioners. Three special Soap Creek watershed meetings were held in March. Charles Chickering, LaVern Weilbrenner and Verle Arnold attended the Region 9 meeting of districts in Ottumwa at the Holiday Inn.

April

Lionel Herteen was appointed to serve on a Rural Development Committee for Davis County.

Letters were written to representatives in Congress asking them to appropriate more funds for Soil Conservation Service use.

May

We requested slides from NACD which tell the functions of our districts. This was shown at our regular meeting.

Ministers of Davis County were taken on a tour of applied conservation practices prior to Soil Stewardship week. Materials for Soil Stewardship week were given to the ministers for presentation in their churches.

The Davis County portion of Soap Creek watershed application for assistance under P. L. 566 was completed and signed by the chairman and secretary of the district.

The I-M and 2-M Budget requests for 1972 fiscal year were approved and submitted to our State Office.

June

LaVern Weilbrenner represented our district in the outstanding commissioner contest for Region 9.

Floyd Newell's farm was entered in Division I of the Iowa Soil Conservation Awards program.

LaVern Weilbrenner represented the commissioners at a county meeting on proposed land fill sites for Davis County.

July

Public meeting was held July 8 by the Iowa Highway Commission on re-location of highway #63. This includes the proposed M-1 Site in Carter Creek. There were no objections to what was proposed.

The Region 9 Commissioners meeting held July 8 in Ottumwa was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Botts; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chickering; Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Weilbrenner and Mr. and Mrs. Iles Heady.

The District "Queen of Conservation" contest was held July 29 at the Drakesville Old Soldiers and Settlers Reunion with 8 girls entered. They were interviewed on KTVO TV station a week before this date. They were guests at a tea on Sunday prior to the contest where the judging was completed. Janice Eakins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Eakins was named queen and Marla Hershey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hershey was the alternate.

August

The draft copies of the Carter Creek watershed workplan were received August 3, 1971.

The commissioners voted to present a conservation charm to Joyce Long who presented a 4-H conservation demonstration at the county fair and also at the state fair. The charm was presented to Joyce at the banquet in November.

The State Watershed Advisory Board toured Soap Creek watershed August 30.

The annual inspection of completed structures and waterways in Big Wyacondah watershed was conducted August 19, 1971.

September

Our September meeting was preceded by a dinner for Greg and Mary Beth Martin, who transferred from our district on September 19. They are now at Emmetsburg, Iowa in the SCS Office.

The Soap Creek watershed application was accepted and approved by the State Soil Conservation Committee September 2, 1971.

The project agreement for construction of Part 10, Big Wyacondah watershed, was signed September 22 by the Chairman and Secretary for the District. Sam Botts, Jr. will continue to serve as contracting officer in this watershed and Charles Chickering will serve in that capacity when Botts is not available.

The possibility of an Outdoor Conservation Classroom at the new building site for the Davis County Community School middle school was discussed. This will be discussed with school officials and it is hoped to be developed in 1972 or 1973.

October

The inspection reports on Big Wyacondah completed structures were discussed. Some maintenance will be discussed with individual farmers.

October 28 and 29 were the dates for the soil judging contest for sophomore vo-ag students. The first, second and third placing students (listed below) were presented with plaques and the school received a trophy with the 3 boys names engraved on it. These were presented at the annual cooperator's banquet in November.

First place - Ken Roulet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roulet
Second place - Mark Rysdam, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rysdam
Third place - Willie Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis

November

The annual cooperator's banquet was held November 11, 1971 at the United Methodist Church. Dr. Stewart Melvin was the speaker. William Byers served as master of ceremonies and was presented with a plaque for the splendid support he has given the district with their various programs. He transferred to the Area Extension Office at Ottumwa early in December and will be representing 10 southern Iowa counties - including Davis County. Three farmers - Henry Burkman, Dean Henderson and Austin Davis - were given special recognition for conservation achievements on their respective farms.

A pre-bidders tour was held November 3 and bid-opening on November 18 for Part 10, Big Wyacondah watershed construction of 8 structures. The contract was awarded to J. C. Whisler and Howard Davis of Centerville and construction will begin in the spring of 1972.

A special Carter Creek watershed meeting was held for all sponsors prior to our regular November commissioner's meeting. It was agreed to hold the public meeting as soon as technical approval is received from SCS in Washington, D. C.

December

A set of 75 ecology cards was ordered to be made available for use in the local schools and by other interested groups.

The State Conservation Commission advised the district they will provide 15% of the cost for establishing terraces and structures in the Lake Wapello watershed. This percentage of the cost has been provided for work on the farms of Darrell King, Lowell Hoover, Exchange Bank, Jerry Glosser and Larry Smith.

A special meeting of sponsors for Carter Creek watershed was called for December 7, to discuss the problems and try to reach some conclusions as to the future of the Carter Creek watershed project - since the Davis County Board of Supervisors decided at a meeting held November 11, 1971 (with approximately 50 people present) to withdraw support of the recreation area of the proposed Carter Creek watershed plan. There were 57 present at the December 7 meeting, including 18 landowners in the watershed area.

Technical approval of the watershed workplan for Carter Creek was received by our office the last week in December. A public meeting will be held January 31, 1972 in the Davis County Court House to present the entire workplan to the people of Davis County.

1971 PROGRESS REPORT

PRACTICE	UNIT	APPLIED 1971 (Fiscal Year)
Terraces, Gradient	L. F.	2000
Terraces, Parallel	L. F.	24,950
Contour Farming (new)	Acres	362
Brush Clearing (pasture)	Acres	654
Pasture Planting	Acres	2619
Ponds	No.	29
Structures	No.	24
Tile	L. F.	8181
Diversions	L. F.	20,400
Drainage Ditches	L. F.	27,000
Critical Area Seeding	Acres	31
Fish Pond Stocking	No.	122
Tree Planting	Acres	16.5
Cropland to Grassland	Acres	1121
Grass Waterways	Acres	106
New Cooperators	No.	59
Conservation Plans	No.	48
Revised Plans	No.	20
Group Plans	No.	5
Resource Inventories	No.	5

NEW COOPERATORS

(Fiscal Year 7/1/70 - 6/30/71)

Donald Johnson	Vern & Jack Henderson	Gary D. Myers
Charles A. Davis	Bert Wollam	MBZ Corporation
Darrell E. Weilbrenner	Gerald L. Bonner	DeVere L. Savage
R. M. Nyswonger	Jerry D. Talbott	Jerry A. Gravett
Durward Leedom	Sam Hesse	Philip Herteen
Donald L. Tharp	George A. Davis	Sam Closser, Jr.
Jackie L. Fleming	Jim Matheney	Larry J. Creath
Harold D. Yahnke	Richard Vanderlinden	James E. Peden, Jr.
David Joe Maries	Larry Glosser	Don L. Kimball
Mike Spurgeon	Estell W. Brown	Timothy M. Greiner
Lester Minear	Carl Frymoyer	Clifford Gilliland
John Hargrave	Richard Frymoyer	Hickory Knoll, Inc.
Robert A. Buch	Roger R. Franklin	Joe Smith
Howard Rupe	Henderson Brothers	Richard Glosser
Donald E. Reinhard	Donald Huggins	J. Lewis Moore
David G. Yutzy	Henry Yutzy	Don L. Clark
Andrew J. Schrock	Norman Yutzy	Carl L. Bartlett
G. E. Yutzy	Darrell King	Roy A. Geary
Donald D. Childress	Irvin P. Alford	Martha Ritz
Larry Smith	Jerald Jackson	

BASIC PLANS PREPARED
(Fiscal Year 7/1/70 - 6/30/71)

James Abernathy	E. D. Bardwell	Bruce Bates
Paul Lee	Marvin Logan	Bert Wollam
John Ware	Don Johnson	Bill Speer
W. R. Baker	Charles Snook	MBZ Corporation
Kenneth Batterson	A. T. Estes	Paul Jones
Gerald Bonner	Harold Cox	Sam Beaird
Paul Walker	C. Anderson	Norma Joseph
Bernard Schaer	L. Tallman	Dean Mincks
D. J. Leedom	Elmer Hopkins	W. Gladson
Sam Hesse	A. J. Cameron	Dr. L. H. McClurg
Dick Glosser	Doug Murphy	Richard Goeken
D. J. Maries	L. F. Minear	R. N. Nyswonger
Jerry Gravett	David Yutzzy	Norman Yutzzy
Andrew Schrock	Henry Yutzzy	L. Glosser
J. Fleming	G. E. Yutzzy	John Jones
Carl Bartlett	R. H. Bemis	Glen Jones

REVISED PLANS PREPARED
(Fiscal Year 7/1/70 - 6/30/71)

James Hamersly	Roy Harris	David Weigand
Darrell Williams	Ralph Taylor	H. Bogert
Bernard Gravett	Kenneth Hull	Earl Trachsel
Roulet Brothers	Robert Ryan	Wm. Louderback
Austin Davis	Donnel Berryman	Richard Teubel
Lawrence Klodt	Chester Porter	Don Chickering
Don Carrier	DeWitt Shelton	

TREASURER'S REPORTS

REVOLVING FUND

Balance on hand January 1, 1971 \$1002.98

INCOME

Royalties from rock quarry	\$4924.37
State Comptroller for reimbursement	204.87
Water Storage Permits paid by farmers	60.00
Flags sold to farmers	58.92
Repayment of postage on watershed plans mailed	4.20
Banquet ticket money collected	158.00

EXPENSE

Royalties paid on quarry to D. K. Nedrow Estate	\$4105.32
State and National SCD Dues	250.00
Office Supplies and expense	335.36
100 Banquet Meals	200.00
Prizes and Awards	140.54
Watershed Expenses	151.36

Balance on hand December 31, 1971	\$1230.76
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This revolving fund is financed by the leasing of a rock quarry and we receive one-cent royalty on each ton of road rock and agricultural limestone sold from the quarry.

I-M BUDGET
(Fiscal Year 1971)

Total Allocation plus \$89.55 carried over from 1970 fiscal year	\$589.55
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Commissioners mileage and expenses	\$389.54
Prizes for contests	57.80
Office supplies	84.08
Office Expense	58.13

Balance on hand June 30, 1971	0.00
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The I-M Budget is made available by the Iowa legislature each year for the purpose of the commissioner's expenses, some office expenses, printing expenses, prizes for contests and meeting expenses.

II-M BUDGET
(Fiscal Year 1971)

Total Allocation	\$12,095.00
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Gross earnings (Clerical and Technical)	\$10,790.64
Travel and expenses	78.62
District share of IPERS	376.08
District share of FICA	541.36
District share Health Insurance	156.00

Released to Department of Soil Conservation June 30, 1971	\$152.30
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The II-M Budget is made available by the Iowa legislature to enable hiring a clerk-typist and conservation aid.

1972 PLAN OF OPERATIONS
DAVIS SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1. Review the District Work Plan which was updated in 1966.
2. Attend the Commissioner's Short Course, State and National Conventions. At least one commissioner or assistant commissioner represented at each of these meetings.
3. Continue to promote the watershed approach to the total soil and water conservation program.
4. Follow-up each monthly regular meeting with more publicity. Also publish conservation items weekly or as often as possible.
5. Enter the Goodyear Contest for 1972 and the Iowa Conservation Awards program with outstanding conservation farmers of the district given special recognition.
6. Meet with the Board of Supervisors, Assessor and our commissioners to discuss a complete Soil Survey for the county and to consider building some structures in connection with county road construction for erosion control.
7. Sponsor Soil Judging contest for FFA and/or 4-H members of this district.
8. Furnish Soil Stewardship material to the ministers of the district for use during Soil Stewardship Week - May 7-14, 1972.
9. Hold a Conservation Tour during Conservation Week in June. Possibly hold an Air Tour again or perhaps a tour for ministers of the county.
10. Hold annual inspection of completed structures in Big Wyacondah watershed in June.
11. Sponsor one teacher (tuition paid) to Springbrook Conservation Camp during June and July. Contact the Izaak Walton League to be co-sponsor.
12. Sponsor the Conservation Speech Contest and the Safety Speech contest with help from the local speech and agriculture teachers.
13. LaVern Weillbrenner to organize an Education Committee to help promote some of the programs of the district, especially those connected with the schools.
14. Meet with Big Wyacondah farmer-directors, and Soap Creek watershed farmer-directors in connection with a regular meeting to discuss any changes needed. Some new directors need to be named to these committees.
15. Sponsor the local "Queen of Conservation" contest in our district.
16. Hold annual meeting of District Cooperators in November. Hold election of commissioners in connection with this meeting.
17. Adopt Soil Loss Limits for our district and hold a public hearing to present the Soil Loss Limit regulations.