



TAMA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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1963 ANNUAL REPORT
TAMA COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING



The District Commissioners, Harold Higgins, Chairman, Harold Stump, and Melvin Kupka, attended 12 regular monthly meetings during the year to transact the District business. Besides the regular District business, the commissioners established new policies and revised old ones for the carrying out of the soil and water conservation program in the District. A revised Work Plan and Program for the District was set up and a Revised Memorandum of Understanding between the District and U.S. Department of Agriculture was signed by the District Commissioners and by the Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman. The Memorandum of Understanding in part, obligates the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide technical assistance to the District and in turn to the Districts cooperators. Conservation goals for 1963 were established and the work load revised and apportioned among the District personnel. District accomplishments were reported throughout the year and reviewed in light of the Districts goals and policies. Conservation Workbooks were distributed to the schools in the District for use in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science classes and awards presented to students with outstanding workbooks. An agreement with the County Conservation Board to furnish the cost of 700 Conservation Workbooks for the 1963-64 School year, the District furnish any additional workbooks needed. The District entered three farms in the Des Moines Register and Tribune Soil Conservation Award Contest. Entered a candidate in the Queen of Conservation Contest and in the State Conservation Speech Contest. The District accepted a certificate and check of \$50.00 for 2nd prize in Area III of the National Newsletter Contest. The District paid dues for membership in the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts and to the Iowa Association of Soil Conservation Districts. Entered a exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. The District Commissioners hired Lorraine Kos as District Clerk to replace Sandra Bandfield, who resigned in January and then hired Audrey Dobbs as District Clerk to replace Lorrain Kos, who resigned to marry, in December, 1963. Other personnel regularly attending these meetings were District Clerks Lorraine Kos and Audrey Dobbs; State Conservation Aid, Robert Malin; Work Unit Conservationist, Stanley L. Klein; Soil Conservation Technician, Milburn "Ernie" Sevde; and at various times throughout the year, Dale Shadle, Area Conservationist and other representatives of the Area Staff and the State Soil Conservation Committee.

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OTHER MEETINGS

The District Commissioners, Work Unit Personnel of the Soil Conservation Service and the State Clerk attended meetings pertaining to soil and water conservation at the National, State, Area and County levels throughout the year. The meetings were sponsored by the State Soil Conservation Committee, State Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service and ASCS. Included was the Commissioners Annual Short Course at Ames, Regional meetings of Commissioners and cooperating groups at Nevada, State meeting of Soil Conservation Districts at Des Moines, Region 6 meeting of Soil Conservation District Commissioners at the Amana, Local conservation Contractors meeting, the ASC-ACP program meeting, Rural Area Development meeting, Traer and Soil Conservation Service Area meetings at Iowa City.

CONSERVATION AWARDS



The Commissioners honored the District winners of the Register and Tribune Soil Conservation Award Contest at a special gathering in the basement of the Farm Bureau building. The winner in the New Cooperator Division and also Region 5 winner in this division was the farm of Mrs. Zelma Blodgett, Indian Village, owner and Neil Hoover, LeGrand, operator. In the Owner-Operator Division, the District winner was LeRoy Raum, Crystal township. In the owner tenant Division, the farm of Esther and Miriam Taylor, Iowa City, owners and Wayne Speas, Columbia township tenant was the winner. The Commissioners feel these people are doing an outstanding job of conservation on their farms.

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The shortage of funds available for the 1963 ACP cost sharing program other than the seeding practice had a decided effect on the amount of conservation work done by the farmers in Tama County. However, the ASCS County Committee composed of Merle Cavanaugh, Lyle Moeller, and Gus Nodland did their best to spread the money available to as many farms as possible. By not approving any cost sharing until the contractors were ready to start on the work, very little was approved that did not get done. \$118,831 of ACP cost sharing funds were spent for all purposes in Tama County in 1963. The counties program was developed from the broad outlines of the National and State programs using practices suited to local conditions. The county program is based on recommendations made by the local township committeemen, ASCS County Committee, District Commissioners, Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service, Conservation Commission District Forrester and FHA representatives.

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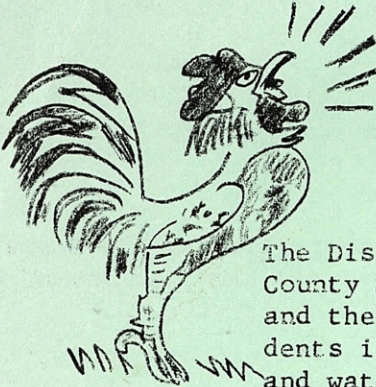
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INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

The Newsletter now in its 6th year is sent to all cooperators with the District and to all those using the services of the District. It is sent to approximately 1000 people each month. The Newsletter is one of the Districts main sources for the dissemination of news and information and is received favorable throughout the county.



A 15 minute interview pertaining to conservation activities in the District was taped in January of 1963 at Radio Station WMT, Cedar Rapids and broadcast during February. Harold Stump, District Commissioner, Lester Dostal and LaVerne Thompson, cooperators with the District and Stanley L. Klein, Work Unit Conservationist took part in the interview.

The District once again sponsored the use of Conservation Workbooks in Tama County Schools in cooperation with the County Superintendant of Schools, and the County Board of Education. The workbooks are used to acquaint students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science classes with the field of soil and water conservation. The District awarded certificates to the students who have done an outstanding job of completing their workbooks. Judging of the workbooks is done by the District Commissioners and their wives.

The newspapers of the County have been very cooperative in publishing news feature articles, and pictures pertaining to the activities of the District and Soil and Water Conservation in general. Because of these published articles numerous individuals have stopped in at the District office requesting assistance on similar problems. The Toledo Chronicle again featured a special section devoted to soil and water conservation during Soil Conservation Week. The Traer Star-Clipper, the Tama News Herald and the Dysart Reporter ran special items pertaining to soil and water activities throughout the year.

Soil Stewardship Week was observed throughout the county with most churches cooperating. The District furnished material and information to all ministers in the county for Soil Stewardship Week.

The District entered one of the four soil and water conservation exhibits sponsored by the State Soil Conservation Committee at the Iowa State Fair.

And last, but certainly not least, are our soil conservation contractors who have done an outstanding job in bringing to the attention of the Districts farmers and landowners the need to apply the various conservation practices. Not only the practices on which they are working but others that they have seen the need for and have discussed with the farmer. They have done a fine job of selling conservation and the District and to seeing that conservation practices are placed on the land.

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STATE FUNDS USED

Conservation Aid	\$2490.84
State Clerk	2684.93
Commissioner's Expense	35.09
National Association Dues	75.00
State Dues	50.00
Conservation Awards	35.01
Newsletter Expense	284.77
Office Expense and Postage	113.63

REVOLVING FUND

The District Revolving Fund made up primarily from donations and controlled by the District Commissioners had a balance of \$271.73 at the years end. This fund is used for items not eligible for payment from the State or Federal funds allocated to the District.

PERSONNEL WORKING DURING 1963

Sandra Bandfield (State)	Clerk
Lorraine Kos (State)	Clerk
Audrey Dobbs (State)	Clerk
Robert A. Malin (State and Federal)	Conservation Aid
Stanley L. Klein (Federal)	Soil Conservationist
Milburn E. Sevde (Federal)	Conservation Technician



Additional assistance was furnished to the District by the Area Staff of the Soil Conservation Service, USDA, Dale Shadle, Area Conservationist, George Fonken and James Kosar, Jr., Area Engineers, Byron Miller and Marion Ebert, Engineering Aids, Stanley Barker, Area Administrative Assistant.

The State Soil Conservation Committee through W.H. Greiner, State Committee Secretary and his assistant aid in the accounting and handling of state funds.

COOPERATING AGENCY PERSONNEL

Our thanks to the following agencies and their personnel for their fine cooperation and assistance to the District:

County Extension Director	G. Gress Rogers
County Home Economist	Mina S. Olin
County Extension Assistant	Dick McMullin
ASC County Committee	Merle Cavanaugh, Chairman
	Lyle Moeller & Gus Nodland
ASC Office Manager	Russell Lyon
ASC-ACP Clerk	Jean Anderson
Conservation Commission Officer	Irve Jennings
Farmers Home Administration Supervisor	A. Robert Koch

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