

34th Annual Report

POWESHIEK COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

P.O. Box 216, Malcom, Iowa 50157

1982 Fiscal Year

SOIL SURVEYS AVAILABLE

Our long awaited Standard Soil Survey report finally arrived and was distributed in July. It was started in 1973 and the field mapping was completed in 1977. Many of our residents were surprised at the amount of information in the book, and hopefully, it will prove useful. Over 400 people attended 7 meetings to receive their copy and learn how to use it. If you have not yet received a copy, you may stop in at the Soil Conservation office to pick one up.



COMMISSIONERS - L to R: Arlene Ford, Doug Brown and Miles Clayton. Standing: Allen Brannian, Ross Mintle, Sandy Moffett and Loren Roorda.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS FOR 1983

Loren Roorda, Chairman
Miles Clayton, Vice-Chairman
Arlene Ford, Treasurer
Carol McCain, Secretary
Ross Mintle, Commissioner
Doug Brown, Commissioner
Wallace Mathes, Ass't. Commissioner
Ed Hatcher, Ass't. Commissioner
Helen Renaud, Ass't. Commissioner
Sandy Moffett, Ass't. Commissioner
Allen Brannian, Ass't. Commissioner

FIELD OFFICE PERSONNEL

Carol McCain, State Clerk-Typist
Mona Bond, State Engineering Aide
David W. Kudej, District Conservationist

AREA OFFICE PERSONNEL

Keith Glandon, Area Conservationist
David L. Nelson, Civil Engineer
Catherine N. Kaspar, Agricultural Engr.
Francis W. Vos, Civil Engr. Technician
Keith L. Hunt, Civil Engr. Technician
Kathleen M. Ohnemus, Area Clerk

CONSERVATION PLANS AVAILABLE

Now is the time to plan soil conservation work for 1983 and future years, according to Dave Kudej, District Conservationist, U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

Soil losses on many farms and fields are several times the rates set by the Poweshiek Soil Conservation District. Free consultation and written plans are available to any landowner or operator in the county upon request.

Planning now will also allow the staff to develop engineering plans for spring construction---preventing construction delays.

Cost-share funds are expected to again be available from the Poweshiek County Soil Conservation District for eligible practices.

1982 CONTRIBUTORS TO THE DISTRICT

We wish to thank those who contributed to the Soil Conservation District to further promote soil conservation:

Melvin Hohl
 Chester Freshour
 Leland G. Grattan
 Gibson Savings Bank
 Michael W. Mahaffey
 Poweshiek Mutual Ins. Ass'n.
 Grinnell Federal Savings & Loan
 R. C. Seeland
 Glenn Slagle
 Mrs. Howard Sears
 Macy Brothers, Inc.
 E. J. Jensen
 T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative
 Poweshiek County National Bank
 Arthur Blome
 Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Co.
 Pioneer Seed - Wm. H. Henkle
 Lawrence Wallis
 Carroll Elscott
 Kenneth L. Dieterich
 Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Jones
 J. Gaylord Dempster
 William Bernstein Trust
 Donald McKee
 Eric M. Michaels, Attorney
 Donald L. Pederson
 Doane-Western, Inc. (Campbell Farm)
 Doane-Western, Inc. (June Farm)
 Doane-Western, Inc. (Shifflett Farm)
 Doane-Western, Inc. (Fisher Farm)
 Doane-Western, Inc. (Eyestone Farm)
 Doane-Western, Inc. (Meigs Farm)
 Mrs. Robert Renaud
 Wemer Farms, Inc.
 Charles J. Andes
 Wm. Miles
 Poweshiek Pomona Grange
 Cargill, Inc.
 Grattan Backhoe Service
 Hartwick State Bank
 Hertz Farm Management (Helscher Farm)
 Hertz Farm Management (Cass Farm)
 Hertz Farm Management (Morrison Farm)
 Hertz Farm Management (Molison-Iverson Farm)
 C. W. Vest Trust
 Richard V. Lusby Trust
 Grinnell State Bank
 Robert Kimm
 Poweshiek County Farm Bureau
 Ferneau Seed

1982 Contributors Cont'd.

Poweshiek County Savings Bank
 Richard Carmichael
 Lauren Wright
 J. B. Van Quekelberghe
 Arthur Keller
 Eugene Merck
 Montezuma State Bank
 Edward Peak
 J. Ronald Everist
 Kenneth Haworth

NATIVE GRASS PASTURES make excellent summer grazing. They are at their best when the cool season grasses go dormant. If you are interested in planting some native grasses, contact the office for assistance.

FINANCIAL REPORT

	Receipts	Disbursements
1-M BUDGET (1981-82)		
Allocation	\$2,100.00	
Commissioners Expense		\$1,026.77
Office Supplies & Expense		\$1,169.07
Printing		\$153.26
TOTAL EXPENDED		\$2,349.10
2-M BUDGET (1981-82)		
Allocation	\$27,030.00	
Clerical & Technical		\$25,831.26
Insurance		\$1,707.81
Meals & Travel		\$0
Equipment Maintenance		\$0
TOTAL EXPENDED		\$27,539.07
3-M BUDGET (1982-83)		
Allocation	\$62,635.50	
Disbursed to Landowners		\$37,520.18
Obligated		\$21,800.50
Unobligated		\$3,314.82
		\$62,635.50
3-M BUDGET (1982-83 No-till)		
Unobligated		\$6,959.50

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MAJOR PRACTICES

2 GRADE STABILIZATION STRUCTURES

Harold Williams A. C. Wauters

13,140' TERRACES

J. M. Campbell	R & B Farms
Bernard Nagel	Don Morrison
Cecil Cranston	Earl Graham
Dale Van Wyk	Bernard Upah
Tom Ogle	

13,130' WATER & SEDIMENT CONTROL BASINS

Glen Dillman	J. W. Helscher
Morris Altemeier	Bernard Nagel
Clifford Strovers	Wm. Nagel
Richard De Neve	Fisher Farm
Paul Olin	Marvin Campbell

Conservation Tillage. 13,668 Ac

Contour Farming 1,728 Ac

Cropland Benefited by Application
of Conservation Practices. . . 33,566 Ac

Pasture & Hayland Benefited by
Application of Conservation
Practices. 1,383 Ac

Cropland Adequately Protected . . 3,526 Ac

OTHER SERVICES

Individuals & Groups Assisted . . . 385 No

Individuals & Groups Applying
Practices. 317 No

Conservation Plans. 1,230 Ac

NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONER

Doug Brown, Grinnell, was elected to a six year term on the Poweshiek County Soil Conservation District Board in the November general election. He was sworn in on January 3rd and will replace Helen Renaud, whose term expired.

HELEN A. RENAUD OUTSTANDING DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The Poweshiek County Soil Conservation is proud to announce the selection of Helen A. Renaud as Outstanding District Commissioner for Region 7, which includes 12 counties in the southeast part of Iowa.

Mrs. Renaud has displayed a continuous dedication to soil conservation for over 11 years, serving as an assistant commissioner for 3 years and a voting member for 8 years. She served 2 years as chairman and 2 years as vice-chairman.

Mrs. Renaud did not seek re-election at the last election, deciding to serve only in an assistant commissioner position. Her leadership will be missed, but we will continue to rely upon her in an advisory capacity.

1982 DISTRICT COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS 10,867 Acres

Terry Miller	Eulice Graham
David Klenk	Eileen Easton
Bob S. Kinsey Trust	Lawrence Vercande
Dale Van Wyk	James Jeffrey
K. R. Brannian	Lotus Goodrich
Mark K. Norman	Wallace H. Edelen
Randall Lidtka	Anna May Evans
Bruce A. Palmer	Paul A. Clapp
Julian Arens	Harry Bauman
Arlene Heitmann	Delmar Larsen
Vernon Graham	Julia Morrison Cons.
Marvin Ehret	George Graham
Gordon Loudon	Marvin Cordes
OCS Farms	Wilbur Baltisberger
Bruce Lewis	Lyle Heishman
Lyle W. Hudnutt	Jim Foels
J. Raymond Peak	Donald K. McKee
Edward H. Bohstedt	Charles E. Russell
Elaine Stanley	De Rycke Bros.
John Henning	Earl H. Rix
Carl Schlesselman	Wemer Farms
Dale Smith	Brian D. Blomme
Frank M. Silkebaken	Wiltfang Farms
Russell Lewis	Chief Alfa, Inc.
Bob S. Kinsey, Jr.	

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

MEETINGS

The Commissioners conducted twelve regular meetings and one special meeting during the year.

Commissioners attended the Short Course in January, the Spring and Fall Regional meetings and the Annual Conference in November.

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors was attended by the commissioners to request revenue sharing funds for cost-share projects.

A joint Contractor Meeting with Jasper County was held on March 2nd. 67 persons attended.

A No-till Meeting was held on March 24th. The District offered 2 rental planters for spring use. Chemical and implement dealers were present, along with approximately 60 farmers. A tour was also given on July 21st. 6 farm plots were shown. There was an approximate 83% increase in the number of no-till acres planted in 1982 over the 1981 acres.

AWARDS

MANATT FARMS with a yield of 184.17 and WAYNE ROSS with a yield of 170.75 were the 1st and 2nd place winners in the county-wide District contest.

A windbreak on the NORMAN SLEEUWENHOEK farm was chosen to be entered in the Izaak Walton League Windbreak Award.

JIM DEPAUW was selected as the winner in the Landlord-Tenant Division. The farm is owned by HARRY BAUMAN and ARLENE HEITMANN. MIKE NELSON was selected as the winner in the Family-Operated Division.

MARY HICKS and LATRICIA ALDRICH were 1st and 2nd place winners in the Senior Division and KIRK BOND and NATALIE OSWOOD were 1st and 2nd place winners in the Junior Division of the Soil Conservation

Essay Contest. This years topic was How Soil and Water Conservation Affects Our Future.

OTHER EVENTS

In observance of Soil Stewardship Week, approximately 3000 inserts and other Soil Stewardship material were purchased for the churches in the county.

The District, in cooperation with the Montezuma FFA, constructed a conservation display which was used at the County Fair and other civic functions. Complete with thunder and lightening, it drew much attention.

SOIL CONSERVATION DOESN'T COST --

IT PAYS!

GROUPS WHO ASSIST THE DISTRICT

1. Soil Conservation Service
2. Department of Soil Conservation
3. County ASCS
4. County Extension Service
5. State Conservation Commission
6. Chemical dealers
7. State & National Association of District Commissioners
8. Grinnell Kiwanis Club
9. Newspapers
10. Radio and TV stations
11. County Board of Supervisors
12. Contractors
13. Vocational Agriculture
14. Farm equipment dealers
15. Banks
16. Public schools
17. County Farm Bureau
18. County Grange
19. County Conservation Board
20. FmHA
21. Professional & business personnel
22. Izaak Walton League
23. Construction equipment companies and suppliers