

Fayette County Soil Conservation District's annual report, 1980

FINANCIAL STATEMENT July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

IM BUDGET

Commissioners travel expenses to district, regional & state meetings and other travel in the county on district business	\$ 790.68
Office Supplies	82.52
Printing	6.00
Rental	45.00
Materials for Demonstrations	75.16
Office Expenses	154.70
Meeting Expenses	3.79
Released allocation	42.15
Total allocation	\$ 1,200.00

IIM BUDGET

Salaries, travel, insurance, etc. for Clerk	\$11,457.39
Equipment Expenses	214.55
Total allocation	\$11,671.94

COMMISSIONERS REVOLVING FUND

Balance on hand July 1, 1979	\$ 517.34
Receipts July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980	1,003.75
Total funds available	1,521.09
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,267.69
Balance on hand June 30, 1980	\$ 253.40

IIM BUDGET

1978-79 Total Allocation Spent	\$39,320.02
1979-80 Total Allocation Spent	39,345.32
1980-81 Total Allocation	\$48,000.00

DISTRICT GOVERNING UNIT

James Stewart, Oelwein	Chairman
George Halstead, West Union	Vice Chairman
Leslie Anderson, Castalia	Secretary
Frank Thyer, Randalia	Treasurer
James Burrack, Arlington	Commissioner

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

Belva Bauer	Clerk-Typist III
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U.S.D.A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Gerald L. Muff	District Conservationist
J.K. "Bud" Siebrecht	Conservation Technician
Darrell Christensen, transferred to Clayton Co.	W.A.E.
Larry Best, started April 8, 1980	W.A.E.

AREA PERSONNEL

Harold S. Boehmer, Mason City	Area Conservationist
Barbara Herrera, Mason City	Area Clerk
James Evans, West Union	Area Civil Engineer
John Wildman, Elkader	Area Civil Engineer Tech.

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

	Number	Acres
District Cooperators	9	2,322
Soil & Water Conservation Plans	-	1,552
Revised Soil & Water Conservation Plans	-	618
Farms & Groups Served	170	-
Farms & Groups Applying one or more practices	83	-

MAJOR PRACTICES APPLIED

	Number	Acres
Contour Farming (acres)	-	678
Farmstead & Feedlot Windbreaks (Acres)	-	3
Grade Stabilization Structures (number)	8	-
Grassed Waterways (acres)	-	23
Minimum tillage (acres)	-	2,407
Water & Sediment Control Basins (feet)	-	850
Parallel terraces (feet)	-	60,685

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES 1980

The district commissioners held regular monthly meetings and attended special meetings to conduct the business of the district. This included plans and preparations for the various events that are sponsored by the district, also reviewing all new cooperators, basic conservation plans, group plans, cost-share assistance applications, amendments, and completed cost-share projects.

The public was informed of soil conservation progress with news stories and radio releases. The office staff and commissioners assisted with or conducted conservation tours, talks, demonstrations, presentations and contests.

Gerald Muff, District Conservationist, transferred from Dallas County to Fayette County and started work here Jan. 7.

Commissioner Jim Stewart attended Commissioners Short Course in Ames.

DC Muff gave soil conservation slide presentation to Bethel Rams 4-H club.

Four district commissioners, DC and technician attended Eastern Iowa Conservation Tillage Show.

Muff and Siebrecht attended 4-County Contractors meeting. Muff gave presentation on summer construction of tile outlet terraces.

Muff met with Voc-Ag Class in West Union to demonstrate and teach soil loss calculations.

Siebrecht showed RCA slide set to Extension Council and assisted with questionnaire.

DC attended Resource Conservation Planning training session at Lincoln, Neb., in March.

Siebrecht attended state technicians meeting in Des Moines.

Five demonstration tillage plots were planted in Fayette County. Four were no-till.

Larry Best, Elkader, was hired as part-time conservation technician in April.

A no-till field day was held June 27 with an estimated 100 people attending.

Muff gave a slide presentation on soil conservation to Oelwein Rotary club.

The district manned a booth at Fayette County Fair in August.

A presentation on conservation tillage was given to the Masons in Oelwein by Muff. He also gave presentations on soil losses, soil survey and soil conservation to the veterans voc-ag class in West Union. The Wings Park Elementary school 4th graders in Oelwein were given a presentation.

The First National Bank, West Union, furnished the commissioners with a van and driver for a conservation tour of practices in Fayette Co.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Fayette Soil Conservation District has been actively promoting conservation tillage this past year. This is no surprise to anyone, we're sure, because of all the publicity received on the subject. For this we would like to express our gratitude to all of the local newspapers, KOEL, Extension Service, ASCS, Department of Soil Conservation, FmHA, and everyone else who assisted us in our cause.

We would like to thank the First National Bank for the use of their van and a driver for a commissioners tour of conservation practices last fall.

A special thanks goes to the Fayette Board of Supervisors, Kenny Miller, Dennis Leuder, and Louis Christen for allowing us to plant our tillage plots on their farms.