

FINANCES

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"A conservationist is one who is humbly aware that with each stroke he is writing his signature on the face of his land."

- Aldo Leopold

Cherokee County Soil & Water Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service Accomplishments

**Fiscal Year 2001
October 1, 2000 to
September 30, 2001**

	Number	Acres
Windbreaks & Renovations (380/650)	14	
Grade Stabilization Structures (410)	5	25
Waterways (412)	23.7	
Terraces (600)	5,200 ft.	
Water and Sediment Basins (638)	1	
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) (327)	470.1	
Vegetative Filters (393)*	336	
Riparian (391)*	11.1	
Slough Bill (Open Prairie/Forest Cover)	40	1,608.32

* Part of CRP Program

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT (July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001)

I-M	
Allocation	\$ 3,000.00
Expenses: Printing & Commissioner Expenses	2,995.88
Released to State	\$ 4.12
3-M Cost Share Funds (00-01)	\$ 62,354.34
(For Conservation Practices)	
Obligated and Spent	55,117.63
Balance 6/30/01	\$ 7,236.71
Little Sioux Flood Prevention Watershed Maintenance Funds	\$ 140,913.24
Income (Interest)	8,813.09
Expenses	424.50
Balance 6/30/01	\$ 149,301.83
General Fund (Revolving)	\$ 9,830.23
(For District Functions)	
Income:	13,337.53
Expense	21,631.81
Balance 6/30/01	\$ 1,535.95
REAP Funds	\$ 7,288.00
(Resource Enhancement & Protection Practices)	
00 REAP-Practices	
Obligated & Spent	2,760.33
Released to State	\$ 4,527.67
REAP Funds	\$ 1,849.00
00 REAP-Forestry/Native Grasses	
Obligated & Spent	1,119.81
Released to State	\$ 729.19

Little Sioux Funds

These funds are obligated by the federal government for projects in the Little Sioux Watershed area which is nearly all of the county. The district obligated and spent \$12,234.77 for structures and terraces.

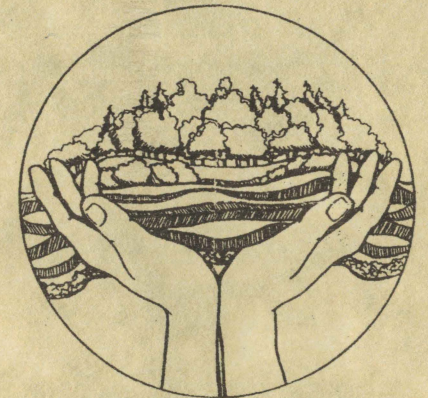
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Soil and Water Conservation District

2001 ANNUAL REPORT



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Sioux River RC&D Board

Tom Bindner, Marcus
Co-Treasurer
Representative
Little Sioux Works Committee

Dale Bugh, Quimby

**ASSISTANT
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Rhoda Grauer, Marcus

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CRP Program (part-time)

Jerry Jensen
Watershed Inspector

Wanda Hollingshead,
Clerical - Green Thumb

Carol Hein,
State Secretary

As commissioners of your Soil and Water Conservation District, we are pleased to present this 2001 Annual Report of conservation accomplishments.

It reflects the efforts of many groups working together to improve our environment through conservation programs.

CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST *"Habitat for Life"*

Grade 4 Cherokee

First
Katherine Tjeerdsma

Second
Zachary Markwith

Third
Allison Elliot

Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn

First
Lucas Nelson

Second
Jordan Beokhout

Third
Dakota Geerdes

Aurelia

First
Jessica Sievers

Second
Victoria Nelson

Third
Jessica Mann

Scholarship Award

Joseph Pearson - MMC High School

COOPERATORS

A District Cooperator is a landowner who has entered into a cooperative agreement with the District for the purpose of planning, applying, and maintaining the necessary soil and water conservation practices on his/her land.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES 2001

The Cherokee SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation District) Commissioners meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the district office. There were 12 regular meetings, one special meeting and two conference calls. All meetings are open to the public. (Open Meeting Law.)

The Oath of Office was taken by newly elected commissioners Pamela Pierce, Tom Oswald, and Tom Bindner.

Election of Officers was held January 2. Bruce Amundson was elected as chairperson, and Tom Oswald as vice-chair. Amundson appointed Carol Hein as secretary and Pamela Pierce and Tom Bindner as co-treasurers. Asst. commissioner is Rhoda Grauer.

New Commissioner Orientations were held at Denison January 10 and at Sheldon January 11, attended by Oswald, Bindner and Pierce.

Tom Bindner is the District's representative to the Sioux Rivers RC&D board. Former commissioner Linda Bindner, was appointed by Amundson as the 'at-large' representative.

In January, six watershed structures were selected for an assessment of the need for rehabilitation.

In February, \$22,897.03 in supplemental cost share was requested and received.

The Envirothon was held at the Community Center on March 15. Amundson assisted and the District contributed financially. Seven high schools were represented for competition for testing on environment issues.

Amundson attended the legislators meeting February 10 in Sanborn.

Amundson, Bindner, Oswald, and Grauer attended Spring Regional in Lawton.

Pierce was selected to be the District's REAP representative, meeting in even years. Oswald will be the alternate. Bindner will be the representative to the Little Sioux Works Committee.

Commissioners participated in meetings of the Little Sioux Watershed Study. The Division of Soil Conservation contributed \$10,000.00 to the study.

Placemats were purchased and stamped 'Provided by Cherokee SWCD' and distributed to area restaurants in commemoration of Soil Stewardship Week, April 29 - May 6.

Iowa Watersheds Spring Tour and Meeting April 9 at Afton attended by Oswald.

District chose Tracy Ann Skadeland to represent Cherokee Co. in the CDI Scholarship Program.

District representative assisted in manning the conservation booth at the Clay Co. Fair.

Bindner attended Iowa League of RC&D's North Central Regional meeting in Cedar Rapids on March 27 - 29.

Commissioners paid \$500 to both NACD and CDI for dues.

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) funds of \$5,000. received from Division, resulting in 450 hours of employment for two employees to assist in CRP program.

District participated in a tree sales program for conservation. Sales benefited the education program.

Pheasants Forever donated \$250 to District for education.

Watershed inspections completed in May by inspector Jerry Jensen.

County/District to work jointly on C-16 sites requesting funds from Little Sioux Watershed funds.

Barb Knudsen, Conservation Technician coordinated the poster contest 'Habitat for Humanity' for 4th graders in Cherokee County. They were presented cash awards, certificates, and conservation medallions prior to a commissioners meeting.

In July, cost share funds of \$39,690.00 were received for conservation projects. Also, \$8,533.00 in REAP funds for windbreaks and native grass plantings.

District will participate in the \$100 per acre incentive funded by the Division for approved continuous CRP contracts.

All financial reports were approved. All maintenance agreements will be recorded beginning July 1, 2001.

Commissioners signed Assessment Report and proceeded with project for rehabilitation of LSFP watershed structures. They are Waterman-Spring 2-17545 in Spring 3., Mortensen U-800 in Pilot 34, and Grand Meadow M-2 in Grand Meadow.

District participated in expenses to maintain Conservation Web Site for Area 1.

Annual Conference in Marshalltown attended by Amundson Dec. 13, 14.

Annual Report completed.