

1995 Annual Report

3-M STATE COST SHARE-BUDGET

1993-94 LEDGER

Total Allocation	\$142,821.00
Total Spent	\$128,964.77
Released to DSC	\$ -0-
Balance Unobligated	\$ 1,356.23
Balance Obligated	\$ 12,500.00

1994-95 LEDGER

Total Allocation	\$107,522.00
Total Spent	\$ 79,881.39
Release to DSC	\$ -0-
Balance Unobligated	\$ 7,088.33
Balance Obligated	\$ 20,552.28

1995-96 LEDGER

Total Allocation	\$90,760.00
Total Spent	\$16,764.52
Released to DSC	\$ -0-
Balance Unobligated	\$14,984.48
Balance Obligated	\$59,011.00

95-REAP (Practices)

Total Allocation	\$6,266.00
Total Spent	\$5,808.38
Released to DSC	\$ -0-
Balance Unobligated	\$ 457.62
Balance Obligated	\$ -0-

95-REAP (Forestry)

Total Allocation	\$3,198.00
Total Spent	\$1,455.00
Balance to DSC	\$ -0-
Balance Unobligated	\$ 343.00
Balance Obligated	\$1,400.00

95-ORGANIC NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

Total Allocation	\$16,566.00
Total Spent	\$ -0-
Release to DSC	\$ -0-
Balance Unobligated	\$ -0-
Balance Obligated	\$ -0-



'95 1M BUDGET COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICE SUPPLIES EXPENSE

Allocation	\$2,500.00
Supplemental Allocation	\$ 715.00
TOTAL	\$3,215.00
Released to DSC	.90c
95-1- M Balance	\$ -0-
Commissioners Expense	\$919.15
Office Supplies Expense	\$1,644.95
Printing Expense	\$ 150.00
State & National Dues	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$3,214.10

Commissioners

John (Mike) Dea, Chairman
Dan McGinn, Vice Chairman
and co-Treasurer
Clint Goos
Mark Schnepl
Randy Williams

Assistant Commissioners

Robert M. Jensen
Gary Geise

Office Staff

Lyle C. Peterson, District Conservationist
Lois Crawford, Soil Conservation
Technician
Tom Bottoms, Soil Conservation
Technician
Dawn Brittain, District Secretary
Nancy Schnepl, WAE, Jan. - June '95
Michelle Zimmerman, CRP, Jan.-June '95
Julia Gubbels, CRP - June - Dec. '95

Volunteers

Thelma Turpin, Jan. - Dec. '95
Jim Cloutier, Apr. - May '95
Mona Mackey, May - July '95

1995 West Pottawattamie SWCD Report By Lyle Peterson, DC

The reorganization this past year has brought about some changes locally. When you call our office and hear "Natural Resources Conservation Service", don't hang up. Yes, we have changed our name from Soil Conservation Service, to what you now hear.

What does this mean to West Pottawattamie residents and landusers? It more accurately tells what we are here for. We have concentrated our efforts since the passing of the 1985 Food Security Act (FSA) on applying soil conservation practices on highly erodible land.

In the future, we are going to assist West Pottawattamie County residents conserve ALL their natural resources. We will help landusers develop conservation plans that not only look at their soil resources, but also water, air, plant and animal resources.

Our continued purpose is to help our cooperators conserve all natural resources. West Pottawattamie farmers have been actively applying conservation practices for the past years. They have been making adjustments in their tillage programs to leave more crop residue on soil surface, protecting land from erosion.

They have been building terraces, shaping and seeding waterways and replacing up and down hill endrows with grassed field borders and turn strips.

In the last six years, farmers in the county have built 3.1 million feet or 581 miles of terraces. This is an average of 97 miles per year.

Conservation tillage areas have increased from 34,000 to 100,000 acres. This represents more than 50% of the rowcrops in the district. This is a very substantial soil savings effort.

Farmers have met the conservation compliance challenge. They have greatly increased the amount of conservation on the land.

This past year, the district adopted the Iowa Construction Site Erosion Control Manual as its guide for reviewing development plans. During the year, 3 new plans were reviewed.

In 1995, the county passed the "local option state tax". A small percentage of these funds is passed on to the district to be used for conservation efforts. West

Pottawattamie commissioners have chosen to use these funds for terraces and structures that have an impact on the county road system.

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District Accomplishments

by Dawn R. Brittain

JANUARY - The first annual Farmer Appreciation Day was held. Richard J. Hansen was nominated for the 1995 Good Year award.

FEBRUARY - Bob Schulze, teacher at the Iowa School for the Deaf, was selected for the Teacher of the Year award.

MARCH - The Poster Contest award ceremony was held at the UMBA Hall in Underwood, with 230 people in attendance. John Marks was nominated for the 1995 Soil and Water District Commissioners Auxiliary Scholarship award. Thelma Turpin began work in the field office through the Senior Aide program. The commissioners drafted a policy for the local option tax use.

APRIL - The annual Arbor Day presentation was held with the district's first grade students. Each received a tree to be planted. Owen Darrington was chosen as the 1995 Owner-Operator award winner. The Iowa Construction Site Erosion Control manual was adopted as criteria for development plans addressing soil loss in the West Pott district.

MAY - The district received a check for NACD for the "Habipak" tree sales. Winner of the Landlord-Tenant award for 1995 was Darlene Kay, landowner, and Everett Gunderson, tenant. John Marks placed second in the state scholarship contest, and is to receive \$400.00.

JUNE - The annual district picnic was held in the Treynor park.

AUGUST - Clint Goos was chosen the 1995 Outstanding SWCD Commissioner in Region 5.

SEPTEMBER - The commissioners attended the 49th Annual Conference in Des Moines. Julia Gubbels worked with the Tri-Center and Lewis Central Middle School in the outdoor classrooms projects.

OCTOBER - Makayla King was the District 4 regional poster winner for 1995.

NOVEMBER - Lewis Central School was selected as an Iowa Farm-City award winner in the community category, presented by the Iowa Farm Bureau.

DECEMBER - All the district business for 1995 was completed.

Attitude by Chairman Mike Dea

The other day I picked up the Iowa Farmer Today and the headline read: "Attitude Key to No-Till Success". I thought, "how true". Attitude is probably the most important aspect of soil and water conservation. Our success at farming in the future more and more depends on our attitude toward soil and water conservation. As environmental problems abound and governmental regulations swamp us, our attitudes toward no-till and soil and water conservation become increasingly important in a successful farming operation.

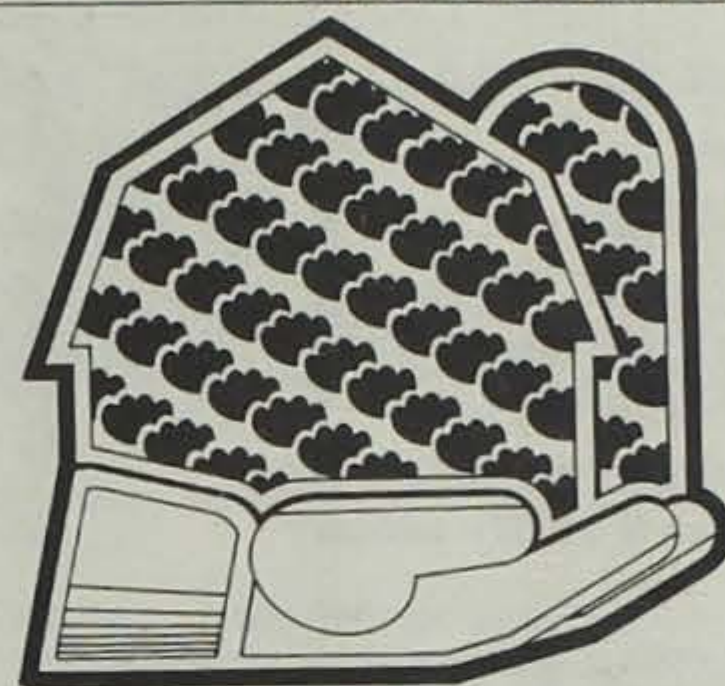
The technology is in place, the economics have been proven time and again. Attitude holds us back more than anything else. Just because Dad didn't do it, just because the neighbors pooh-haw it in the coffee shop, just because it's different doesn't mean it is not right.

Sometimes when I am out at the back of my farm, I am standing in the dead furrow and looking across about 2-feet of headland. I am staring at the bottom of fence posts in a fence that was built maybe fifty years ago, and I see about five feet of dirt gone. This was good dirt that I now wish I had to work with.

How much easier it would be to raise corn and beans. If someone had had a different attitude generations ago, how much easier it would be for coming generations. How much easier it will be if we develop the right attitude toward farming --toward soil and water conservation --toward no-till today.

Let's leave our kids something better than we started with. Let's work on our attitudes. It makes everything else easier.

Who says conservation does not pay? Conservation tillage can reduce out-of-pocket expense. Lesser tillage can lead to more money left in-the-pocket!



Are you in harmony with the environment?

The music on radio stations is great largely because it is sung in harmony. The natural world around us can be great. But only if we learn to live in harmony with it.

We are surrounded by an environment rich in natural resources. How we care for the soil, water, plants, and animals around us makes a difference.

Conservation districts work throughout the year to assist farmers, as well as the urban population, to conserve our natural resources.

For assistance or information regarding conservation issues, contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District.



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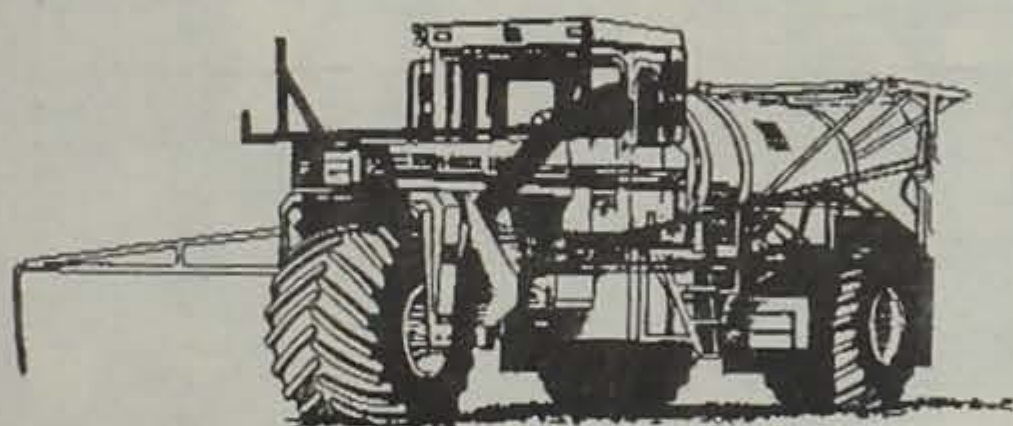
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