

Cherokee County Soil & Water Conservation District



1987

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ANNUAL REPORT AND NEWSLETTER

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Scott Osborn District Commissioner
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Carol Hein Clerk, District Secretary

As Commissioners of your Soil & Water Conservation District, we are pleased to present this 1987 Annual Report of conservation accomplishments. It reflects the efforts of many individuals and groups working together to improve our environment through conservation programs.

District and SCS Accomplishments

(July 1, 1986 - June 30, 1987)

District Cooperators	No. 12
	Ac. 2,277
Individuals Assisted	No. 734
Conservation Plans	Ac. 3,626
Terraces	Ft. 248,925
Conservation Tillage	Ac. 2,065
Contouring	Ac. 2,429
Windbreaks	Ac. 8
Acres Protected	Ac. 6,153
Tons of Soil Saved	Ton 54,297
Sediment Control Basin	No. 7

District Financial Report

I-M Budget Allocation	\$1,600.00
Expenses:	
Commissioners	\$1,325.82
Office Supplies	334.18
Printing	150.00
Balance	0
Cost Share Funds 86-87	\$ 74,744.00
Funds Paid Out	73,426.44
Balance	1,317.56
Cost Share Funds 85-86	\$ 83,426.44
Funds Paid Out	83,370.32
Balance	\$ 56.12
Watershed Maintenance Funds	\$ 89,740.44
Interest Received 7,908.30	
Watershed Payments 127.50	8,035.80
Sub Total	\$ 95,494.64
Expense	2,281.70
Balance	\$ 95,494.64
General Fund	
Balance on Hand	\$ 4,317.67
Income 7/1/86	2,206.29
Sub Total	\$ 6,523.96
Expense	3,159.88
Balance 6/30/87	\$ 3,364.08
Education Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Income	125.20
Sub Total	\$ 2,125.20
Expense	435.13
Balance 6/30/87	\$ 1,690.07

How to Stay

Eligible

for
USDA programs

- ☒ See if you have highly erodible land
- ☒ Get a Conservation Plan by 1990
- ☒ Carry the plan out by 1995
- ☒ Don't drain wetlands to grow crops
- ☒ Don't break our highly erodible land without an approved conservation system
- ☒ Don't improve drainage on Crop-land that was once a wetland

A hearty "Thank You" to contributors who have helped make our conservation programs possible.

Walt Sterrit	Cherokee State Bank
Sand Seed Service	Central Trust & Savings
Filmore Gustafson	Mattoon Farms
Lundell Construction	Fred DeJong Construction
Schmillen Construction	Bohle Construction
Schoon Construction	Fred Lukins



DISTRICT ACTIVITIES OF 1987

In 1987 there were 12 regular meetings and 2 conference call meetings. The regular meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at the District Office at 314 Lake Street in Cherokee. Anyone interested in soil and water conservation is invited to come.

JANUARY

All officers were re-elected from 1986. They are: Linda Bindner, Chairperson; Max Mugge, Vice-chairman; Loren Schuett, Treasurer. Mugge was appointed the Little Sioux Works Flood Prevention representative and attended the yearly meeting at Anthon.

A computer arrived and training was scheduled.

The advanced Soil Survey Distribution meeting was attended by commissioners and staff.

An on-site review of Sites 22 & 23 of AFMSCS Subwatershed was viewed by Bindner, Dick Hall, Area Engineer, and Osborn.

Bindner attended the Commissioners Short Course in Ames on Jan. 19-20.

The state's soil conservation program, Iowa 2000, meetings were held in Sheridan and Liberty Townships. The staff and several commissioners attended.

FEBRUARY

The fourth Conservation Reserve Sign-up resulted in a total of 2,773 acres to date. District Policies on state cost share and no-till rules were approved.

The Commissioners sponsored a Contractors meeting February 12 for about 15 contractors.

MARCH

Carver and Bindner attended the 'New Commissioners Training' in Primghar March 10.

The Spring Regional Meeting was held in Cherokee with 42 attending on March 17.

Corrington and Schuett attended a windbreak meeting at the Extension Office.

Bindner attended the Commissioner Leadership Development Training and the Iowa SDCDC meetings during the month.

On March 28 the Commissioners met with legislators at Sheldon to discuss conservation.

APRIL

The District sold trees again for windbreaks. There were 1,098 trees and shrubs sold.

MAY

The Sheridan Sure-shooters 4-H Club was recognized by Governor Branstad in Fort Dodge for their volunteer work with the Iowa 2000 Program.

Renee Braun assisted with the Soil Judging Contest at Sheldon and also instructed at Cherokee County's Outdoor Classrooms at Silver Sioux. The Commissioners purchased all awards and ribbons for the Soil Judging contest.

The Commissioners purchased kits for all Cherokee County churches to commemorate Soil Stewardship Week, May 24-31.

JUNE

The District co-sponsored a Tillage Tour with Buena Vista County and the Extension Service. Don and Dale Luetkeman's farm in Cherokee Co. was toured.

Volunteer Arlyn Wilcox developed a No-Till slide tape for the District.

JULY

The Commissioners had a fair booth with the emphasis on 'Native Grasses' to coincide with the CRP Program. Evergreens were given away to winners of the grasses questionnaire.

Funds were set aside for no-till from the state cost share allocation received.

AUGUST

Bindner assisted with SCS's state fair booth in Des Moines. Donald Bindner joined the staff as a volunteer to assist with the Food Security Act workload.

SEPTEMBER

Bindner attended the Steele Prairie Dedication near Larrabee. The Fall Regional meeting was held at the Cherokee Community Center on the 15th.

OCTOBER

The Izaak Walton Windbreak award was given to Barbara Templeman of Afton Township.

The SCS, ASCS, and FmHA moved to their new quarters at 314-316 Lake Street.

Randy Plathe was hired as a District employee to assist in Highly Erodible Land determinations of the Farm Bill.

NOVEMBER

The Annual Awards Banquet was held at Danny's November 19. The winners were: Iowa Awards, Owner-Operator - Keith Ohlson; Landlord-Tenant, Joyce Ann Peters & Delbert Schueder; New Cooperator, James List; Sweepstakes, Keith Ohlson.

Essay - First, Veronica Staver; Second, Steven Nelson

Siouxland Winners - Wildlife Habitat, Tim Greenwood; Community Conservation, Sureshooters 4-H Club; Progress Award, Don Johnson; Farm Awards, John Coburn/Brad Coburn and Helga Medin/Kenneth Ohlson.

Landowner/Farm Manager Award: Rex Wilcox of Stalcup on land owned by the B.H. Platt Trust, farmed by Paul Ehmcke. Mr. Wilcox also won the state award in this division.

Burdell Vohs of Ida County was hired as watershed inspector.

DECEMBER

Commissioners paid state dues of \$350 and federal dues of \$350 for lobbying of conservation needs. Conservation planning and Highly Erodible Land Determinations were done.