

CHEROKEE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1992 ANNUAL REPORT

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CHEROKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Max E. Mugge, Chairman Linda Bindner, V. Chairman Loren Schuett, Treasurer	Cleghorn Marcus Holstein	James Corrington Russell Carver	Cherokee Quimby
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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Lon Allan, Aurelia	Dennis O'Bryan, Cherokee	Claude Gatrost, Cherokee
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DISTRICT STAFF

Scott Osborn Renee Braun Darwin Henke Lloyd Howe	District Conservationist Soil Conservationist Technician Technician	Terry Hoyle Barbara Korner Janet Lindsay Carol Hein	Technician Technician Volunteer Secretary
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As Commissioners of your Soil and Water Conservation District, we are pleased to present this 1992 Annual Report of Conservation accomplishments. It reflects the efforts of many individuals and groups working together to improve our environment through conservation programs.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES 1992

The Cherokee SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation District) Commissioners meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the district office. All meetings are open to the public. (Iowa Open Meeting Law).

- JANUARY** Election of officers was Jan. 2. The following were re-elected: Chairman, Max Mugge; Vice-Chair, Linda Bindner; Treasurer, Loren Schuett; Secretary, Carol Hein. Dennis O'Bryan and Lon Allen were reappointed as Asst. Commissioners. The District Policies were approved. The District's Annual Awards Banquet was held Jan. 6 in Cherokee.
- FEBRUARY** Commissioners attended a development videotapes & downlink ideas program at the Extension Office. Tillage Expo was held in Spencer the 27th. Janet Lindsay started as a volunteer. Contractors meeting held the 20th in Cherokee. Annual Work Plan approved.
- MARCH** Barb Korner was hired for computer data entry from the newly allocated cooperative employee funds. Kallie Baier was the District's nominee in the Iowa Auxillary Scholarship program. Church programs were purchased for area churches and place mats were provided for local restaurants to commemorate Soil Stewardship Week of April 26-May 3. Regional meeting was held in LeMars.
- APRIL** Don Bindner and Kerisa Olson were hired by the district from the cooperator agreement funds. Watershed inspections were completed. The District sponsored the 6th grade conservation poster contest. Cash prizes were given to the top three posters with the District treating the entire class to pizza. The District tree sales program was completed.
- MAY** Winners were chosen for the Quad-States Conservation Program, the Iowa Soil Conservation Awards Program and the Izaak Walton Windbreak Award winner. The District purchased awards for the Soil Judging Contest at Sheldon, May 7.
- JUNE** A conservation tour was June 16.
- JULY** Watershed Inspector, Chester Challman met with commissioners for discussion of the watershed inspection report and corresponding pictures. The district's Soil & Water Resource Conservation Plan was recorded July 13. Claude Gastrost was appointed Assistant Commissioner and will be in charge of the MAX Program. This involves area farmers keeping various records for compiling the results for Successful Farming magazine. The commissioners approved all financial reports.
- AUGUST** Memo of Understanding signed with ASCS. Bindner attended Commissioner Leadership Development Workshop in Des Moines.
- SEPTEMBER** A contractors training on waterway construction was held Sept. 21 at the District Office. Regional meeting was Sept. 9 in LeMars and attended by most commissioners.

- OCTOBER** Supplemental state cost share funds of \$42,272.00 were received.
- NOVEMBER** Quad States Award Banquet held at Marina Inn, So. Sioux City attended by Bindner. Craig Beyer elected as new commissioner. Schuett chose not to run again after serving since 1/2/81.
- DECEMBER** Annual Conference in Des Moines Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 was attended by Bindner.

NEW 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 land. We had 153 landowners who became cooperators.

\$\$ FINANCES \$\$

Contributions and donations are the primary sources for financing education and promotional activities. We would like to thank the following contributors.

Cherokee State Bank
 Cleghorn State Bank
 Heritage Bank NA, Aurelia
 Farmers State Bank, Marcus
 McGuire Auction, Holstein
 Miller-Mac Real Estate, Cherokee
 Vander Werff Auctioneers, Sanborn
 Bushlows Inc., Cherokee
 Sand of Iowa Service Inc., Marcus
 Frank Escue, Cherokee
 Lundell Construction, Cherokee
 Gary Goodburn, Cushing
 Vernon Peterson, Cherokee
 Schmillen Construction, Marcus
 Gunnar Osterling, Cherokee
 First Farmers Cooperative Elevator of
 Cherokee, Cleghorn, Larrabee,
 and Marcus

DISTRICT & SCS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FY 92

(Oct. 1, 1991 - Sept. 30, 1992)

• New Cooperators	No. 153
• Individuals Assisted	No. 716
• FSA Plans & Revisions	No. 170
• Terraces	Ft. 198,784
• Conservation Tillage	Ac. 4,812
• Contouring	Ac. 7,850
• Windbreaks	Ac. 10
• Cropland Treated	Ac. 12,599
• Cropland Protected	Ac. 4,591
• Field Borders	Ft. 52,130
• Waterways	Ac. 42
• Slough Bill Applications	No. 46
	Ac. 1,357.12
• FSA Plans, Completed & Installed	Ac. 3,691

DISTRICT'S SOIL CONSERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM WINNERS

IOWA SOIL CONSERVATION AWARDS

Owner-Operator	Melvin & Darlene Roepke Cory & Teri Roepke
New Cooperator	LaVerne Knaack
Landlord-Tenant	Floyd Lux

QUAD STATES CONSERVATION AWARDS

Wildlife Habitat	Charles Miller
Agri-Business	C-S Agrow Service Co.
Progress Award	Sandra Guthridge
	Gertrude Chatham
Farm Awards (2)	Steve Lundsgaard & Tim Lundsgaard
	Frank Escue
Community Service	Nate Young (Volunteer) Janet Lindsay (Volunteer)

IZAAK WALTON WINDBREAK AWARD

Don Conley, Cherokee

CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

Kim Wankum	Marcus
Matt Wilberding, Second	Marcus
Liz Dunn, Third	Marcus

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FY91 (July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992)

I-M	\$ 1,780.00
Expenses: 754.80 (Commissioners)	
1,023.74 (Misc. /Printing)	\$ 1,778.54
Balance Released to State	\$ 1.46
3-M Cost Share Funds (91-92)	\$ 51,457.50
(For Conservation Practices)	
Obligated and Spent	\$ 42,058.36
Balance 6/30/92	\$ 9,399.14
Watershed Maintenance	\$ 122,724.51
Income: \$9,880.22	\$ 9,880.22
Sub Total	\$ 132,604.73
Expenses: \$533.06	\$ 533.06
Balance 6/30/92	\$ 132,071.67

General Fund	\$ 3,522.39
(For District Functions)	
Income: \$6,753.62	\$ 6,753.62
Sub Total	\$ 10,276.01
Expenses: \$6,455.10	\$ 6,455.10
Balance 6/30/92	\$ 3,820.91
Reap Funds	
(Resource Enhancement & Protection Practices)	
92 Reap Practices	\$ 6,342.00
Obligated & Spent	\$ 4,714.29
Released to State	\$ 1,627.71
92 Reap Forestry/Native Grasses	\$ 1,634.00
Obligated & Spent	\$ 1,372.18
Released to State	\$ 261.82