



Cherokee County Soil Conservation District

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1986 ANNUAL REPORT

COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson *Linda Bindner*
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Treasurer *Loren A. Schuett*

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Ron Dudley**
Dennis O'Bryan

** Transferred or resigned in 1986

FIELD OFFICE STAFF

Scott Osborn District Conservationist
Jeff Kestel Soil Conservationist
Renee Braun Soil Conservationist**
Jo Ann Easton Soil Technician**
Dana Holland State Technician
Carol Hein Clerk, District Secretary

SOIL SURVEY OFFICE

Dale Ceolla Soil Scientist, Party Leader
David Reeves Soil Scientist
Michael Hosbein Soil Scientist**

As Commissioners of your soil conservation district, we are pleased to present this 1986 Annual Report of conservation accomplishments. It reflects the efforts of many individuals and groups working together to improve our environment through conservation programs.

Soil Conservation is the art and science of using land according to its capabilities and treating it according to its needs, to keep the soil permanently productive. The Cherokee County Soil Conservation District stands ready to assist you with any conservation problem.

At Your Service . . .

In addition to cost share assistance and incentive payments, the District provides free conservation planning, lay out and design of terraces, waterways, contour lines and windbreaks.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 10/1/85-9/30/86

District Cooperators	No. 33
	Ac. 7,573
Individual/Groups Assisted	No. 358
Conservation Plans/Alternatives	Ac. 9,375
Terraces	Ft. 160,453
Conservation Tillage	Ac. 2,660
Contouring	Ac. 2,481
Farmstead/Feedlot Windbreak	Ac. 22
Cropland Benefitted	Ac. 6,768
Waterway	Ac. 35
Iowa 2000 Folders	No. 282
	Ac. 45,700
Soil Survey Mapped	Ac. 130,843
Sediment Control Basin	No. 4

IOWA SOIL CONSERVATION AWARDS

Owner-Operator	Claire Husman, Owner Ron Husman, Operator
Landlord-Tenant	Lloyd Mattoon, Landlord Lloyd Keck, Tenant
Sweepstakes	Claire Husman & Ron Husman

IZAAK WALTON WINDBREAK AWARD

Tim Perrin

SIOUXLAND CONSERVATION AWARDS

* Wildlife Habitat Robert Lundquist
* Community Conservation Cherokee Community School

Progress Award	Ralph Hartwig
Farm Awards	Ralph Johnson & Helen Baker Kenneth Carney

KEN WAGNER AWARD

Bruce Klaschen "Outstanding Young Commissioner"

* Denotes an Area Winner in addition to the District Winner. The "Area" is the Southeast Area of Region 1. This includes Cherokee, Buena Vista, Pocahontas, Ida, Sac, and Calhoun Counties.

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1985 - June 30, 1986

I-M Budget Allocation		\$1,700.00
Expenses:		
Commissioners Expense	1,186.28	
Office Supplies	363.72	
Printing	150.00	1,700.00
Balance		0
3-M Allocation 84-85		50,332.00
Funds Paid Out	44,789.07	
Funds Obligated	5,542.93	50,332.00
Balance		\$ 0
3-M Allocation 85-86		50,931.00
Funds Paid Out	2,915.45	
Funds Obligated	47,343.72	
Funds Unobligated	671.83	\$ 50,931.00
District Watershed Maintenance Funds		
Balance on Hand 7/1/85		83,341.45
Watershed Payments	127.50	
Interest Received	8,218.09	
Subtotal		91,687.04
Expenses		2,012.25
Balance on Hand 6/30/86		\$ 89,674.79
District General Fund		
Balance on Hand 7/1/85		\$ 3,639.88
Income	4,450.94	
Sub Total		8,090.82
Expenses	3,773.15	
Balance on Hand 6/30/86		\$ 4,317.67

Funds for all programs are from the District tree sales and contributions. We'd like to thank those who contributed in 1986.

Robert Stephenson
Stalcup Ag. Services
Cherokee Co. Board
of Supervisors

W. W. Steele
Warren Greg
McGuire Auction

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES of 1986

In 1986 there were 12 regular meetings and 2 conference calls. The monthly meeting is held the third Tuesday at the District Office in Cherokee. Anyone interested in soil and water conservation is invited to attend.

JANUARY

On Jan. 14 new officers were elected. They are: Linda Bindner, Chairperson; Max Mugge, Vice-chairperson; Loren Schuett, Treasurer; Bruce Klaschen, Little Sioux Works Repr., and Jim Corrington, Commissioner.

Renee Braun held a Career Days presentation for the Marcus/Remsen schools.

Short Course was Jan. 21-22 in Ames, attended by Bindner.

Hay Days meeting in Holstein (Northwest Iowa Hay Producers Assoc. (NWIHPA).

Braun transferred to Plymouth Co.

FEBRUARY

Tri State Conservation Tillage Conference was held in Sioux City on the 4th.

Northwest Tillage Expo was in Spencer on the 21st. Staff members attended both meetings.

Iowa 2000 meeting on 26th at Maryhill for Rock Twp. landowners and landusers.

MARCH

The Spring Regional was at the Community Center in Cherokee on the 5th.

Throughout the month the staff worked on Annual Conservation Award presentations.

APRIL

The Commissioners sponsored the Soil Stewardship Program with seven churches participating.

The windbreak program was successful with 286 evergreens, 450 deciduous, and 1700 shrubs were sold with pick up being at the Fairgrounds.

Outdoor classrooms were April 30 and May 1 at Silver Sioux. Kestel assisted both days.

MAY

There were 15 no-till participants this year.

Mugge was nominated as 'Outstanding Commissioner' and Klaschen for Ken Wagner Award.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup resulting in 6.5 acres being accepted.

JUNE

A Tillage Survey was made on June 16 by the staff of tillage practices of the county.

The Twilight No-Till Tour was June 24. This was a joint effort by SCS and the Extension Service. Watermelon was served after viewing conservation practices and weed control plots.

The targeted area for Iowa 2000 is Sheridan Township and part of Liberty.

JULY

The District's fair booth had a theme on "Windbreaks" with a demonstration of how a windbreak works. Bruce Hiller, Phylis Eubank and Lowell Smith were nursery stock winners by identifying area leaf samples. A third place ribbon was won for 'Commercial Booth'.

'Last Acre Ceremony' on July 30 at Silver Sioux commemorating completion of soil survey.

Second CRP signup with approval for 13.5 acres.

District contributed \$100 to Jolene Rubendall Miller of Larrabee to attend the 'Outlook II' education program at Springbrook in Guthrie County. Mrs. Miller is an area teacher.

Castana Field Day was July 22 attended by Holland. Terrace construction was demonstrated.

Funds of \$2,000 were received by the District from Board of Supervisors for education.

Signatures and recording of easements has been started for construction of AFMSCS watersheds.

Staff was assisted by the Sheridan Twp. Sureshooters 4-H Club in assembling and mapping the individual conservation folders for Iowa 2000.

AUGUST

A third CRP signup with approval for 30 acres.

An Agri-Business Tour was Aug. 13 sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Tour included conservation work on Loren Schuett farm and terraces on Virginia Simonsen farm.

SEPTEMBER

The Fall Regional was at the Community Center on Sept. 9 with 52 attending. Koreen Anderson presented a separate meeting for interested persons on 'Soybean Oil'.

Annual Awards Banquet was at Danny's Steakhouse on Sept. 23. Julene Rubendall Miller presented slides. Winners of all award programs were recognized.

OCTOBER

District Clerk, Carol Hein received "Employee of the Month" award.

Watershed inspections were completed.

A Soil Loss Complaint was processed during the month.

NOVEMBER

The Sheridan Twp. 4-H Club again volunteered to help with Iowa 2000 folders on the 17th.

Meetings were held on Nov. 5th in Spencer and Nov. 25th in Cherokee for training on Farm Bill.

Loren Schuett was re-elected Commissioner and Russell Carver was elected by write-in.

DECEMBER

Annual Conference was in Des Moines on Dec. 2 & 3. Bindner, Schuett, Osborn, Fred Johnston, James Fee attended. Johnston was recognized for volunteer work with the 4-H Club and Fee was one of the original Commissioners of Cherokee Co.

The Annual Work Plan was completed for 1987.