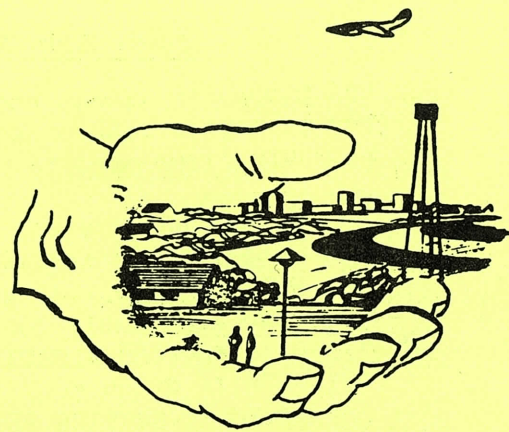




Our Resources



Our Future



Black Hawk Soil and Water Conservation District

This month's Newsletter features our 1974 Fiscal Year Annual Report. We hope you take time to look it over.

There have been some interesting challenges during the past year. We have attempted to meet these challenges head-on. The urban-rural problem came to us in the form of requests for assistance in two watershed areas - Virden Creek, just north of Waterloo, and Dry Run Creek, west and south of Cedar Falls. We are now in the process of handling these requests and, with cooperation, hope to find a feasible solution. Our experience indicates that rural and urban people are both showing more concern for flood and erosion problems. This is especially encouraging since our legislators have supported the cause with cost-sharing funds and the Conservancy District Legislation.

This report does not reflect the increased practice application of last Fall, since it is a fiscal year report. Regardless, the 40,000 feet of terraces constructed last Fall is most encouraging. We look forward to another good year in conservation. Won't you join us?

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CONTRIBUTORS

This month we proudly add these names to those of last month's financial contributors. This money is used for film, developing, membership in State and National Conservation organizations, educational materials for schools, clubs and youth groups and prizes for conservation-oriented contests and publication of our monthly Newsletter. Your support is the vehicle that carries our program to the public. We appreciate your cooperation!

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1974 ANNUAL REPORT

BLACK HAWK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT PERSONNEL

COMMISSIONERS

JAMES. E. SAGE, CHAIRMAN
CLIFFORD KNUDSEN
JOHN R. MILLER
CLIFFORD NIEMEYER
WAYNE C. MARK (to Aug.)
GEORGE ISLEY (from Oct.)
BEN CLAUSEN, ASST. COMMISSIONER

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

J. B. McANINCH, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST
LOREN W. EICKHOFF, CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN
MARLYN W. SCHAFER, SOIL CONSERVATIONIST
RANDY D. LEYH, TRAINEE (SUMMER)

ACTIVITIES

The State Legislative Bureau held a series of meetings around the State to get people's reaction to proposed Land Use Legislation. There was plenty of reaction at the meeting in Cedar Falls. Commissioners SAGE and MILLER and Asst. Commissioner CLAUSEN attended.

We held a dinner for present and past commissioners to honor JOE ENTZ who retired, after 18 years as a commissioner.

Our District Newsletter was awarded second place in the Upper Mississippi Region. We received a plaque and a \$50 check.

District Conservationist McANINCH participated with other Federal agencies in Career Counseling on the UNI Campus.

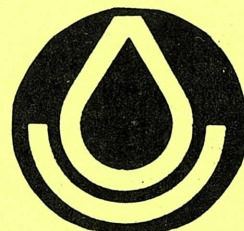
A group from the Laurel-Rose Watershed held an interest meeting at the Zion Lutheran Church. People from Extension Service, ASCS and SCS explained possible solutions to various watershed problems.

Program helps were provided to several area churches for observance of Soil Stewardship Week.

BEN CLAUSEN of Cedar Falls was appointed an Assistant Commissioner and will head up the Environmental Education Committee.

STATE EMPLOYEES

GERTRUDE BELL, CLERK
KEITH CROWLEY, AIDE



COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

LARRY LOENSER

We had two entries in the Des Moines Register & Tribune Conservation Achievement Awards Contest. JOHN SHIELDS of Waterloo and LEROY BRASCH were our District winners in the Farmer Division. NANCY GEPHART of Black Hawk School in Waterloo was not only our District winner, but Regional winner as well.



(Shields - Brasch)



(Nancy Gephart)

We had two applications for Long Term Agreements under the State Cost-Sharing Program. They were for VERNON HAPPEL of Waterloo and JOHN RAYMOND MILLER of Cedar Falls.

SAGE, MARK, MILLER, NIEMEYER and McANINCH attended the summer Regional Commissioners' Meeting at National, Iowa. JOHN MILLER was elected Alternate Regional Director.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974

1-M BUDGET

Allocation..... \$1200.00
Commissioners' Exp. \$329.84
District Expense \$800.30 1130.14
Balance..... + \$ 69.86

2-M BUDGET

Allocation.....\$10,665.00
Additional allocation..... 679.54
 \$11,344.54
Salaries.....\$9271.28
 (Clerk & Aide)
Travel Exp. &
Equipment..... 718.24 9,989.52
Balance.....+ \$ 1,355.02

3-M BUDGET - Effective July 1, 1973

Allocation.....\$10,000.00
Additional allocation..... 2,500.00
 Total \$12,500.00
15 requests approved.....-12,451.95
Balance.....\$ 48.05

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LONG TERM AGREEMENTS APPROVED FOR:--

VERNON HAPPEL (8 years)
JOHN R. MILLER (9 years)

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COST-SHARE PRACTICES APPROVED FOR:--
(1974 Fiscal Year)

AUGUST GIRSCH	JOHN KERR
WILLIAM BECK	J. EICKELBERG
QUINTER LICHTY	DEAN WARD
MILDRED SCHOEMAN	HAWKEYE INSTITUTE
PAUL KREB	BURDETTE JANS
ALFRED HAPPEL	J. RASMUSSEN

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1974

NEW COOPERATORS 25
CONSERVATION PLANS..... 27
REVISED PLANS 6
INDIVIDUAL INVENTORIES..... 16
UNITS OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTED..... 14
GROUPS ASSISTED..... 15
INVENTORIES FOR UNITS OF GOV'T..... 4
LAND USE REGULATIONS..... 1

FARMSTEAD WINDBREAKS..... 3.3 Ac.
GRASSED WATERWAYS..... 12 Ac.
ANIMAL WASTE HOLDING PITS..... 2
CONSERVATION TILLAGE 5170 Ac.
PARALLEL TERRACES 18,565 Ft.
FARM POND 1
TREE PLANTING..... 61.5 Ac.
TILE..... 281,525 Ft.
LAND ADEQUATELY TREATED..... 2410 Ac.

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REVOLVING FUND - 1974

Contributions & Prize for News Letter.....\$1700.00
State & Nat'l. Assoc. Dues.....\$ 250.00
Iowa Chapter Dues..... 67.50
News Letter..... 1032.81 1350.31
Balance.....\$ 349.69



Several landowners requested our assistance in seeking a solution to the flooding problems in the Virden Creek Watershed. We got our technicians together with the Army Corps of Engineers, City officials of Waterloo, and planners, to discuss the present situation. GARY FORMANEK, SCS Engineer from Elkader gathered valuable information for us. In September we held a meeting for landowners to present some alternatives. KAY CONNELLY, Area Crop Production Specialist, helped us with needed information.

Another group of citizens from Cedar Falls asked for assistance in solving flood problems in the University Branch of Dry Run Creek. Engineer FORMANEK again assisted us with the initial investigation and report. We are continuing with followup action on this project.

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Chairman SAGE assisted the Extension Service with a series of local discussions involving the "Iowa 2000" Program.

RANDY LEYH of Sumner, and a student at Iowa State University, spent three months during the summer as a trainee.

In July, MARLYN SCHAFER, started as a Soil Conservationist trainee. He graduated from Iowa State in 1970 and spent the following three years in the Army.

We cooperated with LARRY LOENSER and Extension Service and held a Tillage Meeting for implement dealers.

The final draft of the Black Hawk County Soil Survey report was completed and sent in to be published.

Our State Annual Conference was held at Fort Dodge. JOHN MILLER and our Clerk, GERTRUDE BELL, attended.

BEN CLAUSEN attended the National SCSA meeting in Syracuse, N. Y.

We provided a scholarship to each of ten school districts for the Teachers' Conservation Workshop at Camp Ewalu. McANINCH and SCHAFER assisted one day in explaining conservation practices.

Our technicians worked with HAWKEYE TECH on several projects on soil conservation. They assisted with the Soil Judging Contest held on the QUINTER LICHTY farm. GEORGE CUMMINS organized the contest.

WAYNE MARK was honored at a dinner. He retired in August after 21 years as a District Commissioner. GEORGE ISLEY of Cedar Falls was appointed to complete MARK'S term.



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