

SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the

LEE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

STATE OF IOWA

and the

LEE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The Lee County Soil Conservation District of Iowa and the Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture, have entered into a basic Memorandum of Understanding, which was signed by the District on July 18, 1962. That Memorandum establishes a basis for the cooperation of all agencies of the Department with the District.

The County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, hereinafter called the committee, is authorized under the terms of various statutes administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to carry out a broad program of cost-sharing assistance to farmers, ranchers, and other eligible landowners including a program of soil and water conservation, watershed protection, flood prevention and forestry. This program includes cooperation with conservation districts in conserving and improving soil, water, vegetative, wildlife, and related resources, and in reducing damage by floods and sedimentation.

The district and the committee have the common objectives of helping to bring about the conservation, development and wise use of land, water, and related resources. They, therefore, enter into this working arrangement. This memorandum supplements the Memorandum of Understanding between the District and Department referred to above, and is subject to all provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding.

A. What the District Will Do:

1. The District will (a) adopt a procedure for the orderly and progressive development and application of conservation and resource development plans for farms, communities, watersheds, and other land units, (b) be responsible for determining the recipients of services provided by the District and for setting priorities for the kind and amounts of work to be performed in the District, and (c) develop a systematic method for group and individual followup work essential to the carrying out of conservation and resource development plans.
2. The District will invite the committee to participate in the development of its annual work plan and long-range program and will make these available to the committee for its use in developing its county conservation cost-sharing program.
3. The District will advise farmers and landowners of the cost-sharing assistance available through the committee.
4. The District will participate in the development of the county plan and USDA conservation cost-sharing program, and will be responsible for the state soil conservation cost-sharing program for the District after consultation with the Committee.
5. As requested and feasible, the District will assist the committee in carrying out its conservation cost-sharing program. In relation to long-term agreements under the conservation cost-sharing program, the District shall (1) review and approve, when adequate, the required conservation plans of operations; (2) consider and, in concurrence with the Soil Conservation Service, recommend priority ratings of applicants; and (3) make recommendations on indicated violations and possible cancellations or terminations.
6. Within 60 days after the end of their fiscal year, the District will send to the committee a copy of the annual report of the District's activities and accomplishments.

B. What the Committee Will Do:

1. The Committee, in cooperation with the county program development group, is responsible for developing the county plan and USDA conservation cost-sharing program for the county. The Committee will invite the District and representatives of other Federal and State agencies to participate in the development of this plan and program and other conservation programs.
2. The committee will consider the District's long-range objectives and annual work plan in developing its county plan.
3. The committee will request the District to assist in carrying out the conservation cost-sharing program and other conservation programs.
4. The committee will inform those eligible of the availability of cost-sharing for the establishment of conservation practices included in their District conservation plans.
5. The committee will give priority to providing cost-sharing assistance for accelerating land treatment in RC&D and PL-566 projects as applicable.
6. The committee will encourage landowners to become District Cooperators and to develop and establish conservation plans.
7. The committee will furnish such other assistance, as may be mutually agreed upon, to the District to aid in carrying out any of its duties and programs.
8. The committee will provide a copy of its annual report to the District.

C. It Is Further Understood, that;

1. District personnel and facilities will be under the administrative jurisdiction of the District and committee personnel and facilities will be under the administrative jurisdiction of the committee.
2. The governing boards of the District and the committee will meet jointly, in addition to the annual program development meeting, at least once a year to discuss priorities of conservation activities involving cost-sharing and technical services essential to attaining soil and water conservation and resource-use objectives. Such meetings may include field reviews to determine progress.
3. In instances where the geographical boundaries of the District and the committee do not coincide, the District(s) and committee(s) shall mutually develop appropriate liaison and representative arrangements.
4. This Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding will be effective when signed. It may be modified or terminated at any time by mutual consent of the parties hereto or may be terminated by either party alone by giving sixty (60) days notice in writing to the other.

LEE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By John H. Sales
Chairman, District Governing Body

Date: 3-8, 19 76

The signing of this Memorandum of Understanding was authorized by a resolution of the District Governing Body adopted at a meeting held on March 8, 19 76.

Isabelle Campbell
Secretary, District Governing Body

Date: 3-8, 19 76.

Lee County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee

By Adrian B. Fullenkamp
Chairman, County Committee

Date: 5-12, 19 76.