

Commissioners participated in IASWCDC Scholarship Program and the state conservation poster contest, coordinated by Rhoda Grauer. Chose Rebecca Sweeney, Aurelia, as IASWCDC Auxiliary Scholarship nominee. Reviewed Resource Plan, Workload Analysis and Plan of Operations. A special meeting was called March 30 to contract for waterway repair under the Fee Watershed. Mailed contribution letter requests.

APRIL: Repair work on Mortenson and Fee watersheds in progress. A field tour was taken for Mortenson project. Poster winners were chosen. Nominees selected for Iowa Conservation Awards Program (ISCAP). EEO, (Equal Employment Opportunity) Safety, Memos of Understanding, Civil Rights, and American Disabilities Act (ADA) were discussed.

MAY: Commissioners purchased 20 REAP signs for all completed projects. Nominees selected for Iowa and Quad States Conservation Programs. Watershed inspections of county were completed. District donated a roll of waterway webbing to the Calumet experimental farm.

JUNE: Poster winners attended commissioners meeting and were awarded cash prizes. Duties of commissioners were discussed in a question/answer time. The media took pictures and refreshments were served. Izaak Walton windbreak nominees chosen. Resolutions discussed and voted upon. Applicants approved for Levee Repair Cost Share Program instituted due to flood damage.

JULY: All FY95 financial reports were approved. CCRG meeting with FSA (Farm Service Agency) attended by Bindner, Carver, and Carrington. Memo of Understanding with FSA approved. Received \$21,034.75 in cost share funds.

AUGUST: Ed Sands and Omar Hubbard began work as technicians replacing transferred Julia Gubbels and Nate Young who resigned.

SEPTEMBER: Received supplemental cost share of \$14,428.00. Secretary of Agriculture Glickman held informative meeting at Sergeant Bluff on Sept. 10, attended by Carver and Bindner. Annual Conference in Des Moines attended by Bindner. John Cook selected to complete District Cooperative Employee following Ryan Husman's resignation.

OCTOBER: Quad States Conservation Program winners selected. District contributed \$50 to Quad States Banquet.

NOVEMBER: Quad States Banquet in So. Sioux City, Ne. attended by Mugge, Bindner, Carver and Carrington.

DECEMBER: Commissioners approved Contractor Checkout Policy, average costs, and No-Till Policy.

\$\$ FINANCES \$\$

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

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DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT (July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995)

I-M	\$ 3,700.00
Expenses: Printing and Commissioners Expenses	3,169.83
Released to State	\$ 530.17
3-M Cost Share Funds (94-95)	\$ 43,329.00
(For Conservation Practices)	
Obligated and Spent	42,802.03
Balance 6/30/95	\$ 526.97
Watershed Maintenance	\$ 141,801.75
Income:	7,396.26
Sub Total	\$ 149,198.01
Expenses	2,524.31
Balance 6/30/95	\$ 146,673.70
General Fund	\$ 1,244.68
(For District Functions)	
Income:	15,864.39
Sub Total	17,109.07
Expense	8,765.11
Balance 6/30/95	\$ 8,343.96
REAP Funds	
(Resource Enhancement & Protection Practices)	
95 REAP - Practices	\$ 6,266.00
Obligated and Spent	6,266.00
Released to State	0.00
REAP 95 Forestry/Native Grass	\$ 1,464.00
Obligated and Spent	1,023.22
Released to State	440.78
Organic Nutrient Mgmt. Funds	\$ 11,221.00
Obligated and Spent	4,000.00
Released to State	\$ 7,221.00

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Cherokee County Soil & Water Conservation District

1995 Annual Report

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PERSONNEL

Commissioners

Russell Carver, Quimby
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James Corrington, Cherokee
Treasurer
Max E. Mugge, Cleghorn
Craig Beyer, Holstein

Assistant Commissioners

Dennis O'Bryan, Cherokee
Claude Gatrost, Cherokee
Rhoda Grauer, Marcus

Staff

Don Carrington,
District Conservationist
Nate Young, Julia Gubbels,
Omar Hubbard,
Soil Conservation Technicians
Ed Sands,
State Soil Conservation Technician
John Cook & Ryan Husman,
W.A.E.
Wanda Hollingshead,
Clerical - Green Thumb Program
Carol Hein, State Secretary

As Commissioners of your Soil and Water Conservation District, we are pleased to present this 1995 Annual Report of conservation accomplishments. It reflects the efforts of many groups working together to improve our environment through conservation programs.

CHEROKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FISCAL YEAR 95 (October 1, 1994 to September 30, 1995)

New Cooperators	68
Individuals Assisted	251
Conservation Systems Applied (acres)	2,554
FSA Plan Revisions (acres)	17,706
Conservation Tillage (acres)	3,091
Contour Farming (acres)	3,166
Terraces (feet)	113,740
Cropland Treated (acres)	4,200
Slough Bill Applicants	46
Slough Bill (acres)	1,280
Waterways (acres)	65
Structures	9
Field Borders (feet)	29,523

CHEROKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1995 AWARDS PROGRAM WINNERS

Iowa Soil Conservation Awards

Owner-Operator	Kenneth Thomas
New Cooperator	Edwin Clow
Landlord-Tenant	Simonsen Bros./ Merle and Doyle Simonsen Neal Rupp

Quad States Conservation Awards

Wildlife Habitat	Bruce French
Community Service	Heritage Center
Progress	Fred Hollenbeck
District Farm Award	Clifford Ferrin

Izaak Walton Windbreak Awards

Farmstead Windbreak	Glen Woltman
Newly Established	Kenneth Rohlk
Field Shelterbelt	Bruce French

Cherokee SWCD Conservation Poster Contest

Adriane Dorr, First	Marcus
Ross Peterson, Second	Marcus
Jessica Grage, Third	Marcus
Eric Deroo, First	Cherokee
Lauri Elliott, Second	Cherokee
Jenny Pigott, Third	Cherokee

Goodyear Conservation Award Nominee

Eldon Miessner

IASWCDC Auxiliary Scholarship Award Nominee

Rebecca Sweeney	Aurelia
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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. There were 68 landowners who became co-operators.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES 1995

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. (Open Meeting Law.)

JANUARY: Organizational meeting held Jan. 2. Russell Carver was elected Chairman; Linda Bindner, Vice-chair. James Corrington was named Treasurer and Carol Hein, Secretary. Claude Gatrost, Dennis O'Bryan, and Rhoda Grauer were appointed Asst. Commissioners. Contractor Checkout Policies approved. SWCD Commissioner Open House in Des Moines attended by Bindner on Jan. 26. Mugge signed Oath of Office following re-election in Nov.

FEBRUARY: Annual Work Plan approved. Contractors meeting held Feb. 28 at District Office. Eldon Miessner was entered in Goodyear Conservation Awards Program. Approved no-till and Slough bill applicants. Videos purchased on Crop Residue Mgmt. for public use. 1). Earthworms, Nature's Soil Tillers and 2). Conservation Tillage. Paid IASWCDC & NACD dues of \$1050.00 in full. Julia Gubbels, Technician began duties.

MARCH: Carver and Mugge attended Legislators Day in Sanborn. Spring Regional Mar. 7 at Hartley attended by Bindner, Mugger and Carver. Received supplemental cost share funds of \$6,743.25.