

CHEROKEE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

1975

THANKS!!!!!!

The past year has been very progressive in applied conservation measures to Cherokee County land. We, the Cherokee County Commissioners, wish to acknowledge our thanks, here in our report, for all the support, assistance and cooperation in making this a very productive year. We appreciate very much the efforts of federal, state, county, and city government agencies, press and radio media, farm and business organizations and particularly our cooperators who have strived ahead to protect and maintain the land for future years ahead.

COMMISSIONERS

Vere T. Corrington Donald L. DeWitt Max E. Mugge Elmer O. Brehmer Joe V. Dessel

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Commissioners held 12 regular monthly meetings, five special meetings and three watershed meetings. Two regional commissioners meetings were also attended.

Donald DeWitt, District Representative, attended sub-committee and Little Sioux Works Committee meetings.

Annual report printed and distributed.

Trees and shrubs sold for spring delivery.

School field days for grades 5 and 6 of all county schools held in May. Conservation work books furnished students by the district.

Contractor's meeting held in March.

District had a booth at the County Fair.

District winner in the Owner-Operator Division of the Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program was Verdean Bumann of Quimby, Iowa.

District winners in the Marc Cox Agriculture Conservation Program were: Carl Ostrom-Leo Alquist, Jr., Meriden, Iowa; Verdean Bumann, Quimby, Iowa and Virgil Pyle, Washta, Iowa. Banquet attended by District Commissioners.

Nancy Niebuhr, Aurelia, was the District Speech contestant winner and placed second in the Regional Speech Contest held in Cherokee in July.

Clerk attended annual conference in Des Moines in September.

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For several years, the District has been offering to the public, windbreak and wildlife planting material for spring delivery. Both deciduous trees and evergreen seedlings have been available. If you are interested in starting a windbreak or habitat plantings, please contact our office for this information..

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

	UNIT	FISCAL YEAR	TO DATE
District Cooperators	No.	49	1039
Conservation Plans	No.	36	814
Terraces	Ft.	120,072	3,419,451
Diversions	Ft.	1,100	65,689
Waterways	Ac.	68	1,759
Structures and Ponds	No.	11	250
Tile	Ft.	115,685	2,611,632
Contouring	Ac.	709	

TERRACES

This past year, as evidenced in the amount of accomplishments, has been a very good year for soil and water conservation work in Cherokee County. As you visit with farmers and landowners, they also seem more interested in conservation work of an enduring or lasting nature. Terracing has been a more popular means of correcting an excessive soil loss problem.

We now are finding more and more acceptance of the tile outlet style of terraces. Under this type of terracing, terrace lines are built through existing waterways, an intake installed on a tile line and the grassed waterway plowed up. This system, of course, can only be used on minor waterways in the field. Any drainage of over 20 acres coming from uncontrolled land almost cancels the possibility of extending terrace lines across waterways. Another concept of the tile outlet terrace system is the construction of terraces parallel to natural or legal features on the farm. In other words, building terraces straight with farm boundary lines or parallel with ridge lines in the farm. This type of terrace systems greatly simplifies the farming operation but you do lose the maximum water conserving feature of level terraces. The water conservation feature is an important consideration more years than we like to admit to in Northwest Iowa.

We have been especially pleased to note the terracing work done in the three flood prevention watersheds under priority in Cherokee County. The three watersheds approved for development now in the county includes Stratton Creek, Four Mile Creek and Railroad Creek. All these watersheds are yet in the land treatment phase of active development with Railroad Creek now being studied for construction and Four Mile Creek approved for construction development study.

By Barney Braband, District Conservationist

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Our terrace program with the help of state-cost sharing, REAP cost-sharing and Federal "03" watershed funds, bounded ahead in 1975 and looks to a continuing rise in 1976. Farmers who installed terraces, approximately 26 miles, during the calendar year of 1975 are:

R. C. Stiles	Howard Johns	Della J. Niles	Alex Campbell
Milton Zeiner	Harold Kludas	Keith Ohlson	Sally Corrington
Ross Pinkerton	Gerald & Jim Fassler	Darrell Jamson	Bernard Buenger
Robert Lundquist	Marvin Zoch	Bob Carstens	Randall Harder
Mrs. Alice Ekstrom	Verdean Bumann	Junior Bierman	Paul Peterson
Korns Building Acct.	Clifford Ferrin	Peggy McClintock	Vere Chapman
W.P. McWilliams, Etal	Mrs. Art Dahl		

PERSONNEL

District Governing Body

Vere T. Corrington, Chairman Max E. Mugge, Vice-Chairman Joe V. Dessel, Treasurer
 Donald L. DeWitt, Watershed Representative Elmer O. Brehmer, Education Representative
 Three people served as Assistant Commissioners and also comprised the Education
 Committee. They were: Mrs. Beverly Radke, Mrs. Ruby Peterson and John Klever.

District Office

Bernard Braband...District Conservationist Duane Hollenbeck...WAE, Soil Cons. Aid
 Monas Nixon.....Conservation Technician Gladys Schroeder.....Clerk and Secretary

Area Office

Wallis R. Tonsfeldt..Area Conservationist Lee White.....Civil Engineer
 Richard Hall.....Civil Engineer Guy Hempey.....Civil Engineer Tech.
 Wayne L. Eberly.....Civil Engineer Tech. Margaret Walker.....Area Clerk

Iowa Conservation Commission

Tom NealWildlife Biologist Duane Bedford District Forester

FINANCIAL REPORT

7/1/74 - 6/30/75

The 1-M, 2-M and 3-M budget funds are administered and allocated by the State Soil
 Conservation Committee and appropriated by the Iowa State Legislature.

1-M Budget Allocation	\$1,300.00	2-M Budget Allocation	\$7,722.00
Expenses:		Clerical salary, FICA,	
Commissioner expense \$	368.57	IPERS, Travel and Ins.	\$7,523.71
Office Supplies	186.14	Released to Dept. of	
Printing	97.84	Soil Conservation	198.29
Contest prizes	38.00		\$7,722.00 \$7,722.00
Meeting hall rental	41.50		
Demonstration Materials	43.11		
Office expense	300.60	3-M Budget Allocations	
Meeting expense	6.11	73-74 Allocation	\$ 21,000.00
Released to Dept. of Soil		Funds obligated or paid out	19,978.04
Conservation	218.13	Unobligated balance	\$ 1,021.96
	\$1,300.00 \$1,300.00	74-75 Allocation	\$ 14,300.00
		LTA Allocation	6,000.00
		Total	\$ 20,300.00
District Watershed Maintenance Fund		Funds obligated or paid out	19,555.32
Balance on Hand 7-1-74	\$ 42,826.20	Unobligated balance	\$ 744.68
Watershed payments	882.12		
Interest	2,473.15	District General Fund	
Total	\$ 46,181.47	Balance on Hand 7-1-74	\$ 1,193.12
Expenses	5.25	Income	1,424.84
Balance on Hand 6-30-75	\$ 46,176.22	Expenses	1,197.19
		Balance on Hand 6-30-75	\$ 1,420.77