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**FINANCES**  
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The Cherokee SWCD would like to thank the following businesses and individuals who supported the District's conservation education program through their contributions.

- Cherokee State Bank
- Escue Auction, Cherokee
- Farmer's State Bank, Marcus
- First Trust & Savings, Aurelia
- Gustafson Realty, Cherokee
- Heritage Bank of Aurelia
- Jalas Real Estate, Storm Lake
- Lundell Construction, Cherokee
- Lundquist Real Estate, Cherokee
- McGuire Auction, Holstein
- Miller-Mac Insurance & Realty, Cherokee
- Sand Seed Service, Marcus
- Schoon Construction, Cherokee
- Stalcup Agricultural Service, Inc., Storm Lake
- Vander Werff Auction, Sanborn

*"Caring for the land is really a privilege and our moral responsibility to the next generation and to other life on earth."*

- Paul Johnson

**DISTRICT  
 FINANCIAL REPORT**  
 (July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997)

|                                                                  |                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>I-M</b>                                                       |                      |
| Allocation                                                       | \$ 2,500.00          |
| Expenses: Printing & Commissioner Expenses                       | 2,375.59             |
| Released to State                                                | \$ 124.41            |
| <b>3-M Cost Share Funds (96-97)</b>                              | <b>\$ 66,556.00</b>  |
| (For Conservation Practices)                                     |                      |
| Obligated and Spent                                              | 50,237.99            |
| Balance 6/30/97                                                  | \$ 16,318.01         |
| <b>Little Sioux Flood Prevention Watershed Maintenance Funds</b> | <b>\$ 146,369.90</b> |
| Income (Interest)                                                | 9,552.96             |
| Expenses                                                         | 4,417.45             |
| Balance 6/30/97                                                  | \$ 151,505.41        |
| <b>General Fund (Revolving)</b>                                  | <b>\$ 5,928.62</b>   |
| (For District Functions)                                         |                      |
| Income:                                                          | 3,090.64             |
| Expense                                                          | 5,045.85             |
| Balance 6/30/97                                                  | \$ 3,973.41          |
| <b>REAP Funds</b>                                                |                      |
| (Resource Enhancement & Protection Practices)                    |                      |
| 97 REAP-Practices                                                | \$ 9,345.00          |
| Obligated & Spent                                                | 1,946.23             |
| Released to State                                                | \$ 7,398.77          |
| <b>REAP Funds</b>                                                |                      |
| 97 REAP-Forestry/Native Grasses                                  | \$ 2,162.00          |
| Obligated & Spent                                                | 2,074.61             |
| Released to State                                                | \$ 87.39             |

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**Cherokee  
 County  
 Soil & Water  
 Conservation  
 District**

**1997  
 Annual  
 Report**

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PERSONNEL

Commissioners

Russell Carver, Quimby  
Chairman  
Linda Bindner, Marcus  
Vice-Chairman  
James Corrington, Cherokee  
Treasurer  
Max E. Mugge, Cleghorn  
Craig Beyer, Holstein

Assistant Commissioners

Suzanne Jordahl, Larrabee  
(March 1998 to November 1997)  
Rhoda Grauer, Marcus

Staff

Don Carrington,  
District Conservationist.  
Janet "Sam" Thomas, Ed Sands,  
John Cook,  
Soil Conservation Technicians.  
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 1997 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 97  
(October 1, 1996 to  
September 30, 1997)

|                                                  |             |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| New Cooperators (100) .....                      | 41 No.      |
| Individuals Assisted (102) .....                 | 636 No.     |
| Conservation Tillage (329) .....                 | 3,912 Ac.   |
| Contour Farming (330) .....                      | 1,862 Ac.   |
| Windbreaks (380) .....                           | 14 Ac.      |
| Field Borders (386) .....                        | 54,938 Ft.  |
| Grade Stabilization Structures (410) .....       | 7 No.       |
| Waterways (412) .....                            | 41 Ac.      |
| Terraces (600) .....                             | 51,400 Ft.  |
| Water and Sediment Basins .....                  | 12 No.      |
| Cropland Treated (901) .....                     | 7,060 Ac.   |
| Slough Bill Applicants: .....                    | 52 No.      |
| Slough Bill<br>(Open Prairie/Forest Cover) ..... | 1,759.8 Ac. |

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 62 landowners who became cooperators during the year.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES 1997

The Cherokee SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation District) Commissioners meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the district office. There were 10 regular meetings, 3 special meetings and 1 conference call. All meetings are open to the public. (Open Meeting Law.)

Election of Officers was held and assistant commissioners appointed.

District, Contractor, No-Till Policies, & Average Costs approved.

Commissioners attended second public EQIP meeting. Carver and Carrington attended EQIP Downlink meeting.

Conservation Awards Banquet held in February at the Brownstone in Cherokee.

Observed Soil Stewardship Week by supplying area restaurants with placemats.

Training meetings with contractors held in February.

Spring Regional in Akron attended by Mugge, Carver, and Carrington.

Participated in CDI's scholarship program.

Commissioners attended Legislators Meeting in Sanborn in March.

State and National Dues paid in full.

Watershed inspections completed.  
Clark Watershed repairs completed and Mortenson Watershed repairs partially completed.

Contributed to O'Brien Soil Judging Awards.

All FY financial reports were approved. IDALS DSC/SWCD FY98 Agreement approved. Received \$9,823.50 in REAP funds and \$34,196.00 in state cost share. Approved FY98 I-M Budget Spending Plan.

District donated to Auxilliary's auction at Annual Conference to benefit scholarship fund.

Sponsored a Lady Landowners Meeting at Spring Lake in August.

Organization for Sioux Rivers RC&D approved for NW Ia. Allan Henn, Edwin Clow and Linda Bindner selected as RC&D representatives.

Bindner attended Annual Conference in Sept. in Des Moines.

Clark Watershed designated as priority watershed.

Mortenson Watershed structure repaired.

Fall Regional in Onawa attended by Bindner and Carrington.

Contributed to newly formed Sioux Rivers RC&D and Iowa Watersheds.

Little Sioux Works Committee Meeting attended by Mugge and Carrington in Anthon.