

Ida County Soil Conservation District

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 1985-86

July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986 FINANCIAL REPORT IM BUDGET [STATE APPROPRIATED]

Commissioners expenses, mileage etc.	\$1,199.30
Office supplies & expenses	648.37
Total expended	\$1,847.67

3M BUDGET [STATE APPROPRIATED]

1985-86 Allocation	\$74,082.00
Funds obligated for conservation practices	\$47,191.66
Unobligated funds	\$26,890.34

3M BUDGET [STATE APPROPRIATED]

Total State Allocation (1973-1986)	\$688,752.35
Returned funds to date	\$10,366.20
Funds spent on Conservation Practices to date	\$651,495.81

July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986 WATERSHED MAINTENANCE FUND [Held in Trust by the District for Maintenance of Watershed Structures]

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1985	\$ 809.60
Receipts	3,762.52
Interest	\$1,618.62
Maintenance Payments	2,143.90

Expenditures	\$ 2,530.98
Watershed repairs	474.98
Office expenses	56.00
To Hi Fi Account	2,000.00

Cash on Hand	\$ 2,041.14
Time Certificates	47,017.00
Money Market Certificate	5,000.00
Hi Fi Account	\$ 4,277.34

July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986 GENERAL FUND

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1985	\$ 682.19
Receipts	3,153.25
Tree Sales	\$ 72.20
Sales tax collected	3.48
Flag Sales	81.00
IM Reimbursements	1,099.21
Book Sales	28.00
Interest	758.77
From Hi Fi Account	1,110.59

Expenditures	\$2,936.36
Sales tax	149.14
Tree Purchase & Expense	185.92
Office supplies	745.99
Office supplies	17.90
Awards & Contest Prizes	63.30
Commissioners Expenses	219.85
State Fees	150.00
National Dues	375.00
Outdoor Classrooms	34.04
Subscriptions	18.95
Fair Booth Expense	69.00
Soil Swardship Material	146.58
Arplite Tours	408.00
Annual Report	159.60
Conservation Books	46.95
Office Equipment Repairs	96.14
Hay Association	50.00

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1986	\$ 899.08
Hi Fi Account	1,807.81
Time Certificate	\$37,300.00

SOIL CONSERVATION PRACTICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS October 1, 1985 - September 30, 1986

Landowners Assisted	369
Farms Completing a Practice	153
Conservation Plans - Acres	12,677
Grass Waterways - Acres	57
Terraces - Foot	111,486
Conservation Tillage - Acres	10,017

PERSONNEL

Soil Conservation District Commissioners:

Robert F. Croxell, Chairman
Roger K. Schmidt, Vice-Chairman
LeRoy O. Dose
William C. Ullrich
Mason J. Goodenow

Assistants:

George N. Hartley
Elvie Dreeszen

SCS Staff:

Donald G. Kauffman, District Conservationist
Karen M. Bumann, Soil Conservationist
"Dutch" Kraft, Soil Conservation Technician
Randall F. Sohm, Soil Conservation Technician
Lou Collins, Clerk-Typist
Wayne N. Dankert, Soil Scientist-Party Leader
Craig R. Busskohl, Soil Scientist
David W. Beck, Area Conservationist
John P. Vogel, Resource Conservationist
Richard W. Hall, Civil Engineer
Judy R. Rathel, Area Clerk
Margaret L. Walker, Area Clerk



CONSERVATION COMMISSIONERS—Left to right: Roger Schmidt, Robert Croxell, LeRoy Dose and Mason Goodenow. Not pictured is William Ullrich.



Bobbi Wonder of rural route Ida Grove was the winner of the 1986 Soil Conservation Essay Contest. She is the daughter of Roger and Gloria Wonder and is an eighth grader at the Schleswig Middle School.

Soil and Water: Our Lifeline

Have you ever wondered what Iowa would be like without rich topsoil and fresh water? It would probably become a barren, dry, deserted state, where no one would be able to live. Without precious topsoil and fresh water, our lifeline would be broken. This is why we Iowans have to work together to save our soil from erosion and our water from becoming contaminated.

One main concern of erosion is losing topsoil. From the time settlers first moved to Iowa to now, our topsoil has been reduced from fourteen to sixteen inches in some areas, to six to eight inches in others.

The most destructive cause of lost topsoil is erosion. Water erosion, sheet and gully, torn deep ruts in the earth. Wind erosion, sheet, can lift soil off fields.

Another reason for erosion is just

1986 Soil Conservation Essay Winner

simply plowing up the land, which makes land more susceptible for erosion. Sheet and rill remove topsoil in thin layers. Gully gouges topsoil and subsoil out of drainageways to form gullies farm equipment can't cross. These gullies are ditches in fields, small rills in rowcropped fields, deposits of soil in fence rows, and extremely muddy water.

Right now there is a desperate need for conserving topsoil. Iowa produces approximately ten percent of our nation's food supply. The topsoil helps soil dry faster in spring and hold moisture in summer.

The cost of erosion is lower crop yields for the farmers. Another problem is the use of fertilizers and sediment that can wash into streams and rivers.

Many conservation methods are being used. Farmers leave crop residues, such as cornstalks on soil surface. They plant hillside on contour rather than up and down and use conservation tillage, which is land that isn't plowed or tilled. The grassed backslope is well suited for steep slopes and the steep backslope is seeded with grass. The grassed waterways require careful maintenance and works well with contour farming and terraces. A structure or dam may be necessary to stabilize the outlet. Crop rotations are used to give land a periodical rest from

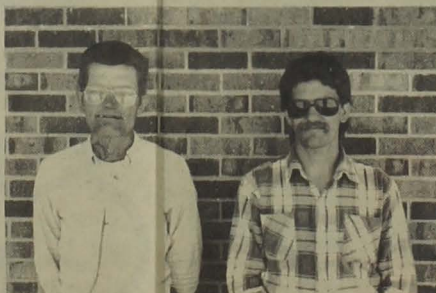
cultivation. There are many causes of water pollution. One main cause is sediment coming from a factory pipe or storm runoff from land. Salts also can corrode metals and damage crops. It is a result of rivers passing over mineral deposits. Fertilizers and nutrients are transported by sediment in storm runoffs. However, too many nutrients can overstimulate oxygen-demanding aquatic growth. Animal wastes may contain diseases which are harmful. Mosquitoes breed in polluted waters, become diseased, and bite animals who, in turn, may get diseased. For example, pesticides used to kill pests can also run into streams and build up in food chains.

Water and soil is our lifeline mainly because without these important resources, ten percent of our nation's food would be lost. Without clean water, fish would die and many animals would die of dehydration. Without rich soil, animals will have a difficult time trying to find food and may die.

If we don't do something to solve this soil and water problem, Iowa will become worthless and a major source of our nation's food will be lost. If we all work together, we can make these programs work and save Iowa and our nation and hold onto our lifeline.



SCS STAFF—Front, L-R: Lou Collins, Don Kauffman and Karen M. Bumann. Back, L-R: "Dutch" Kraft, Randall F. Sohm and Tony Riniker.



SOIL SCIENTISTS—Left to right: Wayne N. Dankert and Craig R. Busskohl.

Soil Conservation District Activities:

July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986

The District purchased a tree planter in cooperation with the Ida County Conservation Board.

Watershed Construction:

Two erosion control road culvert risers were completed in West Aldrich Watershed.

Education:

The annual Outdoor Classroom for Ida County sixth grade students was held in Moorehead Park in May.

The District sponsored a Soil Conservation Essay Contest in April.

Winners were:

Bobbi Wonder - Schleswig
Cindy Schroeder - Schleswig

District sponsored a display booth at the Ida County Fair.

Siouxland Conservation Award Winners:
N. Walter Johnson - Washta
Everett Still - Cushing

Isaak Walton League Windbreak Award Winner
R. D. Thomson - Arthur

A Hay Association was formed to promote sale of hay to other areas of the United States. Ida Soil Conservation District contributed \$50.00 to help the association get started.

Ida Sheriff Details Service

Ida County Sheriff Don Gebers has released the monthly county-wide law enforcement report for the period from July 22 to Aug. 18. One of the items on the list was 148 1/2 total patrol hours.

The report follows: special investigation 42 1/2 hours; civil investigation 153; motorist assist. 85; accidents 18; fan and residence check 112; open doors 11; office, none; miles 14,488; radio, 6,586; teletype, 5,073; and Holstein radio, 302.

Patrol District One, 150 1/2 hours; District Two, 344 1/2; District Three, 194 1/2; and District Four, 769 1/2; and total patrol hours, 1,486 1/2 hours.

Part One Crime: District One, none; District Two, two; District Three, one; and District Four, four.

Dollar loss, \$1,300; and value recovered, 200.

Thefts, Burglaries and Vandalism: District One, two incidents of vandalism; District Two, two thefts and two incidents of vandalism; and District Four, four thefts and two incidents of vandalism.

Cleared by districts: District One, none; District Two, none; District Three, none; and District Four, one theft.

Items Stolen: thefts - seat from moped, three-point hitch, 11 hp gas motor, hub cap battery charger, cash \$200, mailbox; burglaries - one.

Complaints: 8 total complaints and 5 additional cars set; complaints by to: Ida Grove, 88 complaints and nine additional cars; Holstein, 12 complaints and one car; Battle Creek, 11 complaints and one car; Galva, five complaints and two cars; Atter, no complaints and no cars; and rural area 22 complaints and two cars.

Five calls: Gal, a two.

Nature of Complaints:

Ida Grove -- theft, two; dog calls, nine; burning garbage, one; fight, two; threatening phone call, one; prowler, five; blocked alley, one; missing daughter, one; vandalism, 10; persons on water tower, one; suspicious person, five; unlicensed driver, two; loud party, two; break-in, one; jogger threatened, one; possible stolen vehicle, one; abandoned vehicle, one; blocked driveway, one; disturbing the peace, one; cars tearing around, three; bat in house, two; expired motorcycle license, one; person using foul language, one; domestic trouble, two; wreckless driving, two; neglected children, one; missing

newspapers, one; dangerous driver, one; message to deliver, two; hit and run, three; and welfare check, one.

Holstein -- loud party, one; vandalism, one; possible intoxicated driver, one; license plate tampering, one; hit and run, one; domestic trouble, two; disturbing the peace, one; theft, one; truck running disturbing residents, one; and suspicious vehicle, two.

Battle Creek -- kids tearing around, one; dog call, one; burglary, one; vandalism, two; suspicious person, one; domestic trouble possible fight, two; attempted suicide, one; suspicious vehicle, one; and possible mental

subject, one.

Galva -- hit and run, one; harassing phone call, one; tearing up the streets, one; nuisance phone calls, one; and civil disturbance, one.

Arthur -- none.

Rural areas -- theft, five; message to campers, one; livestock on road, two; possible gas theft in progress, one; mail box damaged, one; accident property damage, two; accident personal injury, one; attempt to locate, one; explosion, one; wreckless driver, one; trash dumped on road, one; vandalism, one; vehicle shot at, one; attempted break-in, one; possible female runaway, one; and cattle missing, one.

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SEPTEMBER 25, 1986 IDA GROVE, IOWA 51445

Galva Council Moves On Highway Transfer

Galva City Council members voted 4-1 Monday afternoon to accept the state's offer to transfer a part of old Iowa 328 to the city of Galva for a sum of \$35,000 paid to the city, provided the state first perform a patch job on the three-block stretch.

A couple of months ago the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) had offered Galva \$25,000 for the transfer of the highway running through the city of Galva. The city turned down the offer.

City officials had asked the IDOT to pay Galva \$40,000 to include \$35,000 for the resurfacing of the highway and \$5,000 for future maintenance.

In a counteroffer to the city, IDOT district engineer James R. Bump said the IDOT thinks the \$35,000 for the resurfacing of the old Iowa 328 is adequate.

City councilman Roscoe Graybill was the only one casting the nay vote Monday afternoon. He said he feared that the state might refuse to come in and do a patch job, and the IDOT might decide to withdraw its offer of \$35,000.

The highway being discussed consists of three blocks within the city limits of Galva.

More Blood Donors Wanted At BC Event

Because of all the organ transplants in the country, blood is becoming a more precious commodity, and Battle Creekers hope to do their part next Monday.

For their annual bloodmobile at the Battle Creek Fire Station from noon until 6 p.m. residents will attempt to increase the donor quota from last year's level of 91 units to a 1986 amount of 106 units.

Marge Goodman of Battle Creek, bloodmobile chairman, said there is no certain type of blood needed, just more blood, she said.

Persons wishing to give may go to the Battle Creek Fire Station anytime between the hours of noon and 6 p.m. Further questions may be directed to Goodman at 365-2507.



REC Board

Bruce Bennett, standing second from left, was re-elected president of the Ida County Rural Electric Cooperative board of directors following the annual meeting Monday night in Ida Grove. Edward Edsen, standing far right, was re-elected vice president and Dale Meyer, seated far right, was re-elected secretary. Re-elected to the board by a membership vote and named treasurer was Jerry Sindt, seated far

left. Orville Hummelgard, standing far left, was elected assistant secretary-treasurer. Archie Schug, seated center, was newly elected to the board at the meeting. Leonard Miesner, standing second from right, remains as a member of the board. A total of 425 attended the annual session held at the high school cafeteria. A vote to change the articles of incorporation to limit board members to four consecutive three year terms was defeated.

To Speak At Candidates' Night Grandy, Hodgson Slated

"Meet the Candidates" will be the event at the Skate Palace in Ida Grove next Tuesday when candidates for the Nov. 4 general election gather. A discussion forum featuring Sixth District Congressional candidates Fred Grandy, Republican, and Clayton Hodgson, Democrat, will highlight the evening.

The public is invited to attend the beef meal and program, sponsored by the Ida County Cattle-men's Association.

Mark Leonard, program director, said the evening will begin at 6:45 p.m. with a time to greet the candidates. Supper is set for 7 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. all candidates present will be introduced, and state-wide candidates will have an opportunity to address those in attendance.

By 8 p.m., the discussion forum between Grandy and Hodgson will begin. The program will adjourn by 10 p.m. The candidates have agreed to stay for a while after adjournment to visit with their potential constituents.

Members of the Ida County Cattle-men's Association Board of Directors include John Huth, Travis Rohlik, Derek Drury, Mark Leonard, Mason Fleenor, Terry Eason, Barry Bergman, Bob Graham, Jerry Andresen, Dan Lorenzen, Ross Feddersen and Darrell Scott.

Persons needing more information may contact Leonard at 368-2611.

Barbara Grassley Visits Holstein

Barbara Grassley, wife of Senator Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, appeared in Holstein Tuesday during a Iowa tour besting her husband's bid for a

second term in the U.S. Senate.

She made a walking tour of the Holstein business district from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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