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Mr. Claude Seely, Chairman
Kossuth County Soil Conservation District
1306 North Main
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Dear Mr. Seely:

I have just finished looking over the Kossuth Soil Conservation District Annual Report for 1974. There was a mix-up and I only recently received it.

The Kossuth District has historically been a progressive district and by your report certainly continues to be one. Karen Bierstedt certainly has congratulations coming to her and, as you know, she continues to serve the district program in the Palo Alto District. The example of the Kossuth Commissioners and the first woman SCD Commissioner in the State of Iowa has been a milestone that you can be proud of.

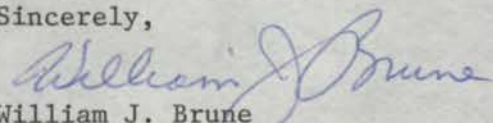
Congratulations again, Claude, on being named Outstanding District Commissioner for Region 2. This was recognition well deserved and I'm sure the rest of the district board helped make this happen and are proud of this recognition to your district.

I see by the report that you have become involved in the LTA program. I'm sure that the Kossuth District is proud of its past conservation efforts but agree that there is something to be said for the opportunity to move past piecemeal efforts and actually schedule an entire farm for complete conservation protection.

It is very encouraging to see the participation and activities of your Youth Board. It is being used as an example by many other districts in their efforts to emulate your successful program. It would be of great assistance if your Youth Board would take on the project of helping other districts organize Youth Boards. The requesting district could possibly assume trip costs, etc., for visitations by your Board members. It has been brought to my attention that you are attempting to develop a slide program on Youth Boards.

Congratulations on your impressive list of conservation accomplishments for 1974 FY and the best of luck on your 1975 efforts.

Sincerely,


William J. Brune
State Conservationist

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