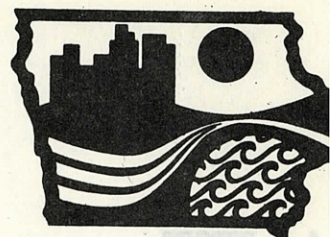


BLACK HAWK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1973 ANNUAL REPORT



Many people do not realize that the Federal, State or County Governments do not furnish funds to support the many activities we feel are essential to a complete program. As a result, we are required to get funds from another source. Local people have responded to our request for contributions in a way that has been truly heart-warming.

In addition to the financial support, we would like to thank the many agencies, organizations and individuals who contributed their time and talents to help us conserve soil and water resources in Black Hawk County.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS - 1973

It was a very good year - it could have been better in some respects, but we saw some progress. Hopefully, we have kept you current with our monthly News Letter, but let us remind you of some of the important events.

The District sponsored an Explorer Post in Conservation and paid memberships to our State and National Associations. We provided soils information to the Planning Commission for developing a zoning ordinance. The County Board of Supervisors later adopted the new ordinance, based on our recently completed Soil Survey. About sixty copies of the Advance Soil Survey Report were distributed to community leaders in November.

Our District News Letter won first place in the Nation for new news letter in 1972. WAYNE MARK attended the national meeting in Las Vegas to receive our \$100 check and plaque for this award.

In the Spring we established a native grass plot at College Square Shopping Center at Cedar Falls.

JOE ENTZ, our chairman, retired in July after 18 years. He was named Region Four's Outstanding District Commissioner for 1973 at the Annual Conference in Des Moines. Six candidates filed for election held at the National Dairy Cattle Congress Grounds in July, in conjunction with the County 4-H Fair. JOHN MILLER was re-elected and CLIFF NIEMEYER was elected as a new commissioner. JIM SAGE was elected chairman. JOHN MILLER attended the Iowa Conservation Education Council at Amana.

J. B. McANINCH served on the Advisory Board for Crop Science Curriculum at Hawkeye Tech. LARRY MARINE assisted Columbus High plan and establish a wildlife area. JOHN LOFLIN of Ames established a conservation tillage test plot on the CLIFF KNUDSEN farm. LOREN EICKHOFF, BILL FOUTS and KAY CONNELLY assisted GEORGE CUMMINS of Hawkeye Tech. with a soil judging contest for area high schools. The EXTENSION SERVICE sponsored a corn-soybean clinic and a Land Use & Soil Management meeting. LARRY LOENSER, Extension Director, developed a panel-type program on land use for "Focal Point" on KWWL-TV.

We held a joint contractors' meeting with Buchanan and Delaware Districts at Independence. RUSSELL PEDERSON of Hudson represented our District in the Regional Speech Contest. JIM RASMUSSEN AND VERNON HAPPEL were District winners in the farmer division and DON TANDY of Cedar Falls in the teacher division of the Conservation Achievement Awards Program.

LARRY MARINE was transferred to the Dallas District in August. In September MARDELLE THOMPSON retired, after fourteen years as District Clerk. GERTRUDE BELL started in October as her replacement.

We moved our office to Suite F in the Russell Lamson Building the first of December.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973

1-M BUDGET

2-M BUDGET

Allocation..... \$700.00
Additional allocation..... 150.00
\$850.00

Commissioners' Exp. \$350.08
District Exp..... 487.17 837.25

Balance..... \$ 12.75+

Allocation..... \$7,055.00

Salaries (Clerk & Aide) \$7,016.37
Travel Exp. & Equip. 92.38 7,118.95

Balance..... \$ 63.75-

3-M BUDGET - Effective July 1, 1973

Allocation..... \$10,000.00

13 Requests approved.... 9,707.54

Balance..... \$ 292.46

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1973

NEW COOPERATORS..... 27
CONSERVATION PLANS..... 43
REVISED PLANS..... 6
INDIVIDUAL INVENTORIES..... 19
UNITS OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTED..... 9
GROUPS ASSISTED..... 16
INVENTORIES FOR UNITS OF GOV'T..... 4
LAND USE REGULATIONS..... 2

FARMSTEAD WINDBREAKS..... 5
GRASSED WATERWAYS..... 16
ANIMAL WASTE HOLDING PITS..... 8
CONSERVATION TILLAGE..... 6,683
PARALLEL TERRACES..... 20,850
FARM POND..... 1
TREE PLANTING..... 47
TILE..... 116,000
LAND ADEQUATELY TREATED..... 3,155

BLACK HAWK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT PERSONNEL

COMMISSIONERS

JAMES E. SAGE, CHAIRMAN
JOE E. ENTZ (to August)
WAYNE C. MARK
CLIFFORD KNUDSEN
JOHN R. MILLER
CLIFFORD NIEMEYER

STATE EMPLOYEES

MARDELLE THOMPSON, CLERK (to 9-14-73)
GERTRUDE BELL, CLERK
KEITH CROWLEY, AIDE

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

J. B. McANINCH, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST
LOREN EICKHOFF, CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN
LARRY MARINE, SOIL CONSERVATIONIST (to Aug.)

COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

LARRY LOENSER

CONTRIBUTIONS

REVOLVING FUND

Contributions & Prize for News Letter.....\$1,219.00

State & Nat'l. Assoc. Dues.....\$250.00
Iowa Chapter Dues..... 67.50
News Letter..... 939.25 1,256.75

Balance..... \$ 37.75-