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Thirty-first Annual Report

CASS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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We, the Cass County Soil Conservation District Commissioners, wish to express our thanks to all those named below, as well as many others in the area, for their fine cooperation over the years in helping to advance the cause of Soil and Water Conservation in Cass County. We feel a great responsibility in conserving our most valuable natural resources -- the soil and water -- for future generations and only with the help of everyone can this goal be realized. We thank all those who have helped us to advance in this great enterprise.

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

G. M. Baier, Chairman
Max H. Miller
Wendell C. Pellett

George W. Hosfelt
Lawrence E. Blunk

Charles F. Wendt, Ass't. Comm.
Gilbert W. Wehrman " "

DISTRICT PERSONNEL

Gayle R. Johnson
Elmer L. Nelson

Office Assistant
Conservation Aid

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

William E. Willis

District Conservationist

EXTENSION SERVICE

A. Daniel Merrick, Co. Extension Director Mary Ellen Henningsen, Ext. 4-H & Youth Leader
LaVon Eblen, Extension Home Economist Margery Jones, Office Assistant

AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE

Paul D. Peterson, County Executive Director Mary Jo Donohoe, REAP & Feed Grain Clerk
Elaine Martens, Administrative & Price Support Clerk Duane Ortgies, Bin Supervisor

County Committee

Rex Underwood, Chairman

Dean Eilts

Folmer Nelsen

FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

Forrest D. Vermillion, County Supervisor
Eleanor H. Burgess, County Office Clerk
Gary W. Ludington, District Director

Bobby L. Purviance, Ass't. County Supervisor
Cecil J. Carlson, Construction Inspector
Shirley A. Winston, Ass't. Office Clerk

COMMISSIONER ACTIVITIES

JANUARY

A restudy of the Turkey Creek Watershed channel was held in the SCS office January 12th. at 1:00 P. M.

Commissioners attended the Short Course held in Ames on January 16 and 17th.

A Nodaway watershed meeting was held in Clarinda on January 30th.

FEBRUARY

The Annual Meeting was held at Van's Chat and Chew on February 2nd. at 6:30 P. M. Colored slides of their trip to England were shown by Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Pellett and the Goodyear and Register and Tribune awards were presented.

A dinner was held at Van's Chat and Chew for Vo-Ag. and Speech teachers and a discussion was held concerning participation in the Soil Conservation Speech contest.

MARCH

The Annual Meeting and tour of the Turkey Creek Watershed was held on March 12th. at 9:00 A. M. followed by a joint meeting at the Jesse James Cafe in Adair at noon. Business session followed the noon meal.

The District Commissioners Regional Meeting held at Mickel's Cafe in Harlan March 13th. was attended by Cass District Commissioners.

The Annual meeting of the Turkey Creek Watershed was held in the SCS office, March 23rd. at 7:30 P. M.

The Soil Conservation Speech Contest was held in the Whitney Bank Building at 7:00 P. M. on March 26th. Contestants from the Griswold school participated.

APRIL

A Nodaway watershed meeting was held at the City Hall in Massena, on April 6th. at 8:00 P. M.

Trees were planted in the outdoor Classroom at the Anita Lake State Park on April 23rd.

MAY

The application for Federal assistance in the Nodaway Watershed was sent in to the State Soil Conservation Committee on May 17th.

Soil Stewardship Week was observed May 27 to June 3rd. Booklets were distributed to all ministers in Cass County to aid them in sermon preparations. Special news releases also emphasized the observance.

JUNE

Gilbert Wehrman, District Conservationist, in the Cass District office for over 31 years retired on June 22nd. He was appointed then to serve as an Assistant Commissioner in the District to aid in Watershed promotion.

The District office along with the other Government agencies moved into a new office at 1207 Sunnyside lane on June 29th.

JULY

The SCS-SCD picnic was well attended at the 4-H Community building on Sunday July 1st. The Regional Speech contest was held in the afternoon following the noon pot-luck dinner.

Fish from the Gavins Point Federal Fish hatchery in Yankton, South Dakota were delivered to stock 23 farm ponds in Cass County on July 6th.

Commissioners Regional meeting was held at Mickel's Cafe in Harlan at 8:00 P. M. and was attended by the Cass Commissioners. The District Clerk serves as Secretary to the Regional Director Lawrence Blunk.

Bill Mozingo, District Conservationist, and Bud McCune, Technician from Audubon assisted the Cass District during July and August in the absence of a permanent D. C.

AUGUST

The 4-H and F.F.A. Fair was held August 6-10th. A "Queen of Conservation" was selected from 15 candidates. Debbie Rourick was crowned 1973 Queen by Janet Wissler. Calla Christoffersen was named runner-up.

Fish were delivered to stock 31 farm ponds in Cass County on August 30th.

SEPTEMBER

Bill Willis entered on duty on September 4th. as the District Conservationist for the Cass District.

District Commissioners and wives, the D. C. and State Clerk attended the Commissioners Annual Conference at Hotel Savery, Des Moines, on Sept. 9-11.

An Open House was held at the new USDA building on Sept. 18th. Commissioners and wives furnished punch and cookies for guests.

OCTOBER

A special meeting of the District Commissioners was held on October 11th. to approve cost-share agreements.

The next construction contract in the Turkey Creek Watershed was discussed by William Brune, Ass't. State Conservationist, at a meeting of the District Commissioners on October 24th.

NOVEMBER

A meeting of the Nodaway watershed was held at the Massena City Hall on November 1st. at 8:00 P. M.

Commissioners and wives, D. C. and wife attended the Regional Awards Banquet held at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, November 13th. at 6:30 P. M.

DECEMBER

Commissioners held 12 regular and one special meeting during the year.

Commissioners and Board of Supervisors signed the Work Plan modification for the Turkey Creek Watershed on December 3rd.

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

DISBURSEMENTS

1-M Budget

Allocation
Additional allocation

\$ 700.00
200.00

\$ 900.00

Commissioners mileage
Office supplies

\$ 742.15
157.85

\$ 900.00

2-M Budget

Allocation

14,213.00

Clerical and technical salaries
Travel
Insurance
Release for re-allocation to other Districts

14,080.45
48.66
67.38
16.51

14,213.00

District Revolving Fund

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1973

553.76

Post Office
Office supplies

135.04
57.20

192.24

Reimbursement
Income

192.24
66.50

258.74

Balance on hand Dec. 31st, 1973

\$ 620.26

CASS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION NEEDS AND GOALS

	Unit	Accomplished 1973	Now on the land 1973	Total long time need	1974 Annual Goal
District Cooperators	No.	19	1480	1756	40
Farm Plans	No.	14	1352	1756	30
Revised Plans	No.	5	52	200	10
Contour	Ac.	569	113,239	266,000	600
Terrace	Mi.	12	1,431	6,500	12
Waterway	Ac.	2	2,739	9,161	5
Structures	No.	17	201	500	10
Ponds	No.	5	145	200	7
Tile	Ft.	2,180	4,880,900	6,235,680	175,000
Open Drain	Mi.	1.0	97.7	372	2
Wildlife Habitat	Ac.	0	1701	5000	5

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