

JUNE: Iowa Financial Incentive Voluntary Funds allocation was \$31,321.00. Izaak Walton windbreak winners were chosen and Linda Bindner nominated as Cherokee County's Outstanding Commissioner. Larry Kielhorn of Holstein became the county's new watershed inspector following the resignation of Chester Challman. Ryan Husman, technician began work as District Cooperative Employee. Jerry Sindt of Holstein was appointed Acting District Conservationist following Scott Osborn's transfer to O'Brien County.

JULY: All financial records approved by the commissioners. Planning Committee for upcoming 50th Anniversary met. This includes Rhoda Grauer, Linda Bindner, Carol Hein, Wanda Hollingshead and Janet Lindsay.

AUGUST: Supplemental cost share of \$12,008.00 was received. A conservation tour of Shea and Mortenson Watersheds was taken. The commissioners selected 300 conservation farmers for the Farmer Appreciation Program.

SEPTEMBER: Don Carrington began duties as District Conservationist. Funds were received for REAP-P (Practices) of \$6,266.00; REAP-FN (Forestry/Native Grasses) of \$1,464.00, and Organic Nutrient Management (Waste Management Systems) for \$8,640.00. Applicants for levee repair due to flood damage, were approved. Annual Conference in Des Moines attended by Bindner. Bindner chosen as "Outstanding Commissioner" in Region 1.

OCTOBER: District contributed \$50.00 to the Quad States Awards Program. On October 28 a combined 50th Anniversary/Awards Banquet was held at Danny's Convention Center in Cherokee. Don Muhm, former farm editor of the Des Moines Register was guest speaker.

NOVEMBER: Mugge re-elected as commissioner. Carver and Bindner attended the Quad States Conservation Awards Banquet in South Sioux City.

DECEMBER: Conservation Farmer Appreciation Open House Dec. 6 at Cherokee Community Center. A pewter Christmas tree ornament was given to each selected farmer.

\$\$ FINANCES \$\$

Contributions and donations are the primary sources for financing education and promotional activities. This past year our big project was our 50th Anniversary Banquet. We would like to thank the following contributors.

- Bohle Construction, Kingsley
- Cherokee State Bank
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- Deer Valley, Cherokee
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- Farmer's State Bank, Marcus
- First Farmers Cooperative Elevator of Cherokee, Cleghorn, Larrabee, Marcus & Meriden
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- Simonsen Industries, Quimby
- Stalcup Ag Service, Storm Lake
- Vander Werff Auctioneers, Sanborn

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT (July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994)

I-M	\$ 3,100.00
Commissioner Expense	1,427.17
Office Supplies/Expense	1,308.12
Released to State	364.71
3-M Cost Share Funds (93-94) (For Conservation Practices)	\$ 58,855.50
Obligated and Spent	56,077.04
Unobligated Amount	1,134.30
Released to State	1,644.16
REAP-Practice Funds	\$ 22,935.00
Obligated and Spent	4,834.06
Unobligated Amount	1,134.30
Released to State	16,966.64
REAP - Forestry/Native Grasses Funds	\$ 7,902.25
Obligated and Spent	6,844.60
Unobligated Amount	897.00
Released to State	160.65
Organic Nutrient Management Funds	\$ 8,640.00
Obligated and Spent	2,000.00
Unobligated Amount	2,000.00
Released to State	4,640.00
General Fund	\$ 3,162.44
Income	\$ 3,274.60
Expense	5,192.36
Balance 6/30/94	\$ 1,244.68
Watershed Maintenance Funds	\$ 139,362.52
Income	\$ 2,824.93
Expense	385.70
Balance 6/30/94	\$ 141,801.75

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Cherokee County Soil & Water Conservation District

1994 Annual Report

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PERSONNEL

Commissioners

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

Assistant Commissioners

Dennis O'Bryan, Cherokee
Claude Gatrost, Cherokee
Rhoda Grauer, Marcus

Staff

Don Carrington,
District Conservationist
Nate Young, Technician
John Cook, Technician
Ryan Husman, Technician
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 1994 Annual Report
of conservation
accomplishments.
It reflects the efforts of many
individuals and groups working
together to improve our
environment through
conservation programs.

STAFF CHANGES

Scott Osborn, former District
Conservationist, has transferred to
O'Brien County. Renee Braun is
working out of the NRCS office in
Storm Lake as the Project Coordi-
nator for the Storm Lake Water
Quality Project. Lloyd Howe has
transferred to Washington
County. We appreciate their
years of service to Cherokee
County.

CHEROKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FISCAL YEAR 94 (October 1, 1993 to September 30, 1994)

New Cooperators	69
Individuals Assisted	642
Conservation Systems Applied (acres)	5,549
FSA Plan Revisions (acres)	7,378
Conservation Tillage (acres)	6,454
Contour Farming (acres)	4,458
Terraces (feet)	106,398
Cropland Treated (acres)	10,249
Slough Bill Applicants	51
Slough Bill (acres)	1,520
Waterways (acres)	43
Structures	4
Field Borders (feet)	80,245

CHEROKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1994 AWARDS PROGRAM WINNERS

Iowa Soil Conservation Awards

Owner-Operator	Eric Meissner Eldon Meissner - operator
New Cooperator	Richard & JoAnn Olson
Landlord-Tenant	So. Hills Farms, Nancy Hier Arlen Seablom, operator

Quad States Conservation Awards

Wildlife Habitat	Brian Fulton
Agri-Business	Sand Seed Service, Inc.
Progress	Don & Sherry Gebers
District Farm Award	Ralph Wilcox
Community Service	Tom Reis

Izaak Walton Windbreak Awards

Established	
Windbreak	Glenn Dyslin
New Windbreak	Doug Ebel

Landowner-Farm Manager Conservation Award

Catherine Duncan	Managed by Arnold Waldstein, Stalcup Ag. Services
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Cherokee County Conservation Poster Contest

Laurissa Mohning, First	Marcus
Holly Dreckman, Second	Marcus
Liz Busch, Third	Marcus
Mandy Libke, First	Cherokee
Molly O'Connor, Second	Cherokee
Mike Meloy, Third	Cherokee

COOPERATORS

A District Cooperator is a landowner
who has entered into a cooperative agree-
ment with the district for the purpose of
planning, applying and maintaining the
necessary soil and water conservation
practices on his land.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES 1994

The Cherokee SWCD (Soil & Water
Conservation District) Commissioners meet
on the third Tuesday of the month at the
district office. All meetings are open to
the public. (Open Meeting Law.)

JANUARY: Max Mugge was elected
Chairman; Russell Carver, Vice-Chairman.
James Corrington was named Treasurer
and Carol Hein, Secretary. Claude Gatrost,
Dennis O'Bryan and Rhoda Grauer were
appointed Asst. Commissioners. District
policy and averages costs were approved.
Annual Awards Banquet held at Danny's
in Cherokee.

FEBRUARY: Annual Work Plan approved
at a special meeting. Tillage Expo Meet-
ing held at Spencer. Commissioners spon-
sored a Contractors Meeting in Cherokee.

MARCH: Regional meeting in Holstein.
Conservation poster contest winners cho-
sen.

APRIL: Poster winners were invited to the
meeting and the Commissioners ex-
plained their duties. Students viewed the
office and asked questions. Treats and
cash awards were given. Don Agostine,
director of the Activity Center explained
their services. Cost Share approvals will
be made in February and March for Spring
construction, in April for Summer projects,
and August for Fall projects. EEO, Memos
of Understanding, and Safety were re-
viewed.

MAY: Iowa Conservation Awards Program
(ISCAP) winners were selected. Conser-
vation tour by staff and commissioners of
various practices throughout the county.
David Beck, Area Conservationist attended
Commissioners meeting.