

Ida County Soil Conservation District

1956 ANNUAL REPORT

Accomplishments and Goals

		1956	Totals	1957
			Share	Goals
DISTRICT COOPERATORS	Number	53	422	68
	Acre	9418	78891	13736
BASIC CONSERVATION PLANS	Number	39	311	47
	Acrea	7990	56590	9494
REVISED CONSERVATION PLANS	Number	6		5
	Acrea	957		1010
FOLLOW UP CALLS	Number	52		250
CONTOUR LAYOUT	Acrea	6364	34000	6200
STRIP CROPPING	Acrea	263	1400	250
TERRACES	Miles	44	223	60
FIELD DIVERSION	Miles	1		1
TILE DRAIN	Feet	7320	265797	25000
GRASSED WATERWAY CONSTRUCTION	Acrea	25		25
GULLY CONTROL STRUCTURE	Number	4	17	8
CONTOUR FIELD BOUNDARY	Pods	5358	46031	6000



C. C. Challman



W. F. Burrow, Chm.



Wm. Rossow

Ray Bresnahan
TreasurerArnold Putensen
Secretary

Commissioners' Fund

GENERAL FUND:

Balance, December 31, 1955	\$ 50.01
Receipts, 1956	8.80
Expenditures, 1956	8.80
Balance, December, 1956	50.01

MAINTENANCE FUND:

Cash on hand, December 31, 1955	641.65
Receipts, 1956	870.79
Expenditures, 1956	776.65
Cash on hand, December 31, 1956	735.79
Bonds on hand (Purchase Price) Dec. 31, 1955	6004.00
Bonds on hand (Purchase Price) Dec. 31, 1956	6724.00

I.A. BUDGET

RECEIPTS FROM STATE OF IOWA:

Office Supplies	68.18
Commissioners Expenses	150.07
Office Expenses	30.00
Total Expended	248.25

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RECEIPTS FROM STATE OF IOWA:

Equipment	214.25
Clerk	2546.12
Total Expended	2760.37



Cropland terraces give year after year control of erosion. They are four times as effective as contouring alone. This terrace will hold 120 gallons of run-off per foot of length or enough water for ten additional bushels of corn per acre.



The best Ida County Soil on its way to the Gulf of Mexico during the flood of 1954. Man is pointing to the high water mark. Is he also pointing to some of your farm?



Top Row—Kenneth H. Burnett, Supervisory Soil Conservationist, Bruce W. Marrus, Soil Conservationist.
Bottom Row—George W. Wilkins, Conservation Aid, Sandra Thornhill, Clerk, Charles P. Bodholdt, Conservation Aid.

Acknowledgement

The Ida County Soil Conservation District and its officers are grateful for all of the assistance that has been rendered in the past. Without this aid the accomplishments listed above could not have been attained. Because of the high degree of cooperation we have enjoyed it has been a distinct pleasure to serve the people of Ida County as their Soil Conservation District Commissioners.

W. F. Burrow, Chairman of the District
Wm. Rossow, Commissioner
C. C. Challman, Commissioner

History Of The District

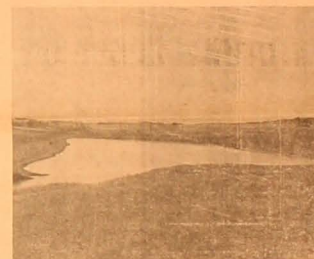
The Ida County Soil Conservation District was chartered by the State of Iowa as a legal entity on February 19, 1945. The charter was the result of hearings and a referendum election where 434 Ida County farmer owners voted to establish the District. The first Commissioners were Henry Dail, J. B. Scott, and Edw. C. Perion. Commissioners serve a six year term. One commissioner's term expires every two years. Subsequent commissioners elected are: Ross Baumann, 1947; H. L. Elk, 1949; David Brueck (appointed to fill out the term of Henry Dail who died in office after re-election in 1951); W. F. Burrow for four years and Wm. Rossow for six years, 1953; C. C. Challman, 1955.

From the start the chief concern of the District has been the planning and application of soil conservation practices on the farm lands of the District.

In 1948 construction was started on the Perion-Kirkholm flood control watershed located just northeast of Ida Grove. Work on this project was completed in 1949. After the Korean Conflict in 1953 work was started on the East Aldrich Creek watershed located north of Battle Creek. This project was completed in 1956. Both of these jobs have pointed the way for other groups of farmers to band together and solve their joint erosion and flood problems.



No ditch to make you turn around. Grassed waterway provide a thatched outlet for run-off from adjacent fields. They help prevent gully formation.



Once this was a deep gully. Your own fishing hole. Impounded water gives a storage of water for livestock, recreation, and control of soil erosion.

District Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 19 - In Ida Grove

Over One-Third Of

Ida County Farmers Are Cooperating