



BLACK HAWK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Vincent Delagardelle, Chm
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NEWSLETTER

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1985 ANNUAL REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISTRICT'S ACTIVITIES

The District pledged \$250 to the "Larry Rust Plaza" at Lincoln Park in downtown Waterloo in memorium to Larry's service as a Commissioner from 1978 through 1982.

Mrs. Anna Nicholas was selected as the District's nominee for Teacher of the Year Award sponsored by Allis-Chalmers. Mrs. Nicholas taught grades 7-8 since 1980 at St. John-St. Nicholas School in Waterloo.

Soil Stewardship Week observance was held the week of May 12-19. "Consider Tomorrow Together" was the theme for 1985. The District furnished literature and materials to all 162 churches in Black Hawk County.

The County Extension Service, Hawkeye Institute of Technology, and the District co-sponsored a "Save Our Soil" bus tour on June 13. The tour illustrated the use of many conservation practices such as terraces, waterways, contouring, and no-till farming methods that help protect our soil and water resources.

Steve Ludwig of Eagle Township was named as 1985 Izaak Walton League Windbreak Award recipient. The windbreak, planted in 1976, has one row each of Douglas Fir, Black Hills Spruce, and Honeysuckle.

Two volunteers, Ellen Matthias and Jeff Tis, donated over 650 hours of service to the District through the Volunteers In Protecting Soil (VIPS) program. Both were students and received work experience credits while working for the District.

Harry Gutknecht of Black Hawk Township earned Four Ton Club Membership award which is presented in recognition of the significant efforts made by landusers to control wind and water erosion on the land they farm.

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on March 6, 1986, at the Izaak Walton League Lodge in Washburn, Iowa, and will honor area people for their work in soil conservation in 1985.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET GUEST SPEAKER

The commissioners have invited Mr. Richard Meyocks as guest speaker at the 1986 Annual Awards Banquet. He is president and chief executive officer of Creswell, Munsell, Fultz & Zirbel Inc. at Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Meyocks asks the question, "Can advertising help anyone care about soil conservation? Maybe, maybe not." He then compares "Madison Avenue" as being as appealing as "soil erosion". To many people, these are vague, imaginary, mysterious words belonging to the world of advertising. Mr. Meyocks thinks that advertising is simple, though--not mysterious. Advertising rests on this obvious premise: to get someone to do something, explain how to do it and why he should want to.

Mr. Meyocks believes that the reason many Americans don't care about soil conservation as much as we do probably is because we've never communicated those feelings in a way to make anyone want to care.

We have to tell people about soil conservation. Speak up, tell them what you feel, not what you know. They'll listen, empathize, understand, remember, and act. That's progress.

Will it work? As Mr. Meyocks says, it depends--on you!

To hear more of his thoughts on motivation, call the Black Hawk Soil Conservation District office--296-3262-- for reservations at the Annual Banquet.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1984 to June 30, 1985

1-M BUDGET

Allocation 07-01-84	\$	3,100.00
Commissioners Expense	\$	657.61
Office Supplies & Expense		2,351.43
Released to Department		90.96
Balance		- 0 -

3-M BUDGET

84-85 FY		
Allocation 07-01-84	\$	31,763.00
Cost/Share Terrace		
Obligated	\$	18,943.44
Released to Department		12,819.56
Balance		- 0 -

REVOLVING FUND

Balance 07-01-84	\$	484.90
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CREDITS

State Reimbursement	2,866.54
Booster Club Contributions	80.00
Annual Banquet	280.00
BHSCDC Flex Fund	500.00
Transfer from Petty Cash	10.00
BHC Board of Supervisors	3,000.00
Sale of 3-M Copier	100.00

EXPENSES:

BHSCDC Flex Fund	\$	1,000.00
Copier Lease		853.30
Membership Dues		719.00
Newsletter Printing and Addressing		607.58
Newsletter Bulk Mailing and Permit Fee		510.00
Awards Banquet		370.50
Postage		320.59
Publications		279.55
Office Supplies		259.67
Memorial (Larry Rust Plaza)		250.00
Emergency Secretarial Svcs.		209.00
Soil Stewardship Materials		133.30
No-Till Tour Expenses		130.00
Logo Contest Award		100.00
Petty Cash		75.00
Awards for Banquet		50.71
Mounting/Framing		47.53
Miscellaneous		72.42

BALANCE June 30, 1985	\$	1,333.29
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1984-85
(SCS Fiscal Year 10-01-84 to 09-30-85)

New District Cooperators	1
Individuals & Groups Assisted	38
Units of Government Assisted	
Conservation Plans	6,045 acre
Grand Total Land Improved	7,843 acre

CONSERVATION PRACTICES INSTALLED

Contours	1,608 acre
Ponds	
Windbreaks	9 acre
Grass Waterways	27 acre
Parallel Terraces	50,630 feet

SOIL SAVED

Tons per Acre per Year (Contouring and Terracing)	35,650 tons
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SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PERSONNEL

Roy R. Campbell, District Conservationist
Elaine K. Hammer, Soil Conservation Technician

STATE EMPLOYEES

Millus Charlson, District Clerk
Keith K. Crowley, Engineering Aide

VOLUNTEERS

Ellen Matthias, HIT Student
Jeff Tisl, UNI Student

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The farmer who improves the fertility of his soil is truly a public servant and will leave more for posterity than he takes for himself

--Anonymous

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET
MARCH 6, 1986
IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE LODGE
WASHBURN, IA 50706
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