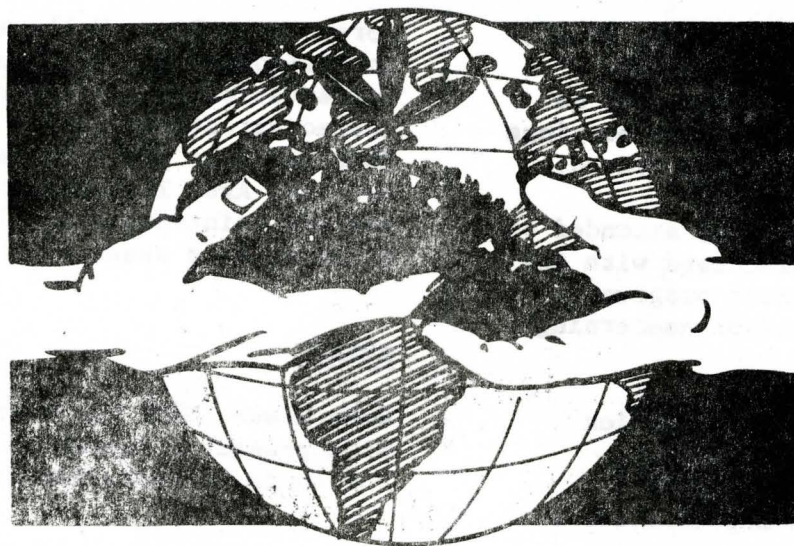




Appanoose County Soil Conservation District 1979 FY Annual Report

Centerville, Iowa 52544

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We, the District Commissioners of the Appanoose County Soil Conservation District, are pleased to present to you this report of progress concerning the activities and accomplishments of your Soil Conservation District for the past year.

Loren Eddy, Chairman
Ron Turk, Vice-Chairman
Leon Kauzlarich, Secretary
Roger Wells
Kenneth Brown

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

MEETINGS

The meeting date, time and place of all SCS meetings are published in the Centerville Iowegian and announced on Radio Station KCOG prior to the meetings so any interested parties may attend.

State Representative Dan Jay attended our January meeting. He discussed with the Commissioners the District program as well as pending legislation concerning conservation programs.

The Department of Soil Conservation has two new Field Representatives to assist district offices with their programs. Field Representative Bill McGill has been instrumental in helping Appanoose County Commissioners in revising and updating their long-range plan.

Several Commissioners attended the Region 9 Commissioners meeting in Ottumwa and Kenneth Brown attended the Commissioners short course in Ames.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION

The Commissioners have renewed their lease on 11 acres at Rathbun Lake which is used as an outdoor classroom for students in the area.

Lee Schwerdtfeger, teacher at Lakeview Elementary School attended Springbrook Conservation Education Center June 3 - 8, 1979. The Commissioners are interested in financially assisting teachers in the county to attend conservation education workshops and courses.

The Soil Commissioners awarded four scholarships to Appanoose County students this year. They were: Debbie McGill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David McGill; Kirk Vanderlinden, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Vanderlinden; James Sutter, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Sutter; and Flint Salladay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Salladay. These scholarships are provided for college study in ag-related fields. Debbie and James are students at Northeast Missouri State University and Kirk is attending Iowa State University. Flint declined his scholarship for other endeavors.

There are several slide sets on conservation available from the District Office for use by 4-H clubs or other interested individuals.

TOURS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Loren Eddy, Roger Wells and Kenneth Brown, Commissioners and Joe Baughman, District Conservationist and Robert McNeal, SCS, toured structures in the Moulton Watershed, RC&D roadside projects, and the Henshaw Critical Area Treatment project for any visible maintenance problems. No major problems were observed.

AWARDS

Gene Glenn, Earl Mason and Jerry Henshaw were presented awards at the Alfalfa Banquet for their conservation accomplishments.

COUNTY COST-SHARE FUNDS

This year the Appanoose County Board of Supervisors made available to the Soil Conservation District \$20,000 to be used for cost-sharing on conservation practices.

RURAL ABANDONED MINE PROGRAM

This new program will provide cost-share funds for areas that have been mined for coal. To qualify, areas must have been abandoned before August 3, 1977 and left unreclaimed or inadequately reclaimed.

Because funds are limited, RAMP will concentrate on the more severe problems first. Each application will be reviewed and a funding priority assigned.

Priorities are:

1. Protecting public health, welfare, safety, and property from extreme danger caused by past coal mining.
2. Protecting public health, safety and general welfare from adverse effects of mining.
3. Restoring the environment where it has been degraded.

There were three applications received in Appanoose County and 250 applications in the State. Iowa was 2nd in the nation in the number of applications received.

The District Office has pamphlets concerning this program and many other informational pamphlets for your information.

RCA

The RCA Task Force met in August to gain input for the District's five-year plan. There was good representation from the farming community. The Commissioners received many questions and good suggestions.

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FINANCIAL REPORT

(October 1, 1978 - September 30, 1979)

(July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979)

Cons. District Cooperators	26 No.	3,600 Ac.
Cons. District. Cooperators Cancelled	6 No.	1,081 Ac.
Individuals and Groups Assisted	227 No.	
Tech. Services Land Unit Planning & Application	1,248 No.	
Individuals and Groups Applying Practices	119 No.	
Conservation Plans		3,113 Ac.
Cons. Plans Cancelled		851 Ac.
Cons. Plans Revised		343 Ac.
Technical Services for Area Planning	1 No.	
Governmental Agencies Assisted	1 No.	
Cropland Benefited by App. Cons. Practices		2,782 Ac.
Pasture and Hayland Benefited by App. Cons. Practice		972 Ac.
Wildlife Benefited by App. Cons. Practice		51 Ac.
Other Land Benefited by App. Cons. Practice		5 Ac.
Contour Farming		895 Ac.
Pond	4 No.	
Farmstead and Feedlot Windbreak	1 No.	
Grade Stabilization Struc.	26 No.	
Grassed Waterway		12 Ac.
Cons. Tillage System		3,064 Ac.
Sediment and Water Control Basin		1,120 Ft.
Terraces		41,485 Ft.
Wildlife Upland Habitat		56 Ac.

1-M ACCOUNT

Total allocation.....	\$960.00
Disbursements	
Commissioners Expenses	230.40
Office Supplies	162.24
Printing	77.80
Prizes for Contests	97.47
Rental for Meeting Hall	4.00
Office Expense	277.48
Meeting Expenses	12.00
Total Disbursements.....	\$861.39
Released to State Committee.....	\$ 98.61

2-M ACCOUNT

Total allocation.....	\$23,510.00
Disbursements	
Salaries	19,708.00
Travel	49.85
State Retirement	1,034.54
Social Security	1,200.27
Health Insurance	997.38
Life Insurance	132.00
State Equipment	-----
Disability	128.16
Total Disbursements.....	\$23,250.20
Released to State Committee....	\$ 259.80

3-M ACCOUNT
(State Cost-Sharing Funds)

Fiscal Year 78-79 Allocation	\$36,000.00
Amount unobligated - available for cost-sharing as of 11/15/79	637.44
Fiscal Year 79-80 Allocation	\$36,000.00
Amount unobligated - available for cost-sharing as of 11/15/79	564.76

APPANOOSE COUNTY COST-SHARING FUNDS

Fiscal Year 79-80 Allocation	\$20,000.00
Amount unobligated - available for cost-sharing as of 11/15/79	2,157.51

PERSONNEL

U.S. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Joe R. Baughman
District Conservationist

Robert D. McNeal
Soil Conservation Technician

STATE EMPLOYEES

Marilyn L. Worley
District Clerk

Ivan L. Wright
Engineering Aide