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Soil & Water Conservation District

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ANNUAL REPORT

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Linda Bindner, Chairperson	Marcus
Max E. Mugge, Vice-chair	Cleghorn
Loren Schuett, Treasurer	Holstein
James Corrington	Cherokee
Russell Carver	Quimby

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Lon Allan	Aurelia
Dennis O'Bryan	Cherokee

DISTRICT STAFF

Scott Osborn	District Conservationist
Renee Braun	Soil Conservationist
Darwin Henke	Technician (intermittent)
Steve Sholty	Technician (started 8/90)
Steve Sturgeon	Technician
Carol Hein	Secretary

As Commissioners of your Soil & Water Conservation District, we are pleased to present this 1990 Annual Report of conservation accomplishments. It reflects the efforts of many individuals and groups working together to improve our environment through conservation programs.

DISTRICT & SCS ACCOMPLISHMENTS FY 90

(Oct. 1, 1989 - Sept. 30, 1990)

New Cooperators	No. 20
Individuals Assisted	No. 735
Conservation Plans	No. 339
Terraces	Ft. 492,203
Conservation Tillage	Ac. 1,716.5
Contouring	Ac. 4,328
Windbreaks	Ac. 66.1
Cropland Protected	Ac. 19,680.5
Tons of Soil Saved	Ton 239,388
Sediment & Control Basins	No. 5
Field Borders	Ft. 71,748
Waterways	Ac. 32.2
Slough Bill Applications	No. 38 &
	Ac. 1,169.45

NEW COOPERATORS

Jon Schubert	Keith Johnson
Tyrone Artz	Pearl B. Palmer
Raymond Knaack	Eurella Johnson
Walter Kay	Mark D. Carlson
Perry W. Rose	Peter Godbersen
Ralph Wilcox	Paul George
Lester Bowers Est.	Foley Bros.
Healy Land Co.	Howard Smith
Keilhorn Farms, Inc.	Kenneth Todd
Fuhrmann Heirs Trst.	Richard Sokolowski

DISTRICT'S SOIL CONSERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM WINNERS

Iowa Soil Conservation Awards

Owner-Operator	Floyd Zimmer
New Cooperator	Norma Zimmer
Landlord-Tenant	Wilbert Otto, Landlord
	Gary Otto, Tenant
Sweepstakes Winner	Wilbert & Gary Otto

Quad States Conservation Awards

Wildlife Habitat	George Slota
Agri-Business	Lundell Mfg.
Progress Award	Russell Hiller &
	Bruce Hiller
Farm Awards (2)	Alfred Parcel &
	John M. Patterson

FINANCES \$ \$ \$

Contributions and donations are the primary sources for financing education and promotional activities. We would like to thank the following contributors.

W. W. Steele	Schoon Construction
Fred DeJong	Schmillen Construction
McQuire Auction	Cleghorn State Bank
Bushlows	Cherokee State Bank
Filmore Gustafson	Miller-Mac Realty
Farmers State Bank,	Marcus
Farmers Coop Elevator,	Cleghorn
August Jalas Real Estate	
Heritage Bank NA,	Aurelia

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FY 90

(July 1, 1989 - June 30, 1990)

I-M (Commissioner Expenses)	\$3,280.00
Expenses: 297.85 Printing	
1,004.15 Commissioners	
1,446.44 Office Supplies	
500.00 Dues	3,248.44
Balance Released to State	\$ 31.56
3-M Cost Share Funds (89-90)	\$71,653.00
(For Conservation Practices)	
Obligated & Spent	52,914.76
Balance 6/30/90	\$18,738.24

Watershed Maintenance	\$106,513.36
Income: 8,174.31 Interest	
Sub Total	\$114,687.67
Expense: 756.40	
Balance 6/30/90	\$113,931.27

General Fund	\$ 5,083.86
(For District Functions)	
Income: 6,440.25	
Sub Total	\$ 11,524.11
Expenses: 7,997.15	
Balance 6/30/90	\$ 3,526.96

Education Fund	\$ 44.29
Expenses: 44.29	
Balance 6/30/90	0

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES 1990

The Cherokee SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation District) Commissioners meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the district office. Thirteen meetings were held in 1990. All SWCD meetings are open to the public. (Iowa Open Meeting Law).

JANUARY Election of officers was Jan. 16. The following were re-elected: Chairperson, Linda Bindner; vice-chair, Max Mugge; Treasurer, Loren Schuett; Secretary, Carol Hein. Dennis O'Bryan and Lon Allan were reappointed as Assistant Commissioners. The 1990 District Policies and Annual Work Plan were reviewed and approved. NACD & State dues were paid in full for a total of \$1050. The dues help support federal and state government lobbying efforts in the area of soil and water conservation legislation.

FEBRUARY The Cherokee SWCD participated in the annual Ia. SWCDC Scholarship Awards Program. The district received \$62,000 in Little Sioux Flood Prevention watershed funds for cost share. The ASCS/SCS/Extension Service and the Soil & Water Conservation District jointly sponsored two county-wide informational meetings to explain the Farm Program and Conservation Compliance provisions.

MARCH The Cherokee SWCD sponsored a county conservation contractors meeting to review the upcoming year's conservation needs on Mar. 7. The District participated in the NW Tillage Expo at Sheldon on Mar. 4. The SWCD commissioners participated in the NW Iowa Spring Regional meeting in Merrill on the 6th.

APRIL Annual Report was approved. The District's tree sales program was completed. Placemats were provided for area restaurants to commemorate Soil Stewardship week. The District mailed out contribution letters.

MAY The ISCAP (Iowa Soil Conservation Award Program) winners were selected for 1990.

JUNE The SWCD Commissioners submitted a request to the State Soil Committee for the use of REAP cost share funding for Animal Waste Management Systems for surface ground water protection. The Quad States Conservation Awards & the Izaak Walton Windbreak Award winners for the county were selected. Watershed structure inspections were completed by inspector, Burdell Vohs. The District assisted in sponsoring Soil Survey instructional meetings throughout the county to distribute the recently published Cherokee County Soil Survey.

JULY State cost share funds of \$47,836 were received. Commissioners and staff manned the county fair booth. Trees and tee shirts were given away by drawings. The county's Plan of Operations and Contractor Checkout Policy were reviewed. The REAP (Resource Enhancement and Protection) funds of \$4,628.48 were received. The secretary attended training in Des Moines July 11, 12. Commissioners attended Soil & Water Resource Conservation Plan training in Sioux City and Primghar.

AUGUST A County Conservation Review Group (CCRG) meeting between SCS and ASCS was held Aug. 1. Procedures & concerns were discussed. A county conservation tour was Aug. 31. The commissioners reviewed and resolved a soil loss complaint. Supplemental cost share funds of \$43,816.25 were received from the state.

SEPTEMBER Animal Waste Management Systems request was approved by the State Soil Committee. The Commissioners and office staff are collecting data for the District Resource Plan. The Regional meeting was held Sept. 19 in LeMars.

NOVEMBER Annual Conference in Des Moines attended by Schuett & Bindner on the 26th & 27th. State technician Sturgeon transferred to Henry Co. SWCD. Bindner & Corrington re-elected for 6 year terms. Schuett & Bindner attended Quad States Conservation Awards Nov. 29 in So. Sioux City, NE. District contributed \$25 to SWCDC Auxiliary Scholarship Fund.

DECEMBER Conservation Compliance satellite meeting Dec. 4 at Extension attended by Bindner. Chester Challman was hired as watershed inspector due to Burdell Voh's retirement.

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Cost Share Available for Trees & Waste Management Systems

Save on home heating costs, provide protection for livestock and beautify your surroundings with a windbreak. Cost share funds are available and trees may be purchased from any source. The District's profit from their tree sales are used primarily for environmental education and activities. To receive cost share, you must have technical assistance in planning the windbreak. Now is the time to plan your windbreak!

Green Ash	4-5'	\$2.00 ea.	\$20.00/for 10
Silver Maple	3-4'	1.00 ea.	22.00/for 25
Siouxland Poplar	4-5'	1.00 ea.	20.00/for 25
Black Walnut	3-4'	2.00 ea.	18.00/for 10

Common Purple Lilac	2-3'	1.00 ea.	\$20.00/for 25
Nanking Cherry	2-3'	1.00 ea.	20.00/for 25
Rododier Dogwood	2-3'	1.00 ea.	20.00/for 25
Caragana	2-3'	1.00 ea.	20.00/for 25

Colorado Blue Spruce (20-40')	12-15"	\$9.00 ea.	Potted
Scotch Pine (30-60')	15-18"	10.00 ea.	Potted
Black Hills Spruce (20-40')	18" TT	15.00 ea.	Bareroot

Cost Share Signup	Jan. 15 - Feb. 15
Resource Planning Mtg.	Jan. 17
(at Farm Bureau)	
Martin Luther King Day	Jan. 21
(office closed)	
Commissioners Meeting.	Feb. 9
Ridge Till Conference	Feb. 11, 12
NW Ia. Tillage Show	Feb. 28



All programs and services of the Cherokee SWCD and Soil Conservation Service are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.

I would like to place my order for the following:

Trees/Shrubs

Quantity

Price

Name _____

Total**Address**

Tax (4%)

Phone

Total

DEADLINE A P R I L 1, 1991

Deposit

No Survival Guarantee at these Prices

Balance



SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS



STATE COST SHARE SIGN-UP

For Terraces, Grassed Waterways, No-till & Contour Strip Cropping

JAN. 15 - FEBR. 15, 1991

The Cherokee Soil & Water Conservation district has cost share assistance for spring and summer construction of terraces and grassed waterways. Your contractor will have more time to devote to your project in the spring and summer than in the busy fall season. Oats and set-a-side can be planted in strips so that terraces can be constructed in the summer. Your SCS staff will assist with the layout of these strips.

IT'S TIME TO REVIEW YOUR CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE PLAN!

Do you have any conservation practices scheduled to be implemented in 1991 ???

Is Conservation Tillage Scheduled?

Most conservation compliance plans have specific crop residue requirements scheduled. The upcoming conservation tillage meetings may be of help in answering important questions landusers may have about conservation tillage systems.

Northwest Iowa Tillage Show at NITC (Sheldon)

February 28

Ridge Till Conference at the Convention Center (Sioux City) February 11, 12

(call 402-564-3244 for more information on the conference).

Is Contouring Scheduled?

Call or stop in the SCS office to schedule a time for a technician to stake lines. Do this as soon as possible as staking will begin in February. Technical assistance and materials are available if you want to stake your own contour lines.

Are Grassed Headland Field Borders Scheduled?

ASCS rules currently allow set aside acres to be used for needed field borders on highly erodible fields. The minimum width is 33 feet, and the 5 acre minimum size requirement is dropped for these highly erodible areas. These field border areas must be designed in your conservation compliance plan to be eligible for use as set aside (ACR). You are encouraged to bring your conservation compliance plan with you when you meet with ASCS for field measurement services. See your ASCS or SCS for additional information on borders.

Are Terraces Scheduled?

This winter is an excellent time to check out available cost share funds, complete needed terrace and tile estimates, visit with contractors on availability, and make decisions on when these terraces will be constructed.

If you need to revise your FSA plan or make any date changes, call the SCS office and set up an appointment. Revisions may be needed to ensure compliance with FSA guidelines.

WETLAND DETERMINATION

The SCS Field Office Staff will soon be completing wetland determinations as directed in the 1985 and 1990 USDA Farm Program legislation. Landusers will be sent information indicating areas classified as potential wetlands. These potential wetlands were identified using 5 years of ASCS aerial slides. Producers will be asked to provide additional drainage records for areas identified as potential wetlands. These drainage records will be used to classify an area's wetland or non-wetland status.



WETLANDS

Any producer that is planning to drain, modify, tile, straighten, or alter ANY areas should complete an AD-1026 form at their local ASCS office. The AD-1026 and aerial photograph will then be routed to the SCS for a final wetland determination. A major change in the 1990 Wetland (Swampbuster) regulations that producers should note is the wetland conversion violation criteria. The Swampbuster provisions now state that producers can be classified as a Swampbuster violator, once the drainage, modification, or alteration of the wetland area has occurred. This violation could result in immediate loss of all or part of USDA program benefits. All producers are encouraged to play it safe and make sure an official wetland determination has been completed, and all wetland (Swampbuster) criteria are being followed.