

MILLS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

42ND ANNUAL REPORT

We, the Commissioners of the Mills County Soil Conservation District wish to thank the Iowa Legislature, Iowa Department of Soil Conservation and State Committee, Soil Conservation Service, Agriculture Stabilization Conservation Service, Mills County Extension, all of the newspapers, radio stations, schools, banks and churches who have made our work in soil conservation easier.

In this year 1984, we respectfully submit our 42nd Annual Report for your approval.

COMMISSIONERS

Richard Biermann, Chairman
Paul Hathaway, Vice-Chairman
John A. Paul
Steven Roenfeldt
Albert Washburn

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Judy Reimers
Joe Wearin
Lynn Goos

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I-M BUDGET

Total Allocation	\$2,500.00
Mileage (Comm. & Ass't.)	\$474.00
Off. Supp & Expenses	\$1964.10
Returned to State	61.90
TOTAL	\$2500.00

III-M Budget -- Cost-share 83/84

Total Allocation	\$97,959.00	
Total spent	\$80,990.00	
Total obligated funds	15,575.00	
Total unobligated funds	1,394.00	
TOTAL	\$97,959.00	\$97,959.00

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DISTRICT REVOLVING FUND

BALANCE ON HAND 7-1-83 \$59.41

EXPENSES

Dues	\$ 371.50	Advertising	\$ 12.30
Subscriptions	8.00	Meeting Exp.	43.97
Waubonsie Creek W/S	191,506.84	Photostat rental	450.00
Janitor & supplies	825.23	Insurance	185.00
Postage	545.08	Soil Stewardship Mat.	158.94
Film & developing	139.61	Fair Booth	50.00
Memorials	64.92		
Abstracting	66.00		
Office Supplies & Equip.	777.04		
Contests	359.80		
Water Bill	17.60		
Trash hauling	45.00		
Annual report printing	90.44		
		Total Expenses	\$195,717.27

DEPOSITS

Watershed Reimbursement	\$191,497.84
Janitor & Photostat Reim.	1,041.00
I-M Reimbursements	1,626.27
Transfer from MMCD	1,947.08
Donations	91.00

Total Deposits	196,203.19
Balance on hand 7-1-84	545.33

FIELD OFFICE STAFF

Richard W. Stille, District Conservationist
Galen Hartman, Soil Conservationist
Marvin Mensching, Soil Conservationist (transferred)
Lane Collins, Soil Conservationist
Leo VanFosson, Soil Conservation Technician
Michael Orman, Student Trainee
Jack Graham, Soil Conservation Technician (trans.)
Richard Maaske, State Engineer Aide
Ruth Stevens, Clerk

AREA OFFICE STAFF

Erwin O. Aust, Area Conservationist
Russell Kurth, Resource Conservationist
Richard Birchmier, Area Engineer
Bonnie Weller, Area Clerk

FIELD OFFICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In the 83/84 Fiscal Year there were 302 personal contacts made with both landowners and tenants. 153 landowners applied one or more practices; alternatives were given on 15,256 acres of land; 7,167 acres of land planned down to tolerable limits. Conservation tillage was reported on 4,656 acres and 15,109 acres of contouring were reported. 522,675' or 98.99 miles of terraces were built. 15,470 feet of tile was put in and 7 structures were completed in Waubonsie Creek Watershed. In all, 19,102 acres of land in Mills County was adequately treated in 83/84.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES:

July 1983 -- Summer cost-share applications were approved. Drawing for sequence of funding for fall work was done. Mill-Roen RC&D Project Agreement signed.

August 1983 - McKern vs Bowen soil loss complaint started.

September 1983 -- Emergency work on 23-1 Waubonsie Creek Watershed done.

October 1983 -- Project Agreement for Tinkle Branch RC&D project signed

November 1983 -- Final payment to Anderson Construction on Waubonsie Creek contract.

December 1983 -- Restriction on cost-sharing on .43 soils was adopted.

January 1984 -- 20,000 acres of Iowa Soils 2000 folders completed.

February 1984 -- Soil Stewardship materials purchased for Mills Co. churches

March 1984 -- Annual painting contest held. IA Soils 2000 meetings held.

May 1984 -- Site 21 Pony Creek Watershed inspected by personnel from Washington DC

June 1984 -- Spring rain damage reports done. Site #39 Waubonsie Creek beaver problem solved.

