

1967 Annual Report

Fayette County Soil Conservation District

DISTRICT GOVERNING BODY

Alfred Stewart, Oelwein	Chairman
Albert Bodensteiner, West Union	Commissioner
Leslie Anderson, Castalia	Commissioner
M. C. Wansgness, Fayette	Secretary
Cleve Bennett, West Union	Assistant Commissioner
Paul Schuchmann, Jr. Arlington	Assistant Commissioner
Frank Thyer, Randalia	Assistant Commissioner

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

Lois L. Heick	District Clerk
J. L. Cline	State Aid (Part Time)

U.S.D.A. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Earl J. Kerker	Work Unit Conservationist
Howard K. Boyle	Soil Conservation Technician
J. L. Cline	Conservation Aid (Part time)

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967

	Number	Acres
District cooperators	37	7,903
Soil and Water Conservation Plans	32	7,107
Conservation plans revised	6	1,276
Farms serviced	469	
Farms applying one or more Conservation practices	218	

MAJOR PRACTICES APPLIED

Conservation cropping systems	(acres)	5,447
Contour farming	(acres)	2,024
Crop residue use	(acres)	6,930
Diversions	(feet)	1,300
Farm Ponds	(number)	3
Field Border Planting	(feet)	40,575
Grade Stabilization structures	(number)	4
Grassed Waterways	(acres)	30.5
Pasture improvement	(acres)	193
Contour Strip Cropping	(acres)	390
Terraces	(feet)	16,423
Tile	(feet)	722,684
Tree Planting	(acres)	5
Wildlife Area Improvement	(acres)	58

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

The district commissioners held meetings each month to conduct the business of the district. This includes plans and preparations for various events that were sponsored by the district, in addition to reviewing all new cooperators, conservation plans, and revised plans.

To keep the public informed of soil conservation progress in Fayette County, 35 news stories and 24 radio releases were sent out. In addition, 1 exhibit, 4 contests, and 17 meetings were held.

Dues were paid in full to the Iowa and National Associations of Conservation Districts.

Fayette County entrants won top honors in two contests during 1967. Patricia Colvin, Hawkeye, won first place in the State Soil Conservation Speech contest. Since winning, Miss Colvin has presented her speech a number of times to groups interested in conservation.

Michael and Helen Cunningham, Arlington, were selected as Sweepstakes winners in the Soil Conservation Achievement Awards program. The Fayette district honored the Cunninghams and other awards winners from Northeast Iowa at a dinner in November.

Five teachers from Fayette County attended the Teachers Conservation Workshop held at the 4-H camp near Luther, Iowa in October. Teachers attending were Mrs. Eileen Baldwin, West Union Elementary school, Mrs. Helen Phillips, Arlington Elementary school, Mrs. Beverly Brockman, Mrs. Iva Burrill, and Miss Margaretta Schlumbohm, from Oelwein.

Soil stewardship material was distributed to all clergymen in the county.

A tour of conservation practices was held in September to show some of the most recently completed conservation projects in the county.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1966 - June 30, 1967

1M Budget

Commissioners' travel expenses to commissioners regional and state meetings and other travel in the County on District Business	\$329.84
Office Supplies	78.91
Prizes for Contests	14.90
Office Expense	76.35
Total	500.00

2M Budget

Salaries for Clerk and Technician	5,460.28
Commissioners' Revolving Fund	
Balance on hand, January 1, 1967	\$352.81
Receipts January 1, 1967—December 31, 1967	454.50
Total Funds available	807.31
Miscellaneous Expenses	513.41
Balance on hand, December 31, 1967	293.90

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The District Commissioners want to thank the many organizations that have assisted the district during the year. Among these are the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services, Extension Service and Farmers Home Administration. State organizations assisting the district were the State Soil Conservation Committee and the State Conservation Commission.

The newspapers and radio and television stations serving this area have made a valuable contribution by giving publicity to activities of the district.

We would also like to thank the firms doing business in the county whose contributions made possible the printing and distribution of this report.

Respectfully Submitted
Fayette County Soil Conservation
District Commissioners
Alfred Stewart, Chairman
Albert Bodensteiner