

Message from the Chairman

When we see the erosion that has occurred during this past February we might ask, "Have we really accomplished anything in this Soil Conservation District?" To answer that question it would be best to tour now, before any cultivation takes place and compare different fields on our own place and in our neighborhood. I think that this would show that we have accomplished much and that much more needs to be done. It is quite obvious that the land which has fared best has been the native rangeland in good condition. Everything else, from hard used range land through our cultivated crop lands, has had its ability to resist erosion compromised.

There has been some variation in the amount of snow and ice on the land, the degree of drifting and the rate of thaw, but looking at different fields handled differently in the

same neighborhood with similar conditions, we can often see dramatic differences in the degree of erosion. It will also be apparent that no one conservation practice by itself can be entirely effective. That is why we should not do a piecemeal job, but try to install complete conservation systems.

This points to quite a job in the future. There is so much more to do on most farms and there is every indication that Federal support, at least at the administration level, is very weak. If the Administration means what it says and does intend to eliminate the SCS and ASCS, this would cripple our ability to provide technical help unless some other source was provided. This would not necessarily kill the Soil Conservation District but would make it necessary to look elsewhere for the support of technical assistance. That

means either State or local and both possibilities look grim. Further, a declining farm economy will make it more difficult for the landowner to afford any expense that can be postponed.

That does sound discouraging, but I am still enough of an optimist to believe that when things appear to be going bad they will never be as bad as you anticipate. I did not make the decision not to run for another term on the District board out of despair or discouragement but rather that I see many young men in the County that have energy and ideas and the willingness to try new methods. I think that it is time that they should be put in the position to meet the problems of the future.

C. R. (Dick) McElligott
Chairman

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Your district board of directors represents landowners and others of the area in the job of securing the maximum cooperation of federal, state, county and private agencies and groups in carrying out a sound conservation program on the land. The agencies that service the district include:

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Morrow S.W.C.D. Board of Directors: seated left to right: Pete Richards, Brock Linnell; Standing - Dick McElligott, Jerald Rea, Ken Wright and Rudy Bergstrom. Not pictured, Al Osmin.

Treasurer's Report

Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District
Treasurer's Report
For Period July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984

Cash Balance (beginning of period)		\$4,573.44
Receipts During Period		
County funds	6,000.00	
State matching funds	1,200.00	
Sale of flags		
Sale of flags	558.30	
Equipment rental	472.00	
Interest on accounts	438.49	
Field Trials (SCS)	307.50	
Other	25.00	
Total Receipts		9,001.29
Expenditures During Period		
Personal Services	6,548.34	
Office Supplies-Postage	258.58	
Dues	575.00	
Travel-Meetings-Awards	714.02	
Advertising-Education	88.91	
Field Trials	307.50	
Other	110.00	
Total Expenditures		8,604.45
Cash Balance (end of period)		\$4,970.28



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