

District Directors



MSWCD Directors (L to R) Gene Majeske, Tom Currin, Scott Madison, Don Key, Jim Swanson, Brock Linnell and Rudy Bergstrom.

The Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District is comprised of landowners who are responsible for protecting the natural resources of this county. The district administers on-going soil and water conservation programs with the assistance of several other agencies. These in-

clude federal, state, county and private agencies and groups.

The board is made up of seven directors drawn from all areas in the county. Five of the members represent defined areas and two are chosen at large. They are elected by county residents and serve four year terms.

Schneider sets district priorities



Sheri Schneider, SCS

"The Soil Conservation Service is here to help farmers stay in farming," remarked Sheri Schneider, Morrow County's first woman district conservationist. She replaces Bob Adelman, who transferred to neighboring Umatilla County where he heads up the SCS office there.

Work doesn't intimidate Schneider despite the 106,000 acres which are in the Conservation Reserve Program and require certification and the more than 150 conservation plans for highly erodible land still to be written. She and her staff, with support from the district, accepts the challenge with excitement.

Compliance will be Schneider's first priority with other SCS programs being attended to as time permits. These include technical assistance in terracing, waterways, range seeding and streambank stabilization programs among others.

Assisting her with the work load will be Soil Conservationist, Raymond Wilson and Technician, Cliff Harris along with Jerry Anderson, CRP Technician, who will continue to work with the CRP program till the end of the year.

Volunteers will also aid in compliance as they input data into the computer, mapping, charting, typing and other related office duties.

Schneider is no stranger to Eastern Oregon. Formerly of Sherman County, she knows dryland farming and has done extensive range planning. Her career in conservation work began in the Medford area as a student trainee for the Soil Conservation Service. After graduation from Oregon State University she was Soil Conservationist in Washington County before returning east of the mountains.

Sheri is married, with two children and resides in the lone area.

Weed control money generates revenue for Morrow County

1987-88 Accomplishments

- *Informational meetings held in January on 1985 Food Security Act, 90% Cooperator participation.
- *Continued CRP workload, 105,724.2 acres through June 30, 1988.
- *Dry Fork Continuing progress with 3 cooperators in Morrow County.
- *Rietmann Canyon-City of lone requested assistance with flooding, met with State Highway and County Court.
- *No-Till-Extension conducting 14 acre trial on crop ground.
- *Morrow County Court/Budget Committee-Soil & Water and Weed Districts were successful in obtaining county support for funding to carry out district programs.
- *Weed Control-Added Scotch Thistle to "A" list, conducted weed tour on CRP ground, continued skeletonweed survey. Provided weed control information to interested citizens.
- *Education-Supplied area churches with Soil Stewardship materials, set up conservation booth at M.C. Fair, supported FFA and 6th grade Outdoor School Programs.
- *Submitted Goodyear Report.
- *Earth Team-Trained 7 Volunteers for work FSA.
- *Supported National and State Soil & Water Conservation Associations, Columbia Blue Mt. RC&D, Special Districts, Oregon Vegetative Management Association, Soil & Water Conservation Society of America.
- *Ponds - 2.
- *Terraces - 143,000 ft.
- *LTA's - 6
- *Conservation Tillage-130,000 acres

District bids farewell to Bob Adelman

In March, 1988, the Morrow County Soil & Water Conservation District said goodbye to a man whose work in conservation has improved the quality of natural resources in Morrow County.

Bob Adelman, Morrow County District Conservationist for over 12 years, left this spring to take the top SCS position in Umatilla County.

Adelman was instrumental in assisting the district in initiating a weed program four years ago. His dedication to solving erosion problems in the county lead to securing the funding for the Dry Fork Watershed Project.

In recent years, Bob's involvement in workshops, seminars, and meetings to provide information to farmers and the community on the Food Security Act has proven to be beneficial.

This winter Bob worked closely with the district and other agencies to present conservation compliance workshops. Bob spearheaded these workshops which received statewide recognition.

Bob's priority of assisting the district in every way he could have earned him admiration from colleagues, directors and the community. Thanks Bob, for all your help!



Bob Adelman

MSWCD 17th Annual Meeting Jan. 13

The 17th annual meeting of the Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District will be Friday, January 13, 1989, at the Heppner Elks Lodge. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in conjunction with the Town & Country Week in Heppner.

MORROW SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

- Rudy Bergstrom Chairman
(Gooseberry/lone Area - Zone 3)
Scott Madison Vice Chairman
(Rhea Creek Area - At Large)
Don Key Secretary-Treasurer
(Irrigon Area - Zone 2)
Jim Swanson Legislative Director
(lone Area - At Large)
Brock Linnell RC&D Director
(Boardman Area - Zone 1)
Gene Majeske Director
(Lexington Area - Zone 4)
Tom Currin Director
(Buttercreek Area - Zone 5)

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

- Bob Krein Wildlife Biologist
Skip Matthews ASCS Director
Marcia Kemp Free-Lance Writer
Doug Drake Farmer
Dave Sykes Businessman
Raymond French, State Rep., Dist. 59
Mike Vandehey State Forestry Tech.

DISTRICT STAFF

- Jim VanWinkle District Manager & Weed Supervisor
Jerry Anderson CRP Technician
Janet Greenup Office Manager

AGENCIES THAT WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE DISTRICT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN CONSERVATION PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE**
Sheri Schneider, Dist. Conservationist
Raymond Wilson, Soil Conservationist
Clifford Harris, Soil Conser. Tech
Karl Niederwerfer, RC&D Coordinator

AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION & CONSERVATION SERVICE

- Skip Matthews Director
Dawn Peterson Program Assistant
Joan Hughes Program Assistant
Tim Gray Program Assistant
Connie Padberg Program Assistant
Jim Healy Part Time

COUNTY COMMITTEE

- Ken Nelson
Doug Drake
Eric Anderson

MORROW COUNTY EXTENSION STAFF

- Fred Lundin Co. Agent, Chair.
Bill Broderick Co. Agent, Livestock
Maurice Mitchell Co. Agent, Forestry
Birdine Tullis Program Assistant
Sandy Matthews Secretary
Claudia Hughes Secretary, 4-H

STATE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

- Dan Thorpe Unit Forester
U.S. FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

- Roger Williams District Ranger

OREGON DEPT. OF FISH & WILDLIFE

- Glen Ward Wildlife Biologist
Bob Krein Wildlife Biologist

DIVISION OF SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

- George Stubbett Administrator
MORROW COUNTY COURT

- Louis Carlson Judge
Irvin Rauch Commissioner
Jerry Peck Commissioner

MORROW COUNTY WEED ADVISORY BOARD

- Wayne Evans Chairman
Clint Krebs Vice Chairman
Scott Madison Member
Charlie Daly Member
Irv Rauch Advisory
Earl Fishburn Advisory
Bob Krein Advisory
Phil Grief Advisory

FINANCIAL REPORT

MORROW SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Financial Report for Period Ending June 30, 1988

Beginning Balance:	
Checking	\$ 1,121.76
Conservation Account	5,458.58
Resources:	
County Funds	8,290.50
Sale of Flaps	370.70
Interest Earned	471.43
SCS-CRP/HEL Funds	14,921.59
Reimbursements	17,501.11
Misc. Income	3,422.86
TOTAL INCOME	\$44,987.19
Available for Expenditure	\$51,567.53
Expenditures:	
Payroll Expenses	22,068.62
(Office Manager, CRP Technician)	
CRP/Ordinance Contract	17,753.29
Insurance	68.36
Meetings & Travel	2,642.34
Dues	862.50
Office Expense	839.76
Newsletter	355.35
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$44,590.22
Ending Balance:	
Checking	\$1,679.11
Conservation Account	5,298.20
TOTAL	\$6,977.31

MORROW COUNTY WEED CONTROL DISTRICT Financial Report for Period Ending June 30, 1988

Beginning Balance:	
Checking	\$3,070.60
Resources:	
County Funds	26,818.50
Spray Reimbursements	9,922.90
Interest	330.62
Spray Income	6,919.86
Skeletonweed Grant	3,750.00
OR Dept. of Ag Matching Funds	3,750.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$51,491.88
Available for Expenditure	\$54,562.48
Expenditure:	
Payroll Expenses	\$27,105.32
(Full time Manager, Temp. Skeletonweed Person)	
Health Insurance/Retirement	4,076.00
Chemicals, Repairs	5,123.46
Transportation Expense	1,700.85
Skeletonweed (not payroll)	2,349.23
Meeting/Travel	1,315.17
Office Expense/Public Education	2,293.57
Contract Expenses	7,075.03
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$51,038.63
Ending Balance:	
Checking	\$3,523.85

ASCS Conservation Projects Funded

The Morrow County ASC Committee approved requests for Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) cost shares in the amount of \$194,660 last year. In addition nearly 1.3 million dollars has been paid out to assist Morrow County producers to seed permanent cover on those acres bid for the Conservation Reserve Program. The money has gone towards conservation treatment on approximately 55,000 acres including the CRP.

Most of the regular ACP dollars are now being targeted to help farmers comply with the regulations of the 1985 Farm Bill. All producers

who expect to receive government farm payments must have implemented a conservation plan by 1995. Primarily terraces, reduced till systems and permanent seedings are used in achieving those plans.

From July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988 the funds were allocated approximately as follows:

Terrace Systems	\$110,220
Reduced Tillage	21,000
Permanent Seedings	37,000
Streambank Stabilization	7,000
Ponds	8,250
Landleveling	4,250
Forestry Practices	6,940
CRP Seedings	\$1,300,000