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Sedgwick County Conservation District
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To conserve resources and minimize waste, we have provided:

- recycling boxes by the door. If you do not wish to take your program with you, please allow us to recycle it.
- World Centric compostable tableware for tonight's meal.

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Equipment for rent!

We have a Root Plow and a No Till Grass and Grain Drill available to rent.



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Congratulations to the 3 newest Sedgwick County FFA chapters:

Cheney High School

Renwick: Andale and Garden Plain High Schools

Wichita Southeast High School

Progress Report for 2018

Critical Area Planting	19.7 Acres
Grassed Waterway or Outlet	14.0 Acres
Onsite Wastewater System	4 septic systems
Terraces	22,222 Linear feet
No-Till	1,369 Acres
Cover Crops	465.6 acres
Diversions	1,340 Linear Feet

Grassed waterways prevent erosion on cultivated fields



Photo by Jeff Vanuga, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Sedgwick County Conservation District 74th Annual Meeting February 27, 2019

Welcome & Introductions

Business Meeting

Election

Invocation

Meal by Fence Post Catering

Recognition of New FFA Chapters

Katie Schmidt, Guest Speaker
(Dyck Arboretum of the Plains)

*Birds, Bugs, and Beautiful Gardens:
Designing Ecological Landscapes*

Door Prizes

Adjourn



Sedgwick County Conservation District 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 73rd Annual Meeting of the Sedgwick County Conservation District was held February 21, 2018 at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center in Wichita, Kansas.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm with a welcome from Chairperson Doug Kohls. Vice-Chairperson Josh Patterson then described the work of the Conservation District.

Copies of the 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes, Financial Report, District Accomplishments, and District Activities for the year 2017 were provided to all attendees and discussed briefly by Chairperson Kohls. Supervisor Steve Hermann moved to approve the Minutes, Financial Statement and Reports. Treasurer Virgil Hill seconded. Motion carried.

Advisor Greg Winterscheidt conducted the election of two Supervisors. Doug Kohls and Larry Kincheloe were elected Supervisors by secret ballot: Kohls 30 votes and Kincheloe 35 votes.

Dinner: catered by Ray's Countryside Catering Inc.

After Dinner, the Conservation Awards were presented. Bill and June Pracht received a 2017 Conservation Award. Ned and Lisa Renner received a Conservation Award as well as a Wildlife Conservation Award for work done on their farm.

The entertainment for the evening was provided by Jeff Davidson: Western Music Highlighting Western History.

Chairperson Doug Kohls introduced the Board Supervisors and Advisors, District Manager, District Secretary, NRCS staff, and the Sedgwick County Extension Ag Agent. The meeting sponsors were also recognized at this time and thanked for their support of conservation of resources.

The evening concluded with drawings for door prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

The Sedgwick County Conservation District supports the Division of Conservation, Kansas Association of Conservation Districts, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Sedgwick County Commissioners, KSU/SG CO Extension, Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 and other cooperating groups in the conservation of natural resources.

The Sedgwick County Conservation District is a member of the, Kansas Association of Conservation Districts, Kansas Association of Conservation Districts Employee Organization, and KACEE (Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education). The Conservation District is also a member in good standing with the State Association of Kansas Watersheds.

2018 Conservation Education in Sedgwick County!



5th graders learn about soil erosion using our streambank trailer



7th graders learn about principles of soil health

Activities

The Sedgwick County Conservation District Board of Supervisors takes seriously their role as conservation leaders for the community. Board members' roles include: meeting monthly to review and approve Conservation Compliance Plans and Resource Management Plans, conducting business in accordance with the mandates set forth in the Conservation District Law, and assisting our District Manager.

Throughout the year, Conservation District staff and board members participated in efforts to promote conservation education and participation to all segments of the community, both rural and urban. Some of those outreach activities include:

- Maintaining and sharing streambank trailer with other counties for use at educational events (Winfield, El Dorado, Andover)
- Soil Conservation
- No-Till Drill Rental
- Root Plow Rental
- Presented a webinar hosted by the National Association of Conservation Districts
- Display at Sedgwick County Fair
- Display and presentation at Earth Day celebration at Sedgwick County Zoo
- Attended Pollinator Workshop presented by Xerces Society
- Attended KACD Annual Convention workshops
- Attended KACEE Annual Conference in Lawrence, KS
- Assisted with Andover Water Festival
- Assisted with Winfield Conservation Day
- Taught about soil health at Bartlett Arboretum Great Outdoors Education Days
- Display at EcoFest at the Bartlett Arboretum
- Provided scholarships for new farmers to attend No-Till on the Plains Winter Conference

The Conservation District staff participated in continuing education opportunities throughout the year to be able to offer a high level of service to the population within the Conservation District's boundaries. Those activities included Division of Conservation and Kansas Association of Conservation Districts workshops as well as individualized training from the Metropolitan Area Building & Construction Department.

New District Manager

We wish Rosemary Renner-Kessinger well in her retirement and thank her for her many years of service to the Conservation District.

Catherine Johnson started as the new District Manager on July 1, 2018. She was a high school math teacher in Wichita for 9 years before earning her Master of Science in Environmental Studies degree from Friends University. Johnson continues to do neighborhood organizing with the Wichita-based non-profit, Neighboring Movement, that she co-founded in 2015.

Johnson is passionate about the environment. Her culminating project for her Environmental Studies degree was to organize an off-the-grid concert and eco festival at the Bartlett Arboretum in Belle Plaine, KS. In October 2018, Sedgwick County and Sumner County Conservation Districts partnered to have an informative booth at the 5th Annual EcoFest.

Johnson is looking forward to expanding the Conservation District's outreach and educational offerings.




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FINANCIAL STATEMENT For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Balance January 1, 2018 \$91,153.13 \$61,734.98

Receipts	Operations Fund	Enterprise Fund
Appropriations-Sedgwick County	\$40,000.00	
Appropriations-State of Kansas	\$21,427.82	
WR—Cost share earnest money		\$2,001.32
Equipment Rental		\$5,802.50
Donations (annual meeting)		\$4,200.00
Interest		\$4.24
Continuing ed reimb. from HV Co.	\$152.13	
Total Receipts	\$61,579.95	\$12,008.06
Expenditures	Operations Fund	Enterprise Fund
Salaries/Payroll Taxes/Employee benefits	\$46,664.51	
2016 & 2017 Audits	\$5,882.26	
Dues/Subscriptions	\$844.33	\$175.00
Insurance and Bond	\$1,095.00	
Mileage/Meals/Lodging/Registration	\$1,801.02	\$63.22
WR—Cost share earnest money refunds		\$1,260.00
Information & Education	\$522.95	\$48.00
Annual Meeting		\$3,334.08
Computer and software for DM	\$2,689.01	
Equipment Repair & Maintenance		\$1,358.43
Bank service charge		\$86.13
Office supplies	\$1,340.10	
Total Expenditures	\$60,839.18	\$6,324.86
Balance December 31, 2018*	\$91,893.90	\$67,418.18
Other Assets	Operations Fund	Enterprise Fund
Savings Fund (Certificate of Deposit)	\$0.00	\$3,185.28

***The audited financial statement will be available after September 1st.

**Non-Point Source (NPS) and
Water Resources (WR) Cost-Share**

The Sedgwick County Conservation District received \$10,650.00 from the State Division of Conservation to be used for NPS and \$14,275.50 for WR cost share during the 2018 program year. Funds from this program aided landowners at the local level to improve or protect water quality, reduce soil erosion, and enhance water supplies.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) continues to assist the Conservation District in designing practices that are built through the Water Resources Program. Onsite waste systems are the exception to the requirement for NRCS built "Standards and Specifications." Metropolitan Area Building & Construction Department (MABCD) permits and inspects onsite waste systems in Sedgwick County.

On-Site Waste Water System Repair Program

Is your septic system failing?

Septic system repair/replacement is expensive.

There is state cost-share money available through the Sedgwick County Conservation District to help with these projects.

- Cost-share is for upgrading an existing failing system and is not available for new home construction.
- To learn more about eligibility and the steps required to apply for and obtain cost-share money, please contact us at:

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<https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/environment/conservation-district/non-point-source-pollution-program/>