

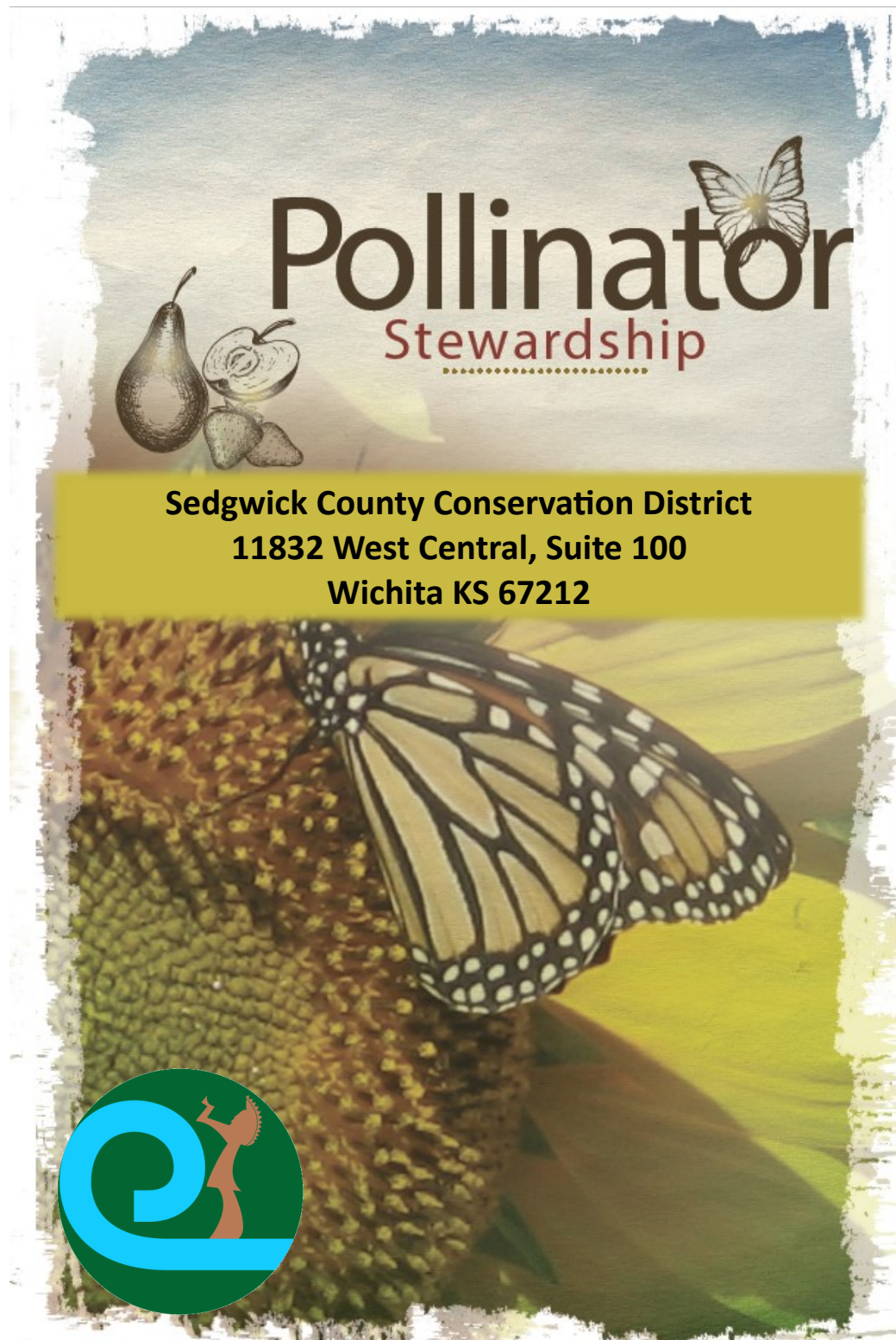
Progress Report for Calendar Year 2020

Critical Area Planting	11.2 Acres
Grassed Waterway or Outlet	7.9 Acres
Onsite Wastewater System	14 Septic Systems
Terraces	24,110 Linear feet
Cover Crops	468 Acres
Diversions	1852 Linear Feet
Grade stabilization Structures	22 Structures
Grass Planting	97 Acres

A grassed waterway is a shaped channel that is armored with vegetation and is used to carry surface water at a non-erosive velocity using a wide and shallow course to a stable outlet.



Photo by Catherine Johnson





BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Steve Hermann, Chair
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Larry Kincheloe, Supervisor
Doug Kohls, Supervisor

Jackie Neville, Advisor
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STAFF

Brenda Matson, District Manager
Kevin Arnet, Supervisory District Conservationist, NRCS
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Equipment for rent:

We are excited that we now have a **4-foot drill** that can be pulled behind an ATV. This is ideal for planting food plots and pollinator strips.

We also have a **new No-Till Grass and Grain Drill** and a **Root Plow** available to rent.

For details and availability, please contact Virgil Hill
(316) 259-6627



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.

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 KA-CEE (Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education). The Conservation District is also a member in good standing with the State Association of Kansas Watersheds.

2020 Conservation Education in Sedgwick County!



students experiment with soil painting at Mulvane Public Library after school program



Cover Crop Come & See Event

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 involvement to all segments of the community, both rural and urban. Some of those outreach activities include:

- Maintaining and sharing streambank trailer for use at educational events in Sedgwick and neighboring counties
- No-Till Drill Rental
- Root Plow Rental
- Taught about soil health at Bartlett Arboretum *Great Outdoors Education Days*
- Presented awards to 3rd and 4th grade poster contest winners
- Hosted a DIY rain barrel workshop at Mulvane Public Library
- Hosted a cover crop demo plot event
- Attended KACD Annual Convention workshops
- Attended No-Till on the Plains 2020 Conference
- Offered scholarships for new farmers to attend No-Till on the Plains Winter Conference
- Offered scholarships for youth to attend Youth Range Camp



Sedgwick County Conservation District 76th Annual Meeting February 11, 2021

Welcome

Business Meeting

Election Results

Adjourn



Sedgwick County Conservation District 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 75th Annual Meeting of the Sedgwick County Conservation District was held on February 20, 2020 beginning at 6:37 pm at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center in Wichita, Kansas with 171 conservation friends in attendance. Chairman Josh Patterson introduced the NRCS staff, Extension staff, County Commissioner, and conservation board members and staff. The District Manager, Catherine Johnson, shared about what the Conservation District does, highlighting some of the educational offerings over the past year.

Chairman Patterson called the business session to order at 6:49 pm.

Patterson informed guests that the meeting agenda, as well as the minutes of the 74th Annual Meeting and the 2019 financial reports were printed in their program. A motion was made by Doug Kohls and seconded by Larry Kincheloe to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Chairman Patterson asked if there were any questions about the financial reports and stated that the reports would be filed for audit.

An election was conducted by Jackie Neville, SCCD Advisor, to fill the expiring terms of Virgil Hill and Steve Hermann. The nominating committee had nominated Hill and Hermann prior to the meeting. Additional nominations were requested; Pam Rogers was nominated, but was not eligible due to living outside of Sedgwick County. Ballots were counted by Melissa and Greg Winterscheidt during the meal.

Supervisor Doug Kohls gave the invocation before the meal, which was catered by Fence Post Catering of Harper, KS. During dinner, Matt Johnson and Eric Shumaker provided live music. Wichita Southeast FFA members cleared the tables.

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

The State Division of Conservation paid \$25,290 in NPS cost share and \$33,030.64 for WR cost share for Sedgwick County Conservation District cost share projects during the 2020 calendar 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.

The Sedgwick County Conservation District Annual Poster Contest is open to all students in kindergarten through 6th grade in all Sedgwick County schools including public, private and home schools.

Prizes will be awarded in February of 2022 during the Sedgwick County Conservation District Annual Meeting.

For more information contact District Manager Brenda Matson by phone: 316-721-6127 or email: sedgwickcountycd@gmail.com



FINANCIAL STATEMENT For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Operations Fund	Enterprise Fund
Balance January 1, 2020	\$94,884.25	\$48,277.89
Receipts		
Appropriations-Sedgwick County	\$40,000.00	
Appropriations-State of Kansas	\$22,180.21	
WR—Cost share earnest money		\$2,477.00
Equipment Rental		\$11,000.00
Donations (annual meeting)		\$5,320.00
Lynn Buerki Memorial Fund		\$2,140.00
Donations (Soil Stories)		\$100.
SCKRA dissolution distribution		\$604.36
Interest	\$117.35	\$658.75
Total Receipts	\$62,297.56	\$22,300.11
Expenditures		
Salaries/Payroll Taxes/Employee benefits	\$61555.53	
2019 Audit	\$950.00	
Dues/Subscriptions		\$900.00
Insurance and Bond	\$1,713.00	
Mileage/Meals/Lodging/Registration	\$179.63	\$437.61
WR—Cost share earnest money refunds		\$3248.68
Information & Education	\$187.61	\$178.00
Annual Meeting		\$5915.48
Equipment Repair & Maintenance		\$2622.50
New Equipment (- Trade-in)		\$25573.57
Office supplies/Subscriptions	\$1,200.27	\$190.30
Soil Stories		\$1,034.10
Appreciation		\$500.00
Total Expenditures	\$65,786.04	\$40600.24
Balance December 31, 2020*	\$91,395.77	\$29,977.76
Other Assets	Operations Fund	Enterprise Fund
Savings Fund (Certificate of Deposit)		\$31,114.80

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

Following dinner, Chairman Patterson thanked the 23 event sponsors for their contributions. Greg Winterscheidt reported that Hill and Hermann were both re-elected to the Conservation District Board of Supervisors with 48 and 44 votes respectively.

The guest speaker was Channel 12 Meteorologist Ross Janssen. He gave a presentation entitled *Kansas Weather 101*.

Following Janssen's presentation, District Manager Catherine Johnson presented poster contest awards to third graders: Ashlynn Stancer, Scout Conyers, and Leyton Jordan of Valley Center elementary schools. Their teacher Ms. Matz also received a \$50 gift card. Fourth grade Goddard students Carly Peabody and Justus Winger also received poster awards.

Kevin Arnet, Supervisory District Conservationist with NRCS, presented the 2019 Conservation Awards. The recipients were Gene & Gloria Meyer (Owners), Dan & Jenell Klausmeyer (Operators), Douglas & Marilyn Elsasser, and Casey & Emily Leis. Each landowner received a metal award sign to post at their farm. Each owner and operator received a wall plaque and a food board.

The program concluded with drawings for 13 door prizes. Chairman Patterson thanked everyone for their support of conservation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

