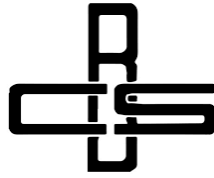


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Congratulations to our award recipients!

- **2021 Conservation Award
Hopson Farms**
- **2021 Urban Conservation Award
Ron Garcia and Leah Danner-Garcia
Firefly Farm**
- **Lynn Buerki Conservation Scholarship**
- **2nd Grade Poster Contest Winners**

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Our Address is:

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Equipment for rent:

We have a **10-foot No-Till Grass and Grain Drill** and **Root Plot** available to rent. We also have a **4-foot drill** that can be pulled behind an ATV. This is ideal for planting food plots and pollinator strips.

www.sedgwickccdks.org/equipment.html

For more details and availability, please contact Virgil Hill.

(316) 259-6627



Progress Report for 2021

Critical Area Planting	7.6 Acres
Grassed Waterway or Outlet	5.1 Acres
Onsite Wastewater System	7 septic systems
Terraces	14,826 Linear feet
Cover Crops	485 acres
Grade stabilization structures	9 structures
High Tunnels	2 installed

Grade stabilization structures are used to prevent gully erosion.



Photo by Catherine Johnson

To conserve resources and minimize waste, we have provided:

- recycling boxes by the door for unwanted programs.
- compostable tableware for tonight's meal. Nudge Compost will compost tonight's meal.

Sedgwick County Conservation District 77th Annual Meeting February 15, 2022

Music by Bear Working Group

Welcome & Introductions

Business Meeting

Election

Invocation

Meal by Fence Post Catering

Conservation Poster Contest Awards

Conservation Awards

Catherine Johnson, Guest Speaker

(Sedgwick County Soil Stories)

Door Prizes/Adjourn

Thank you to Southeast & Renwick High School FFA members for assisting with tonight's celebration.



Sedgwick County Conservation District 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 76th Annual Meeting of the Sedgwick County Conservation District was held on February 11, 2021 beginning at 5:00 pm via Zoom with 10 conservation friends in attendance including Kevin Arnet, Supervisory District Conservationist with NRCS. Chairperson Steve Hermann introduced the conservation board members and staff and thanked previous District Manager, Catherine Johnson, for her excellent training. The District Manager, Brenda Matson, shared about what the Conservation District does, highlighting the upcoming Soil Stories event.

Chairperson Hermann called the business session to order. Hermann informed guests that the meeting agenda, as well as the minutes of the 75th Annual Meeting and the 2020 financial reports were printed in their program which was available on www.sedgwickccdks.org/annual-meeting.html. A motion was made by Doug Kohls and seconded by Larry Kincheloe to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

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

An election was conducted in advance of the meeting. Ballots were counted by Brenda Matson and Kathy Kincheloe. Larry Kincheloe and Doug Kohls were both re-elected to the Conservation District Board of Supervisors with 8 votes each.

Chairperson Hermann thanked everyone for attending and for their support of conservation. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.



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, Kansas Association of Conservation Districts, National Association of Conservation Districts and Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education 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 the State Association of Kansas Watersheds.

2021 Conservation Education in Sedgwick County!



Demonstrating the effect of rainfall on different farming practices at Soil Stories event



Soil Health education at Clearwater Milpa Planting

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 streambank trailer for use at educational events
- No-Till Drill Rental
- Root Plow Rental
- Soil Stories Project www.sedgwickcountysoilstories.org/
- Soil Stories online: 18 Sedgwick County Soil Stories, soil painting, composting, soil pendulum art, Soil-to-Table panel, Pandemic Gardener panel, Creature Features
- Soil Stories in-person: Soil-to-Table partner event, Soil Stories event at Old Towne Farm & Art Market with rainfall simulator demo and soil painting
- Friends University- Conservation Science Sr. Project partner
- Renwick Ag Advisory Board
- KTC Sub-Committee - Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production (UAIP) Issues- member
- Soil Tunnel Trailer, Agriland, at Kansas State Fair
- Soil Painting/Conservation—STEAM activity-Mulvane Public Library
- 4th grade field day and 7th grade Stream Team-Ottawa Co.
- Milpa—www.sedgwickccdks.org/milpa-project.html
- Milpa plantings to teach soil health concepts and build community at Clearwater, Garden Plain High School, Friends University, and KANSEL in Wichita
- Taught about soil health at Bartlett Arboretum *Environmental Education Day*
- Discussed conservation with students at Garden Plain High School, Eisenhower High School and Northwest High School
- Attended KACD Annual Convention workshops
- Attended No-Till on the Plains 2021 Conference (virtual)
- Offered Lynn Buerki Memorial Conservation Award scholarship
- Offered scholarships for new farmers to attend No-Till on the Plains Winter Conference
- Offered scholarships for youth to attend Youth Range Camp



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 2023

during the Sedgwick County Conservation District Annual Meeting.

www.sedgwickccdks.org/contests.html



Congratulations to Hannah Gilpatrick, recipient of the Lynn Buerki Memorial Conservation Scholarship!

www.sedgwickccdks.org/scholarships.html

FINANCIAL STATEMENT For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Operations Fund	Enterprise Fund
Balance January 1, 2021	\$91,391.70	\$29,977.76
Receipts		
Appropriations-Sedgwick County	\$40,000.00	
Appropriations-State of Kansas	\$22,444.84	
WR—Cost share earnest money		\$1,880.71
Equipment Rental		\$9,566.00
Soil Stories Project		\$211.13
WRAPS	\$300.00	
Milpa Project	\$3,500.00	
Interest	\$48.84	\$178.13
Total Receipts	\$66,293.68	\$11,835.97
Expenditures		
Salaries/Payroll Taxes/Emp benefits	\$47,751.28	
2018 Audit	\$965.00	
Dues/Subscriptions		\$1,290.34
Insurance and Bond	\$1,873.48	
Mileage/Meals/Lodging/Registration	\$463.50	\$1,146.88
WR—Cost share earnest money refunds		\$1,859.33
Information & Education	\$387.95	\$182.24
Annual Meeting		\$28.00
Equipment Repair & Maintenance		\$1,536.84
Office supplies/Administrative	\$830.66	\$135.27
Soil Stories Project		\$3,512.57
Milpa Project	\$1,410.65	
Total Expenditures	\$60,805.65	\$9,376.67
Balance December 31, 2021*	\$104,002.86	\$32,008.16
Other Assets		
	Operations Fund	Enterprise Fund
Savings Fund (Certificate of Deposit)		\$31,269.03

*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 \$9,924.00 from the State Division of Conservation to be used for NPS and \$20,800.00 for WR cost share during the 2022 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.



Friends University Early College Academy students are ready to plant pollinator and milpa seeds.