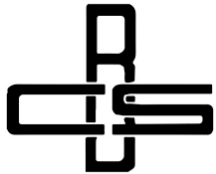


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We have a **10-foot No-Till Grass and Grain Drill** and **Root Plow** available to rent. We also have a **4-foot drill** that can be pulled behind an ATV. This is ideal for planting food plots and pollinator strips.

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Progress Report for 2022

Critical Area Planting	7.5 acres
Terraces	6341 feet
Grade Stabilization Structures	7 installed
High Tunnels	2 installed
Cover Crops	804.5 acres
Nutrient Management Plans	4600 acres
Irrigation Water Management	247.3 acres
Underground Outlet	465 feet
Septic System Replacements	3 systems
Native grass plantings	43 acres
Climate Smart Initiative – Cover Crops	1340 acres
<i>Irrigation Technology Initiative</i>	
Remote monitoring	2
Moisture probe	1



To conserve resources, we have:

- provided recycling boxes by the door for unwanted programs.
- partnered with Nudge Compost for composting of tonight's food waste.

Sedgwick County Conservation District 78th Annual Meeting February 21, 2023

Music by Eric Shumaker

Welcome & Introductions

Business Meeting

Election

Invocation

Meal by Fence Post Catering

Conservation Poster Contest Awards

Conservation Awards

Milpa Project Growers Panel

Door Prizes/Adjourn

Thank you to Cheney, Renwick and Southeast High School
FFA members for assisting with tonight's celebration!



Sedgwick County Conservation District 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 77th Annual Meeting of the Sedgwick County Conservation District was held on February 15, 2022, beginning at 6:32 pm at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center in Wichita, Kansas with 110 conservation friends in attendance. Chairman Steve Hermann introduced the conservation board members and staff and thanked the 17 event sponsors for their contributions. The District Manager, Brenda Matson, shared about what the Conservation District does, highlighting some of the educational offerings over the past year. Julia Smith, Sedgwick County Farm Service Agency Executive Director, spoke briefly about her background and FSA.

Chairman Hermann called the business session to order at 6:42 pm.

Hermann informed guests that the meeting agenda, as well as the minutes of the 76th Annual Meeting and the 2021 financial reports were printed in their program. A motion was made by Larry Kincheloe and seconded by Virgil Hill to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Chairman 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 by Jackie Neville, SCCD Advisor, to fill the expiring term of Greg Winterscheidt. The nominating committee had nominated Winterscheidt prior to the meeting. Additional nominations were requested. Ballots were counted by Jackie Neville and Joseph Neville 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 Lauren Scislowski, Bear Working Group, provided live music. Renwick FFA and Wichita Southeast FFA members cleared the tables.

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.

2022 Conservation Education in Sedgwick County!



Demonstrating streambank erosion at the Sedgwick County Zoo



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
- Milpa—www.sedgwickccdks.org/milpa-project.html
- Milpa plantings to teach soil health concepts and build community at SG Co Extension Master Gardeners Demo Garden, Clearwater, Garden Plain High School, Monteil Farms at Little Stars Therapy, and Common Ground Producers/Growers in Wichita
- Earth Day at Sedgwick County Zoo—streambank trailer
- Soil Tunnel Trailer, Agriland, at Kansas State Fair
- Wonders of Water-Water Festival- R. Martin Elementary, Andover
- FFA Greenhand Conference, Water Conservation presenter
- Friends University- Conservation Science Sr. Project partner
- Friends University- Conservation Biology-Group Project advisor
- Renwick Ag Advisory Board
- SG Co Growing Growers Steering Committee
- KTC Sub-Committee - Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production (UAIP) Issues- member
- Attended KACD Annual Convention workshops
- Attended No-Till on the Plains 2021 Conference (virtual)
- Board members attended Conservation District Day at the Capitol
- Customer Appreciation Lunch—USDA Service Center
- Awarded 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
- Offered Climate Smart Initiative from KACD, ADM, FBN
- Judged KACD Limerick Contest
- Signed up to assist with KDHE Drinking Water Protection program

Following dinner, Jackie Neville reported that Winterscheidt was elected to the Conservation District Board of Supervisors with 47 votes.

The guest speaker was Catherine Johnson. She gave a presentation on Sedgwick County Soil Stories and directed attendees to the four A-frame displays of Soil Stories.

Following Johnson's presentation, District Manager Brenda Matson presented poster contest awards to third graders: Lily Lucero, Locke Bergen, and Lulabelle Huebner of Valley Center elementary schools. Their teacher Mr. Hendershot also received \$50. Hannah Gilpatrick, 2021 recipient of the Lynn Buerki Memorial Scholarship, was not able to attend, but her parents, Brian and Kendra Gilpatrick, were recognized.

Kevin Arnet, Supervisory District Conservationist with NRCS, presented a 2021 Conservation Award to Bruce and Jan Hopson, Hopson Farms. Ternes Farms was recognized as the operator. Arnet also presented a 2021 Urban Conservation Award to Ron Garcia and Leah Danner-Garcia, Firefly Farms. Each landowner received a metal award sign to post at their farm and a wall plaque.



Congratulations to William Tice, recipient of the Lynn Buerki Memorial Conservation Scholarship!

www.sedgwickccdks.org/scholarships.html

FINANCIAL STATEMENT For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Operations Fund	Enterprise Fund
Balance January 1, 2022	\$104,002.86	\$32,008.16
Receipts		
Appropriations-Sedgwick County	\$40,000.00	
Appropriations-State of Kansas	\$24,706.99	
WR—Cost share earnest money		\$3088.75
Equipment Rental		\$7,554.00
Annual Meeting		\$5,150.00
Climate Smart Initiative/DM Training	\$1,300.00	
Buerki Memorial		\$100.00
Interest	\$78.24	\$332.83
Total Receipts	\$66,085.23	\$16,225.58
Expenditures		
Salaries/Payroll Taxes/Emp benefits	\$49,030.25	
2021 Audit	\$1,005.00	
Dues/Subscriptions	\$275.00	\$824.00
Insurance and Bond	\$1,436.00	
Mileage/Meals/Lodging/Registration	\$2,090.09	\$850.00
WR—Cost share earnest money refunds		\$3,370.00
Information & Education	\$1,555.95	\$429.70
Annual Meeting		\$4,161.00
Equipment Repair & Maintenance		\$1,546.27
Office supplies/Adminstrative	\$1,214.31	\$160.22
Buerki Memorial Scholarship		\$1,000.00
Milpa Project	\$1,708.00	
Total Expenditures	\$58,314.60	\$12,341.19
Balance December 31, 2022*	\$111,773.49	\$35,892.55
Other Assets	Operations Fund	Enterprise Fund
Savings Fund (Certificate of Deposit)		\$31,544.43

*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 \$11,380.00 from the State Division of Conservation to be used for NPS and \$30,190.00 for WR cost share during the 2023 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 outside of city limits.



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 2024
during the Sedgwick County Conservation District
Annual Meeting.**

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