

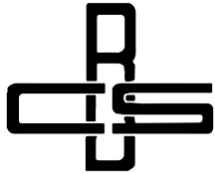
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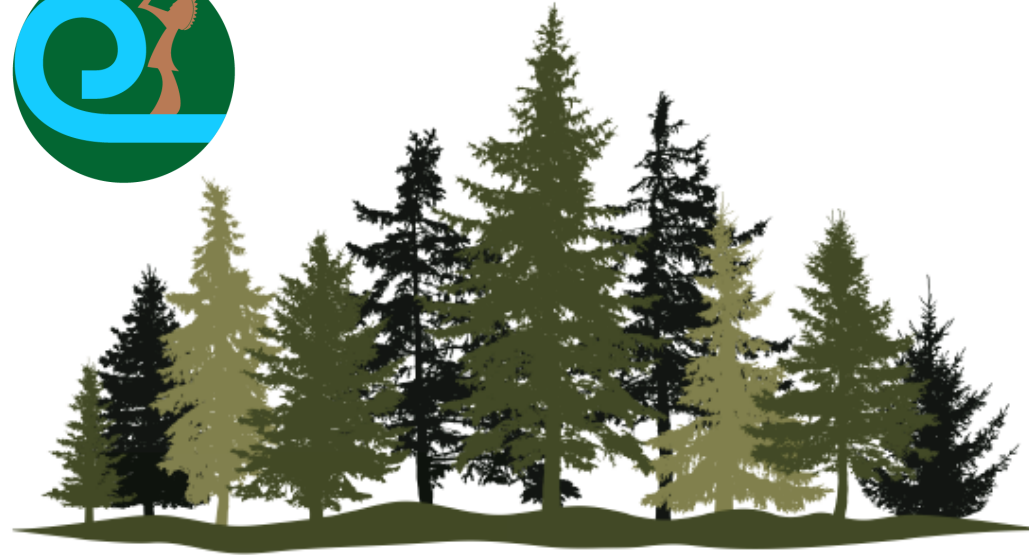
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Congratulations to our award recipients!

2024 Conservation Award

Milton Blocker Farms
Mary Oliphant and Ramona Lampe

2024 Urban Conservation Award

Shane and Lindsay Nichols
River's End Farm

**Lynn Buerki Conservation Scholarship
Poster Contest Winners**

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Doug Kohls, Supervisor
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Krista Ward, Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist
Vivian Booker, PBP

Contact Us:

316-721-6127 ext. 7970

Equipment for rent:

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.

www.sedgwickccdks.org/equipment.html

For more details and availability, please contact Virgil Hill.

(316) 259-6627



Progress Report for 2024

Terrace Restoration	12,974 feet
Grade Stabilization Structures	9 installed
High Tunnels	2 installed
Cover Crops	556.6
Irrigation Water Management	34 acres
Septic System Replacements	8 systems
Brome planting	50 acres
Grassland Conservation Initiative	767.7 acres
Conservation Cover	4 acres
No-Till	616 acres
Climate Smart Initiative-cover crops	~ 296 acres



Cover Crops protect the soil and build soil health.

Photo by Brenda Maïson

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 80th Annual Meeting February 18, 2025

Music by Matthew Johnson & Lauren
Scislowski

Welcome & Introductions

Business Meeting

Election

Invocation

Meal by Fence Post Catering

Conservation Poster Contest Awards

Conservation Awards

Tree Panel

Thank you to Clearwater, Garden Plain, and Southeast High School FFA members for assisting with tonight's celebration!



Sedgwick County Conservation District 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 79th Annual Meeting of the Sedgwick County Conservation District was held on February 22, 2024, beginning at 6:32 pm at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center in Wichita, Kansas with 184 conservation friends in attendance. Chairman Steve Hermann introduced the conservation board members and staff and thanked the 19 event sponsors for their contributions. The District Manager, Brenda Matson, shared about what the Conservation District does, highlighting the zero-waste meeting, cost share displays, and educational events. Tiffany Blank, Sedgwick County Farm Service Agency County Executive Director, spoke briefly about upcoming FSA deadlines.

Chairman Hermann called the business session to order at 6:41 pm.

Hermann informed guests that the meeting agenda, as well as the minutes of the 78th Annual Meeting and the 2023 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 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 Abby Sroufe, SCCD Advisor, to fill the expiring terms of Larry Kincheloe and Doug Kohls. The nominating committee had nominated Kincheloe and Kohls prior to the meeting. Additional nominations were requested; Ballots were counted by Abby Sroufe and Kevin Arnet during the meal.

Supervisor Doug Kohls gave the invocation before the meal, which was catered by Fence Post Catering of Harper, KS. During dinner, Thor Bonner provided live music. Cheney, Clearwater, Garden Plain, Mulvane and Wichita Southeast FFA members helped with the event and cleared the tables.

Following dinner, Steve Hermann reported that Kincheloe

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, Natural Resource Conservation Service 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.

2024 Conservation Education in Sedgwick County!



Demonstrating streambank erosion at the Sedgwick County Zoo



Drought and Flood Resilience Workshop/Field Event with Dale Strickler

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:

- Division of Conservation (DOC) TA Grant—new DOC Technician.
- No-Till Drill Rental & Root Plow Rental.
- Maintaining streambank trailer for use at educational events.
- Conservation Library and Kansas Soil Health Alliance Soil Health Bucket available for checkout.
- Earth Day at Sedgwick County Zoo—Streambank Trailer.
- Wonders of Water-Festival- R. Martin Elem., Andover – Soil Tunnel.
- Earth Day – Earhart Environ. Magnet – Streambank Trailer.
- ICT Bee Fest – Soil Tunnel.
- Assisted SG Co Environ. Resources - EnviroScape at Advanced-Learning Library and Recycling Relay at VC Public Library.
- Friends Univ.—Conservation Science partner.
- Hosted NRCS Local Work Group Meeting.
- Hosted Farmer-to-Farmer meetings– soil health/cover crops.
- Hosted Wichita MU – Urban Ag/Specialty Crops Workshop.
- Hosted Drought & Flood Resilience Workshop/Field Event.
- Assisted Andale with KDHE Drinking Water Protection program including SOURCE Pilot Project.
- Participated in Eco-Harvest with ESMC, NACD, General Mills – carbon market program.
- Promoted Climate Smart Initiative (KACD, ADM) and Farmers for Soil Health – cover crops.
- Kansas Technical Committee Sub-Committee - Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production (UAIP) Issues– member.
- Site Council—USD 259, Riverside Leadership Magnet Elementary.
- Attended KACD Annual Convention & No-Till on the Plains Conf.
- Awarded Lynn Buerki Memorial Conservation Award scholarship.
- Facilitated scholarships to attend No-Till on the Plains Winter Conference and Youth Range Camp.
- Attended KACD Annual Convention & No-Till on the Plains Conf.
- Attended numerous events by cooperating groups.

and Kohls were elected to the Conservation District Board of Supervisors with 45 and 49 votes, respectively. Jim Wise received one write-in vote.

Following election results, District Manager Brenda Matson presented poster contest awards to K-1st grade: Beaux Baker, Erik Dake, and Parker Wolfe; 2nd-3rd grade: Quinn Johnson, Dayn Grow, and Kimber Beyer; and 4th-6th grade: Anna Schomacker, Isabelle Bachtel, and Carol Reddell. Their teachers also received \$50. Camryn DeVore, 2023 recipient of the Lynn Buerki Memorial Conservation Scholarship, was not able to attend, but her parents, Clint and Stacy DeVore, were recognized.

Kimberly Nijoka, Natural Resource Specialist, presented 2023 Conservation Awards to Joseph and Theresa Neville and Eugene and Gerald Zeller. Greg Winterscheidt accepted on behalf of the Zellers. Nijoka also presented a 2023 Urban Conservation Award to Brad and Shelby Beyer, Anchor Farm. Each landowner received a metal award sign to post at their farm.

The guest speakers were a Water Quality Panel of Tim Boese, GMD2; Brady Kohler, Flint Hills Technical College; Hayden Reece, Greenfield Robotics; and Tim Wagner, MABCD. The panel was moderated by Susan Erlenwein, SG CO Director of Environmental Resources & HHW. The topic was “*How You Can Protect Water Quality*”.

The program concluded with drawings for 4 door prizes and 29 attendees took home local food items produced by past conservation award winners.

Chairman Hermann thanked everyone for their support of conservation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.



Congratulations to Jaelynn Peintner, recipient of the 2024 Lynn Buerki Memorial Conservation Scholarship!

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Operations Fund	Enterprise Fund
Balance January 1, 2024	\$116,703.55	\$27,044.06
Receipts		
Appropriations-Sedgwick County	\$40,000.00	
Appropriations-State of Kansas	\$34,214.13	
DOC Technician - DOC TA Grant	\$61,899.00	
WR—Cost share earnest money		\$3,607.58
Equipment Rental		\$9,461.00
Annual Meeting		\$5,500.00
KDHE Drinking Water Protection-Admin.	\$5,000.00	
KACD/NACD Climate Smart Initiatives	\$1,825.75	
Interest	\$280.40	\$107.34
Total Receipts	\$143,219.28	\$18,675.92
Expenditures		
Salaries/Payroll Taxes/Emp benefits	\$53,674.87	
2023 Audit	\$1,150.00	
Dues/Subscriptions	\$1,125.00	
Insurance and Bond	\$1,577.00	
Mileage/Meals/Lodging/Registration	\$2,652.36	\$510.00
WR—Cost share earnest money refunds		\$2,910.00
Information & Education	\$6,226.65	
Annual Meeting		\$5,547.14
Equipment Repair & Maintenance		\$1,634.96
Office supplies/Administrative	\$2,178.40	\$50.00
Buerki Memorial Scholarship		\$1,000.00
Savings Fund (Certificate of Deposit)		\$10,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$68,584.28	\$21,652.10
Balance December 31, 2024*	\$191,338.55	\$24,067.88
Other Assets		
	Operations Fund	Enterprise Fund
Savings Fund (Certificate of Deposit)		\$60,314.97

*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 \$41,780.12 from the State Division of Conservation to be used for NPS and \$59,632.49 for WR cost share during the 2024 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 2026 during the Sedgwick County Conservation District Annual Meeting.

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