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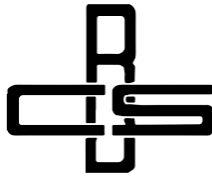
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Congratulations to our award recipients!

2025 Conservation Award

Pete & Tara May Family
May 7 Inc.

2025 Urban Conservation Award

Brad & Tiffany Dilts Family
Serenity Farm

Lynn Buerki Conservation Scholarship

Jackson Bergkamp

Poster Contest Winners

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Brenda Matson, District Manager
Kevin Arnet, Supervisory District Conservationist, NRCS
Kimberly Nijoka, Natural Resource Specialist, NRCS
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Contact Us:

316-721-6127 ext. 7970

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Equipment for rent:

We have a **10-foot No-Till Grass and Grain Drill** 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 2025

Terrace Restoration	11,236 feet
Grade Stabilization Structures	3 structures
High Tunnels	1 installed
Cover Crops	573.9 acres
Cover Crops (P'ship WRAPS & DWPP)	1,060.7 acres
Irrigation Water Management	129 acres
Septic System Replacements	8 systems
Brome planting	63 acres
Native Grass planting	50 acres
Nutrient Management	1,151.3 acres
No-Till	620 acres
Critical Area Planting	3.0 acres



Cover Crops protect the soil and build soil health.

Photo by Brenda Matson

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 81st Annual Meeting February 17, 2026

Welcome & Introductions

Business Meeting

Election

Invocation

Meal by Fence Post Catering

Conservation Poster Contest Awards

Conservation Awards

Todd Volkmann & Chuck, KS Wildlife Exhibit

Door Prizes/Adjourn

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



Sedgwick County Conservation District 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 80th Annual Meeting of the Sedgwick County Conservation District was held on February 25, 2024, beginning at 6:15 pm at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center in Wichita, Kansas with 175 conservation friends in attendance. Vice-Chairman Greg Winterscheidt introduced the conservation board members and staff, local VIPs like County Commissioners Jeff Blubaugh and Stephanie Wise, and thanked the 18 event sponsors for their contributions. The District Manager, Brenda Matson, shared about what the Conservation District does, highlighting the low-waste meeting, cost share displays, and educational events. Kris Ethridge, NRCS, shared how NRCS benefits the local area. Tiffany Blank, Sedgwick County Farm Service Agency County Executive Director, shared upcoming FSA deadlines.

Vice-Chairman Winterscheidt called the business session to order at 6:28 pm.

Winterscheidt informed guests that the meeting agenda, as well as the minutes of the 79th Annual Meeting and the 2024 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.

Vice-Chairman Winterscheidt 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 Catherine Johnson, Sedgwick County Environmental Resources, 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 Catherine Johnson and Abby Sroufe, Board Advisor, during the meal.

Supervisor Doug Kohls gave the invocation before the meal, which was catered by Fence Post Catering of Harper, KS.

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 & Environmental 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.

2025 Conservation Education in Sedgwick County!



Demonstrating streambank erosion at the Sedgwick County Zoo



Specialty Crop & Urban Ag Event

Jay Fuhrer at McGinn's Grapes & Grains

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—DOC Technician
- No-Till Drill Rental & Root Plow Rental
- Conservation Library and Kansas Soil Health Alliance Soil Health Buckets available for checkout
- Earth Day at Sedgwick County Zoo & Earhart Environmental Magnet & Botanica —Streambank Trailer
- Wonders of Water Festival-R. Martin Elem., Andover—EnviroScape
- Hosted NRCS Local Work Group Meeting
- Hosted Farmer-to-Farmer meetings– soil health/cover crops
- Hosted Wichita MU – Urban Ag/Specialty Crops Workshop
- Assisted Andale with KDHE Drinking Water Protection program
- Promoted cover crops-Climate Smart Initiative (KACD, ADM) and Farmers for Soil Health
- NRCS Kansas Technical Committee - Urban/Non-Traditional Agriculture Sub-committee– member
- Site Council—USD 259, Riverside Leadership Magnet Elementary
- Awarded Lynn Buerki Memorial Conservation Award scholarship
- Facilitated scholarships to attend No-Till on the Plains Conference
- Attended KACD Annual Convention, Governor's Water Conference and No-Till on the Plains Conference
- Hosted Lower Ark WRAPS Stakeholder Leadership Team Meeting
- Earth Rangers: A Nature Adventure with Clearwater FFA
- Inflatable Soil Tunnel – Anderson Elementary, USD 259
- Assisted Sedgwick County Environmental Resources with Recycling Education & Food Waste Study at Kensler Elem. School, USD 259
- Color My World & Non-Point Source Pollution for Mulvane Home-school Collective (Mulvane Public Library)
- Assisted DOC with Access DOC and Annual Work Plan Trial
- Science Fair Judge at St. Paul's Lutheran School-Cheney
- Soil erosion demo at Kan-Grow Cons. Outreach Conf. (Wichita)
- Water and Env. Res. for Local Educators (Great Plains Nature Ctr.)

Clearwater and Wichita Southeast FFA members helped with the event.

Following dinner, Greg Winterscheidt reported that Winterscheidt was elected to the Conservation District Board of Supervisors with 19 votes.

Following election results, District Manager Brenda Matson presented poster contest, "May The Forest Be With You Always" awards to K-1st grade: Luke Thomas, Beaux Baker, and Ethan Alley; 2nd-3rd grade: Meadow Zimmerman, Quinn Johnson and Erik Dake; and 4th-6th grade: Carol Reddell, Anna Schomacker and Dayn Grow. Their teachers also received \$50. Jaelynn Peintner, 2024 recipient of the Lynn Buerki Memorial Conservation Scholarship, was recognized.

Kimberly Nijoka, Natural Resource Specialist, presented 2024 Conservation Awards to Milton Blocker Farms (John Blocker) and Mary Oliphant/Ramona Lampe. Shane and Lindsay Nichols, RIVERS End Farm, also received a 2024 Urban Conservation Award. Each landowner received a metal award sign to post at their farm.

The guest speakers were a Tree Expert Panel of Jon Bacon, City of Wichita Arborist; Kody Kraemer, Kansas Forest Service, District Community Forester, SE District; and Robin Macy, Bartlett Arboretum. The panel was moderated by Matthew McKernan, SG CO Extension Ornamental Horticulture Agent.

The program concluded with Abby Sroufe drawing for 4 door prizes and 24 attendees took home Southwestern White Pine trees.

Vice-Chairman Winterscheidt thanked everyone for their support of conservation. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.



Congratulations to Jackson Bergkamp, recipient of the 2025 Lynn Buerki Memorial Conservation Scholarship!

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Operations Fund	Enterprise Fund
Balance January 1, 2025	\$191,388.55	\$24,067.88
Receipts		
Appropriations-Sedgwick County	\$40,000.00	
Appropriations-State of Kansas	\$50,000.00	
DOC Technician - DOC TA Grant	\$48,475.58	
Buerki Memorial		\$780.00
Equipment Rental		\$9042.00
Annual Meeting (2026 Mtg.-\$2,350)		\$6,050.00
KACD Climate Smart Initiatives	\$3,713.86	
KACD Urban & LWG Initiatives	\$3,000.00	
Interest	\$372.24	\$100.43
Total Receipts	\$145,561.68	\$15,972.43
Expenditures		
Two Salaries/Payroll Taxes/Emp benefits	\$113,748.59	
2024 Audit	\$1,350.00	
Dues/Subscriptions	\$1,155.00	
Insurance and Bond	\$1,911.00	
Mileage/Meals/Lodging/Registration	\$3,152.66	\$724.00
DOC Mileage/Meals/Lodging/Reg.	\$1,766.88	
Information & Education	\$3,782.29	
Annual Meeting		\$5,454.60
Equipment Repair & Maintenance		\$3,034.35
Office Supplies/Administrative/Software	\$3,627.57	
Buerki Memorial Scholarship		\$1,000.00
WR—Cost share earnest money refunds		\$1,337.58
Total Expenditures	\$130,493.99	\$11,550.53
Balance December 31, 2025*	\$206,456.24	\$28,489.78
Other Assets		
	Operations Fund	Enterprise Fund
Savings Fund (Certificate of Deposit)		\$62,943.47

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

**Non-Point Source (NPS)
Water Resources (WR)
Drinking Water Protection Program (DWPP)**

The Sedgwick County Conservation District received \$41,644.76 from the State Division of Conservation for NPS and Partnership WRAPS and \$58,393.57 for WR cost share during the 2025 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.

Kansas Department of Health & Environment DWPP provided \$35,593.20 in 2025 to protect public 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 2027 during the Sedgwick County Conservation District Annual Meeting.

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