

BUSINESS MEETING AND ANNUAL REPORT

CONSERVATION DISTRICTS OF IOWA



JULY 1, 2007-JUNE 30, 2008



62nd Annual Business Meeting

Conservation Districts of Iowa

November 19, 2008

9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Call to Order—Rick Juchems, President

Awards Presentations—
Outstanding SWCD, Tim Palmer, Presenter

Credentials Committee Report—Lorna Troester, Chair

Annual Dues Announcement—Babetta Lucke, Treasurer

FY 2008 Financial Report
Treasurer's Report—Babetta Lucke, Treasurer
Audit Report—Jerry Fine, Past President
Budget Report—Jerry Crew, Chair

President's Report, Rick Juchems

Executive Director's Report, Deb Ryun

Election of Officers for 2009
Nomination Committee Report—Jerry Fine, Chair

Vote for Officers

Resolutions Report—Wendell Christensen, Chair

Vote on Resolutions

CDAT Introduction

Business Discussion/Other

Outgoing Officers Recognition

Announcements

Approval of Business Meeting Minutes for 2007

Adjournment

Our Mission: *“CDI informs, educates and leads Iowans through our local districts to promote conservation of natural resources.”*

RULES GOVERNING THE 2008 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

November 19, 2008

9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

1. District commissioners will be seated in the front of the room with district name cards.
2. Each district whose dues were paid by June 30, 2008 will have one vote per commissioner for each \$145 paid.
3. Voting for elections and FINAL votes on all resolutions and bylaw amendments will be ballot, including proxies. Other business and amendments will be by voice vote of the members present.
4. To be recognized to speak, a commissioner must raise the district name card.
5. To address the assembly on any issue, a commissioner must use the microphone, address the chair and state name and district.
6. Discussion on any issue cannot be debated until AFTER it has been brought before the assembly in the form of a motion. A representative from the submitting SWCD must be present in order to bring the resolution before the assembly.
7. When amending resolutions, bylaws or any other motion, debate is limited to ONLY the merits of the amendment.
8. Any commissioner may yield the floor to any person for technical information pertaining ONLY to the issue currently before the assembly.
9. Special Debate Rule--Debate will be limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker for each motion. After all have spoken who so desire, the person making the motion may speak one additional minute. A time limit of ten (10) minutes will be imposed on any one resolution or bylaw amendment.
10. To proceed in an orderly manner, please observe common courtesy customs of debate, including refraining from unnecessary conversation when any person is addressing the assembly.
11. Resolutions that receive at least 60% of the votes for approval by those commissioners voting at the annual meeting will be adopted.

District	\$ amount paid	District	\$ amount paid	District	\$ amount paid	District	\$ amount paid
Adair	725	Davis	725	Jefferson	725	Pocahontas	725
Adams	725	Decatur	725	Johnson	727	Polk	725
Allamakee	725	Delaware	725	Jones	725	E. Pottawattamie	725
Appanoose	725	Des Moines	725	Keokuk	725	W. Pottawattamie	725
Audubon	725	Dickinson	725	Kossuth	725	Poweshiek	725
Benton	725	Dubuque	725	Lee	725	Ringgold	725
Black Hawk	725	Emmet	725	Linn	725	Sac	725
Boone	725	Fayette	725	Louisa	725	Scott	725
Bremer	725	Floyd	725	Lucas	725	Shelby	725
Buchanan	725	Franklin	725	Lyon	725	Sioux	725
Buena Vista	725	Fremont	725	Madison	725	Story	725
Butler	725	Greene	725	Mahaska	725	Tama	725
Calhoun	725	Grundy	725	Marion	725	Taylor	725
Carroll	725	Guthrie	725	Marshall	725	Union	725
Cass	725	Hamilton	725	Mills	725	Van Buren	725
Cedar	725	Hancock	725	Mitchell	725	Wapello	725
Cerro Gordo	725	Hardin	0	Monona	725	Warren	725
Cherokee	725	Harrison	725	Monroe	725	Washington	725
Chickasaw	725	Henry	725	Montgomery	725	Wayne	725
Clarke	725	Howard	725	Muscatine	725	Webster	725
Clay	725	Humboldt	725	O'Brien	725	Winnebago	750
Clayton	725	Ida	725	Osceola	725	Winneshiek	725
Clinton	725	Iowa	725	Page	725	Woodbury	725
Crawford	725	Jackson	725	Palo Alto	725	Worth	725
Dallas	725	Jasper	725	Plymouth	725	Wright	725

Conservation Districts of Iowa 2008/2009 Budget

<u>Description</u>	<u>Revenue</u>		
	<u>Budget '08</u>	<u>Actual '08</u>	<u>Proposed '09</u>
Dues & Donations	92,000	90,203	106,000
Projects & Grants	814,250	427,695	569,250
Interest & Other	2,000	6,817	3,000
Total	<u>908,250</u>	<u>524,715</u>	<u>678,250</u>

<u>Description</u>	<u>Expenses</u>		
	<u>Budget '08</u>	<u>Actual '08</u>	<u>Proposed '09</u>
Gifts & Awards	4,900	6,477	2,900
General Operating Expenses	35,175	38,864	26,800
Education & Development	709,900	373,290	512,600
Staff Expenses	123,925	116,799	114,425
Board In State Expenses	18,000	11,309	11,250
Board NACD Meetings	16,000	15,525	9,500
Total	<u>907,900</u>	<u>562,264</u>	<u>677,475</u>

We Had a Great Year!

CDI's primary role continues to be to provide information and learning opportunities for SWCD Commissioners and others. The CDI updates sent via email, newsletters, regional meetings, and conferences or seminars are all intended to assist you in your role as locally elected volunteers to protect and enhance Iowa's natural resources. We are a highly visible and respected organization in the natural resource protection arena and our input and assistance is sought when policy decisions are considered. Working to ensure your voice is heard is a fundamental role CDI takes very seriously.

And we can't ignore some of the other work you as members of CDI supported and helped make a reality.

- CDI worked with IDALS-DSC and the Iowa Legislature to increase your SWCD Operations (1M) from \$250,000 to \$400,00.
- HF 2400, a bill drafted from the recommendations of the Watershed Quality Planning Task Force, which Ryun co-chaired, was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.
- SJR 2002, the bill to provide constitutionally protected funds for natural resources passed the first vote almost unanimously in both the House and the Senate. This is the first step in securing about \$150 million new funds for natural resource protection and enhancement a reality.
- CDI supports and encourages state and federal agencies and organizations to reach beyond our traditional clients and partners. Soil and water quality knows no boundaries, so working with people in cities and absentee landowners is considered vital to our core mission.

Balance Sheet June 30, 2008

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash--MH Bank Money Market	12,217.82	
MH Bank--CDs	24,324.17	
MH Bank Aux--CD	915.84	
Cash—US Bank Checking	(16.05)	
Cash—GWB Checking	7,427.83	
Cash--GWB Savings	1,094.69	
Total Current Assets		<u>\$ 45,964.30</u>
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Equipment	12,945.69	
Accum Depr-Equip	(10,717.00)	
Transportation Equipment	24,872.30	
Accum Depr-Transp Equip	(8,291.00)	
Total Property, Plant and Equipment		<u>\$ 18,809.99</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>		<u>\$ 64,774.29</u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITOL

Current Liabilities		
State Payroll Taxes	1,079.00	
Accrued Unemployment Tax	(123.22)	
Total Current Liabilities		<u>\$ 955.78</u>
Capital		
Retained Earning	\$101,368.47	
Current Earnings	(37,549.96)	
Total Capital		<u>\$ 63,818.51</u>
<u>Total Liabilities and Capital</u>		<u>\$ 64,774.29</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income (Loss) from Operations	\$(37,549.96)
Depreciation and Amortization	6,232.00
Other	22.01
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Accrued Liabilities	(6,620.54)
Total Adjustments	<u>(366.53)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(37,916.49)
Proceeds From Sale of Fixed Assets	(523.00)
Proceeds From Sale of Fixed Assets	<u>668.00</u>
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	145.00
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)	
IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(37,771.49)
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	83,735.79
<u>CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS OF END OF PERIOD</u>	<u>\$ 45,964.30</u>

Officer Nominees



Nominee for President

Rick Juchems, Butler SWCD

Rick became an assistant commissioner for the Butler SWCD in 1995, and then was elected as a commissioner in 1999. He has served as the district vice chair from 1999 to 2001. He was then elected the district chair. Rick joined the CDI Board as Region 3 Director in 2004, and has served as Vice President since 2005. Rick has been married to his wife Jane for 29 years. They have two grown children. Rick has a diversified farm with cattle, hogs, soybeans, corn and alfalfa. He currently serves as the Vice President of the Iowa League of RC&Ds. Rick is the chair of the Cedar Valley RC&D, and was a founding member. He participates with the Iowa Learning Farms with the nitrogen trails and has been involved in cover crop research. Rick is involved in his church, has been a 4-H youth committee leader, and is active with the Bremer county corn and soybean board. He is a member of the Iowa and National associations of Cattlemen and has belonged to the Butler county cattlemen as well. Rick has served one year as your CDI President.



Nominee for Vice President

Tim Palmer, Madison SWCD

Tim was elected a SWCD commissioner in 2002. He served on the CDI Board first as an alternate director, beginning his term in 2005. He then was elected the Region 6 Director and began his term in January of 2007. He attended the NACD Legislative meeting in Washington D.C. in July of 2007. Tim has been married 31 years to his wife Shelly. They have three children and five grandchildren. Tim farms 2000 acres with his brother Scott and son Geoff. They grow corn, soybeans, and hay. They raise and finish 125 head of calves. Tim also has been in the tiling business since 1999. In his community, Tim is a Mason, township trustee, church trustee and chair of the Truro Betterment Committee. Tim's goals are to live, love and retire on the farm and leave his part of the world a better place. Having served one year as Vice President of CDI, he works to bring conservation to all farmers, regardless of the size of the operation. He promotes more outreach to landowners we currently do not serve. Tim would also like to see a higher level of participation by SWCD Commissioners in CDI activities and will continue to work toward that end.

CDAT = Commissioner Development Advisory Team Become One of the Elite Team!

One more team member is needed, apply today!

Current members include:

Bob Donahoo, Joyce Dolan, Kevin Holl, Cathy Johannsen, Norm Lust, and Harold Whipple

Mission Statement: *To advise and guide the Commissioner Development Team (CDT) in creating recruitment and development strategies that help Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Commissioners and Boards become highly effective.*

2008 Resolution Pre-Conference Vote Results

All the resolutions presented for pre-conference vote passed and will be placed in the CDI Policy Book. Resolutions of state significance will go first to the State Soil Conservation Committee for support and appropriate action. All resolutions of national significance will move on to NACD for further support, unless it is an item that needs only change in the way Iowa implements federal programs. In that case, CDI will first work with the appropriate federal agency and the state technical committee. Any resolution that is internal to CDI, the staff and board will work with.

1. Living Snow Fence Practice and the Buffer Initiative (Passed 69%)

For the purposes of promoting and establishing additional conservation buffers on private lands CDI supports the addition of a new financial incentive within the IDALS Division of Soil Conservation, corresponding to the USDA CP17A Living Snow Fence practice. The new state incentive would provide an additional 25% rental rate incentive based on an approved FSA contract to be paid as a one time payment upon installation of the practice. This practice could fall under an existing program, such as the state's CRP Buffer Initiative Program

2. Scholarship Judging (Passed 80%)

We support a revision of the scholarship application for eliminating the question about financial need. The judging criteria for the CDI Scholarship should be based on leadership, service, character, self-motivation, and scholastic achievement only.

3. Expand IDALS/DSC 5 Year Haying/Grazing Program to Include Unattached Field Border Turn Strips (Passed 73%)

CDI supports and requests that IDALS/DSC modify the 5 yr haying/grazing programs to include field border turn strips that are not specifically connected to contour or buffer strips in the same program.

4. Continue Penalty for CRP Early-out (Passed 89%)

CDI supports and requests that USDA continue its policy of only allowing early release of acres from the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) with penalty assessed.

5. Enhance CRP Incentives as Acres Decline (Passed 84%)

CDI supports and requests that USDA upgrade both general and continuous sign-up incentives as economic demands change.

6. Conservation Measures for Land Exiting CRP (Passed 65%)

CDI supports and requests that USDA/FSA require establishment of field border turn strips on highly erodible land returning to production from CRP.

7. Maintenance Checklist to Accompany Maintenance Agreement (Passed 62%)

CDI supports requiring a maintenance checklist for projects to be given to and signed by cooperators at the time when maintenance agreements are signed. Annual reminders should be given by various means including direct contact, local media, and SWCD and FSA newsletters.

8. Livestock Watering Systems Installed with IFIP and WSP Funds (Passed 80%)

CDI supports an increase in the rate of livestock watering systems from the current rate of \$500 to \$1,000. CDI will request the State Soil Conservation Committee approve this request and work with IDALS-DSC to increase payment rate.

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President Jerry Fine convened the 61st Annual Conference at the Hotel at Gateway Center in Ames, IA at 9:33 a.m., November 28, 2007. IDALS-DSC staff managed the registration table and the Credentials Committee, chaired by Lorna Troester, was in charge of voting ballots. President Fine welcomed everyone and thanked them for their time and commitment. It was noted that a printer error in the Business Meeting and Annual Report handout resulted in a page of minutes to being left out. 142 Commissioners registered, which isn't great overall, but an improvement. We thank you for coming and appreciate your time.

Vice President Rick Juchems presented the Outstanding SWCD award to Pocahontas SWCD. Accepting the award were Rich Lund, Eldon Stall, and Ken Theesfeld. Lund spoke to the group during a power point presentation, highlighting their commissioners, accomplishments and activities. CDI Treasurer, Babetta Lucke presented the Outstanding Watershed award to Farmers Creek Watershed in Jackson SWCD. Accepting the \$1,500 award were Terri McCulley and Michelle Turner.

Lorna Troester, Credentials Chair, reported 253 eligible votes were present (the number increased to 295 as commissioners entered the meeting). Lucke presented the 2006-2007 treasurer report. Dues payment was received from 100% of the SWCDs. She thanked the districts. Fayette SWCD moved for the approval of the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Carroll SWCD and the motion carried. Butch Neumeyer, Audit Committee Chair, explained that CDI has had a very thorough professional audit, due to federal mandate. He is pleased to announce it went very well, no discrepancies. Neumeyer motioned to accept the audit, seconded by Hancock SWCD and the motion carried. Lucke presented the budget report. Adair SWCD motioned to approved the budget report, Buena Vista SWCD seconded, and the motion carried.

President Fine began his president's report speaking of the capacity in which one serves their local SWCD office. It takes a lot of time and dedication to serve, but the input is very important. We do it because we believe in conservation and this organization. He asked all commissioners to stand thanking them all and a round of applause was given. Fine quoted Gandhi "*You must be the change you wish to see in the world.*"

We must ask ourselves, "What is the value of our local conservation offices?" It is a great asset that we need to work to retain within our counties by spreading the word that it is an office of partnership. They work together to put conservation on the land. We hope to never hear the question, "What ever happened to locally led conservation?" We need to serve our membership and customers. They need to be satisfied. We need to educate and encourage our elected officials to create sound legislation when it comes to conservation. Fine concluded by saying his experience as President has enabled him so much, he has learned a lot, and thanks for everything.

Deb Ryun, Executive Director, introduced a special guest of honor, Krysta Harden of NACD. Harden briefly addressed the group, promising more to come during the conference.

Throughout the year Ryun provides a weekly update of her activities to all SWCD offices. Commissioners should contact their secretaries or Ryun if they would like to receive these reports via email. Ryun has served as co-chair on the Watershed Task Force for the last 18 months. A draft report is available, those wishing to see it should contact her. Rather than rehash her activities of the past year, Ryun shared her conservation story. She bought an acreage, which had been abused for many years. It was very wet, predominantly clay, overgrazed, row cropped. She now has some acres in CRP, has planted several apple trees, prairie grass, a pond. Recently they spotted a bobcat on their land. The balance of nature is returning. In the six

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years as a farmer, she has had many successes. Keeping it to herself wouldn't help anyone. We need to share our success and knowledge of soil conservation with everyone. We need to help them understand.

President Fine asked for the nominating committee report from Chair Butch Neumeyer. Neumeyer moved that Rick Juchems be nominated for CDI President. He then asked for any other nominations. Clay SWCD moved that a unanimous vote be cast making Juchems President. Johnson SWCD seconded, and the motion carried. Neumeyer moved that Tim Palmer and Jim Gevock be nominated to run for Vice President. He asked for any other nominations. Fayette seconded, and the motion carried. A ballot vote was carried out, with Tim Palmer being elected the new Vice President.

President Fine called on Wendell Christensen, Resolution Committee Chair, to report on the 2007 resolutions.

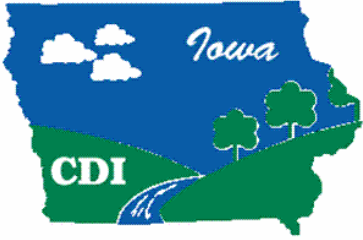
2007 Resolution	Moved By	Seconded By	Yes	No	Pass/Fail
1. FSA County Committees Should Fine Those Found <i>Not Actively</i> Following Their Conservation Plans	Christensen	Adair SWCD	223	59	Pass
2. Group Health Insurance Through CDI for SWCD Employees	Christensen	Johnson SWCD	197	93	Pass
3. Revise or Eliminate the Soil Loss Complaint Process	Christensen	W. Pottawattamie SWCD	253	23	Pass
4. Iowa DOT Standing Corn Snow Fence Program Modification	Christensen	Clay SWCD	217	50	Pass
5. Revision of EQIP Rules and Funding Needed	Christensen	Fayette SWCD	218	64	Pass
6. Flood and Erosion Control Funding	Christensen	Page SWCD	149	128	Fail
7. Conservation Systems in Watersheds	Christensen	Monona SWCD	255	30	Pass
8. Standardize Cost Share Rates for Potted Tree and Shrub Practices	Christensen	Emmet SWCD	204	73	Pass

Plymouth SWCD moved to approve the 2006 CDI Annual Business meeting minutes as presented, Pocahontas seconded, and the motion carried.

Madison SWCD moved the meeting be adjourned, Butler SWCD seconded, and the motion carried.

President Fine adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

CDI 2008 Board Members



President Rick Juchems
Vice President Tim Palmer
Past President Jerry Fine
Treasurer Babetta Lucke
Secretary Lorna Troester

	<u>Director</u>	<u>First Alternate</u>	<u>Second Alternate</u>
Region 1	Kenneth Gard	Dallas Huebner	Tom Oswald
Region 2	Wendell Christensen	Jerry Crew	Monty Leu
Region 3	Dean Stromer	Jon Gisleson	Harvin Meyer
Region 4	Lorna Troester	Charles McCullough	Ray Finn
Region 5	Babetta Lucke	Alan Lemker	Darrell Stamp
Region 6	Kevin Holl	Arlan Becker	Stephen Roe
Region 7	Jane Weber	Mark Kennett	Mike Deahr
Region 8	Barbara Johnson	Rick Oshel	Doug Campbell
Region 9	Jim Gevock	Don Niebuhr	

Staff

Deb Ryun, Executive Director
 Latisha Cunningham, Administrative Assistant
 Hilary Johnson, Envirothon Coordinator

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