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SEMINOLE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT - 1965

SANFORD FLORIDA

Since the organization of the Seminole Soil Conservation District in 1948, many changes in land use has occurred within the District. Housing developments have been built on land once devoted to Citrus and Vegetables. Other land, formerly in woods, has been cleared and set to Citrus. Some acreage formerly devoted to vegetables has been put into Citrus using ditching, bedding, and deep tiling practices to control the high water table on these lands.

Through an up-dated Memorandum of Understanding entered into with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in 1963, the District has been better prepared to cope with these changes. We are now able to provide technical assistance to Rural Areas Development groups; give assistance in the development of private and public recreation areas; and give consultive assistance to county commissioners, zoning boards, real estate people, and others. Usually this assistance is relative to soils and soil capabilities. Here the completed soil survey of this district will be of immense value. It is our understanding that this survey will be off the press about the middle of 1966.

But we, the supervisors of the Seminole Soil and Water Conservation District, have not lost sight of our primary objective of getting the required soil and water conservation practices on all the land within the District.

During 1965, our concerted efforts were directed toward providing technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, and other landowners in developing basic conservation plans and establishing the conservation practices necessary for the conservation of soil and water resources and the improvement of Agriculture in this District.

The District has available two soil conservation technicians to assist landowners in putting in necessary soil and water conservation practices. They are; Russell Rudd, Work Unit Conservationist, and John Winter, the Conservation Engineering Technician. Also available on request are technicians from

the Soil Conservation Service office in Orlando.

Other personnel and agencies assisting with carrying out the District program are personnel from the Central Florida Experiment Station; the Fla. Agricultural Extension Service; the Farmers Home Administration of the USDA; personnel from the county ASCS office; Vocational Agriculture teachers; and personnel from the Florida Forest Service.

In 1965, the Board of Supervisors functioned in this District with only three members until an election was held in October. At that time, Mr. W. W. Linz and Mr. C. A. Wales were re-elected to the Board. Mr. H. O. Bagwell and Mr. James Hughes were elected to fill the two vacancies on the Board that existed up to that time. At the Board's reorganizational meeting in October, Mr. Linz was re-elected Chairman; Mr. Mark Bullock was elected Vice-Chairman; and Mr. Wales was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

A total of six meetings were held by the Board in 1965. The District was represented at the Florida Association of Soil and Water Conservation District's meeting in Jacksonville this year by supervisors Linz, Bullock, and Wales. They also attended one area meeting of supervisors in Orlando. The Board feels that attendance at these meetings are necessary for carrying out the District program.

Our District again sponsored a public speaking contest on conservation for high school students even though an area and state contest was not held this year. It is felt that this is a very worthwhile part of the District program, and, as in past contests, the first place winner received \$25.00; second place \$15.00; and third place \$10.00. A total of five boys participated in this event.

Several talks on conservation were made to Garden Clubs, civic groups, and school groups. Three films were secured for showing to a Boy Scout group, a 4-H Club, and a grade school class. A total of ten news articles dealing with conservation and the District program were written and published in the

Sanford Herald and the Seminole County Farm Bureau Newsletter.

A survey was made in this District in 1965 of all public outdoor recreation enterprises. This survey was requested by the National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts to determine what each District had in the way of recreation enterprises for public use. The Board is aware of the importance of a survey of this type, particularly in our area. As we expect a tremendous influx of people into this area in the next few years, the demands on existing recreation areas will increase considerably. Planning for additional recreation areas to take care of the demand should begin now. A completed result of this survey will be forthcoming in the near future.

DISTRICT PROGRAM FOR 1966

<u>Activity</u>	<u>How</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Who</u>
Hold regular Board meetings.	Notices by mail; Telephone	3rd Wednesday in the month	Chairman
Publicize District operations.	Talks; news articles; films	All year	All supervisors and technicians
Promote and assist in Soil Stewardship Week.	Purchasing printed material from NACD and distributing to churches; news articles	April - May	All supervisors; WUC
Repair District road signs.	Repainting; straight- ening; resetting	May	All supervisors
Continue to promote planning & appli- cation of conservation practices on the land.	Provide technical assistance & guidance; news articles	All year	All supervisors & technicians

MISCELLANEOUS

The District now owns one Martin-type ditcher value at approximately \$40.00. It formerly owned one rotary-type mower, but this was sold in 1965 because of the increased costs of repairs, depreciation, and upkeep on this piece of equipment.

The Seminole County Board of County Commissioners appropriated \$500.00 toward paying the expenses of running this District in 1965. This appropriation was used for paying District expenses such as telephone bills, educational materials, office supplies and stamps, and partial expenses for supervisors to attend out-of-county meetings.

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Annual Report of Receipts &
Expenditures

Receipts (by source)

Balance Brought Forward (December 31, 1964)	\$121.62
Co. Board of Commissioners (supplies, equipment, telephone bills, dues, etc.)	500.00
Receipts from sale of District equipment	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$721.62

Expenditures (Classified)

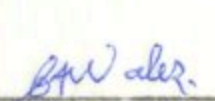
Telephone bills, office supplies and stamps, State & National dues, and partial expenses for supervisors to attend out-of-county meetings.	\$500.00
SGD Expenditures - Speaking contest, repair and upkeep of District equipment, contribution to NACD for gift, and partial expenses for supervisors for out-of-county meetings.	<u>210.35</u>
Total	\$710.35

Balance Carried forward (December 31, 1965) \$ 11.27

1965 Annual Report Respectfully submitted:



W. W. Linz, Chairman



C. A. Wales, Secretary

1965 STATISTICAL INFORMATION

I. GENERAL

1. Is the District Treasurer bonded? Yes
2. Was an audit of district receipts and disbursements made for 1965? No
3. Clerical assistance received -- full-time None, part-time None
4. District enrolled in Goodyear Conservation Awards Program No

II. Speaking Contest

1. Number of schools participating 2
2. Number student contestants 5
3. Estimated number of people hearing speeches 80
4. Amount of prizes awarded \$50.00

III. SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK

1. Number of churches participating -
2. Number of sermons delivered on soil stewardship -
3. Estimated number of people hearing sermons -
4. Other -

IV. Bankers Award Program

1. Number selected for award -
2. Award made at - meeting attendance -
(kind of meeting)

V. TOURS OR SPECIAL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS SPONSORED OR CO-SPONSORED

1. Number held - attendance -
2. Purpose -

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Number of conservation pictures displayed in banks, stores, etc. -
2. Number for fair or special programs -

VII. DISTRICT PROGRAM

1. Explained to club, school or group (No.) 3 attendance 94
2. Number of radio programs presented None TV None
3. Number of newspapers releases 10
4. Printed district annual report copies distributed none

VIII. SCOUTS

1. Number of Scout Troops assisted 1
2. Kind of assistance film on conservation

IX. Other activities

1. What -
2. Results -