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1970 ANNUAL REPORT
SEMINOLE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DIS-
TRICT - SANFORD, FLORIDA

This annual report has been prepared to review some of the major accomplishments made in the Seminole Soil and Water Conservation District during 1970. It also sets forth some of the objectives of the District for the year 1971.

The Seminole Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1948 under the laws of the State of Florida to provide landowners and operators with an organization through which they could more ably solve their soil and water conservation problems. Through a Memorandum of Understanding with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the District has available one technician with the Soil Conservation Service to provide technical services for solving these problems. He is John S. Winter, Soil Conservationist, and his office is located in the Kirk-Plaza Building at 110 E. Commercial St. in downtown Sanford. The District also has available the services of Soil Conservation Service personnel from the Area Office in Orlando.

Other personnel and agencies assisting with carrying out the District program in 1970 were; personnel from the Florida Forest Service; the Florida Cooperative Extension Service; the Central Florida Experiment Station; the Farmers Home Administration of the USDA; and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service of the USDA. The Seminole County Board of County Commissioners contributed \$500.00 toward the cost of operating the District in 1970. This money was used for paying telephone bills, District state and national dues, out-of-county travel for supervisors on District business, and supplies.

Serving on the Board of Supervisors of this District during 1970 were; W. W. Linz, Chairman; James E. Hughes, Vice-Chairman; C. A. Wales, Secretary-Treasurer; and members Hubert Bagwell and Richard Schultz.

The Supervisors guide and direct the District program. Activities include receiving and approving applications for technical assistance from landowners

or groups of landowners; overseeing the formulation of plans on conservation and follow-up work essential to the application of such plans; keeping necessary records; attending local, area, and state meetings; and preparing annual reports.

During the past several years, the District's program has been broadened to serve urban areas and city and county governments. During 1970, information on soils and related problems in urban planning was furnished to the Orange, Seminole and Osceola Joint Planning Commission. This type of information was also given to the Seminole County Planning and Zoning Commission. At the request of the Seminole Board of County Commissioners through the engineering firm of Clark & Dietz, Soil Conservation Service personnel assigned to the District made soil borings on the site of a proposed sanitary land-fill area at the old Osceola Airport.

During 1970, the District Board of Supervisors held a total of 3 regular meetings. Board members W. W. Linz, C. A. Wales, and James Hughes attended the Supervisors area meeting which was held at the Boggy Creek Campground in Osceola County. The purpose of the area meetings is to allow supervisors to get together to discuss problems relative to the Districts, the area, and the state and to exchange ideas and viewpoints on their solution.

Informational activities carried on in this District to inform the public included one tour for Boy Scouts to study conservation practices applied; 3 school programs on conservation; 1 talk to the South Seminole Garden Club; 7 radio spots used; and 5 news articles published. The District also participated in Soil Stewardship Week through the use of printed material supplied to 3 churches.

Through the cooperation of the Soil Conservation Service Plant Materials Center at Brooksville, 4 District landowners received small allocations of *Hemarthria* (Haltgrass) for nursery plantings. This is a relatively new grass which has potential for both grazing and haying. At the request of the Plant

Materials Center, Creeping Beggarweed seed and Maidencane stolons were collected by SCS personnel from selected sites in the District and mailed to the Center. This material will be used for establishing several test plots.

The most important practice applied with District assistance in 1970 was the revamping of tile systems on vegetable land. A total of 14 systems were dug up and re-installed to grade. This involved 162,300 ft. of pipeline and 894 structures for water control. Many of the systems on vegetable land in the District have become clogged with sand or sections of pipe have been broken over a period of years. These systems don't function properly, or, in some cases, don't function at all. This requires the removal and cleanout of the pipe and replacement of broken sections; thereby providing an even distribution of irrigation water during dry periods and adequate drainage during wet periods.

Technical assistance was also supplied for the installation of 4,887 feet of deep tile for drainage on high water table soils where Citrus is being grown. 8 ponds were dug with this assistance, and 9,080 feet of drainage ditches were constructed.

These are only a part of the practices applied in the District in 1970 with the assistance of technical personnel of the Soil Conservation Service assigned to the District. The major and ultimate goal of this District is to get all the conservation practices applied to the land that are necessary for the use and protection of our natural resources.

PLANNED OBJECTIVES FOR 1971

1. Hold regular supervisors meetings at least once every two months.
2. Continue to urge landowners and operators with soil and water problems to utilize technical assistance provided to the District by the Soil Conservation Service.
3. Sponsor observance of Soil Stewardship Week.
4. Prepare an annual Plan of Work and District Budget.

5. Sponsor and participate in at least two District tours during the year to observe the application of soil and water conservation practices on cooperators lands.
6. Assist urban groups, planning and zoning boards, and other county heads and personnel wherever and whenever possible with such things as soils information and interpretations.
7. Publicize District operations and activities through the use of news media, radio, films, and talks to groups.
8. Assist and cooperate with private groups, federal and state agencies engaged in the conservation of all natural resources.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Seminole Soil and Water Conservation District does not own any equipment or have any means for making money for District operations. Operating expenses are obtained through a county allocation in the sum of \$500. For a breakdown of District expenditures, see attached sheet. This covers the county budget year from October, 1969, through September, 1970. An audit of these expenditures is made on the county level by the state.

1970 Annual Report Respectfully submitted:

W. W. Linz - Chairman

C. A. Wales - Secretary

STAT IL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
DISTRICT STATISTICAL INFORMATION

1970

- I. GENERAL
1. Is the District Treasurer bonded? (yes) (no) 1970
 2. Was an audit of district receipts and disbursements made for ~~1969~~
(yes) (no)
 3. Clerical assistance received -- full-time , Part-time .
 4. District enrolled in Goodyear Conservation Awards Program (yes) (no ✓)
- II. LAND JUDGING CONTEST
1. Number of schools participating .
 2. Number of student contestants .
 3. Total awards \$ Plaques \$ Cups Medals Other
- III. SPEAKING CONTEST
1. Number of schools participating .
 2. Number of student contestants Amount of prize money \$.
 3. Estimated number of people hearing speeches .
 4. Sponsored by .
- IV. SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK
1. Number of churches participating 3.
 2. Number of sermons delivered on soil stewardship 3.
 3. Estimated number of people attending services 300.
 4. Other
- V. BANKER'S AWARD PROGRAM
1. Number selected for award .
 2. Award made at meeting attendance .
(kind of meeting)
 3. Name of banker and bank making award .
- VI. TOURS OR SPECIAL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS SPONSORED OR CO-SPONSORED
1. Number held attendance 20.
 2. Purpose To show conservation practices applied to
- VII. EXHIBITS
1. Number of conservation pictures displayed in banks, stores, etc.
 2. Number for fair or special programs .
- VIII. DISTRICT PROGRAM
1. Explained to club, school or group (no.) 4 attendance 130.
 2. Number of radio programs presented T.V. .
 3. Number of newspaper releases 5.
 4. Printed district annual report copies distributed .
- IX. SCOUTS
1. Number of Scout Troups assisted 1.
 2. Kind of assistance Demonstrate Conservation Practices
- X. OTHER ACTIVITIES (Contest, Essay, Poster, etc.)
1. What
 2. Results
- XI. Number of Board meetings held 3.

1969-70
APPROPRIATION LEDGER

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GENERAL _____ FUND _____

ACCOUNT NO. _____ 68113.03

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT - OFFICE SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES
 ACCOUNT _____

APPROPRIATION: \$ _____ 500.00

Office Supplies, Soil Cons. Dist.,

DATE	PAYEE	PURPOSE	VOUCHER NO.	AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	BALANCES TO DATE		
					TOTAL EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	UNEXPENDED BALANCE
OCT-1 69					0.00	500.00	500.00
OCT 24 69	SOUTHERN BELL	SERVICES OCTOBER	15,485	10.60	10.60	500.00	489.40
NOV 21 69	SOUTHERN BELL	SERVICES NOVEMBER	15,631	11.05	21.65	500.00	478.35
DEC 19 69	SOUTHERN BELL	DEC. SERVICE	15,757	10.75	32.40	500.00	467.60
D 1 69	NAT. ASSOC. OF SOIL & WATER	LETTERFEADS	15,860	12.40	44.80	500.00	455.20
23 70	SOUTHERN BELL	JAN. SERVICE	15,912	10.75	55.55	500.00	444.45
JAN 30 70	NAT. ASSOC. OF SOIL & WATER	1970 QUOTA	15,957	82.50	138.05	500.00	361.95
JAN 30 70	FLA. ASSOC. OF SOIL & WATER DIST.	SUPV. 1970 DUES	15,958	60.00	198.05	500.00	301.95
JAN 30 70		TO ADJ. POSTING TO ACT. #20191 12-12-69 POSTMASTER SANFORD-STAMPS PURCH. WITH CK# 15698 FOR VARIOUS DEPTS.		12.00	210.05	500.00	289.95
FEB 20 70	SOUTHERN BELL	FEB. SERVICE	16,075	10.75	220.80	500.00	279.20
MAR 20 70	SOUTHERN BELL	MAR. SERVICE	16,194	10.95	231.75	500.00	268.25
MAR 31 70	NAT. ASSOC. SOIL & WATER	CP INSERTS	16,247	3.35	235.10	500.00	264.90
APR 24 70	SOUTHERN BELL	APR. SERVICE	16,362	11.15	246.25	500.00	253.75
MAY 22 70	SOUTHERN BELL	MAY SERVICE	16,475	11.95	258.20	500.00	241.80
JUN 12 70	C A. WALES	TO REIMB. FOR TRAVEL EXP. - 5/27/70-KISSIMMEE AREA MEETING OF SOIL CONS. DIST. - 84 MI @ .10 & 3 MEALS	16,599	15.90	274.10	500.00	225.90
JUN 26 70	SOUTHERN BELL	JUNE SERVICE	16,608	13.25	287.35	500.00	212.65
Jul 31 70	" "	JULY "		13.25	300.60		199.40
Aug 14 70	" "	AUG "		13.55	314.15		185.85
Sept 25 70	" "	SEPT "		13.25	327.40		172.60