



# MITCHELL SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Spring 2020

## MEET THE COMMISSIONERS

The Mitchell Soil and Water Conservation District is led by locally elected residents of Mitchell County who volunteer their time as commissioners and work together to offer local program guidance to address natural resource concerns within the county. Commissioner meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month and the public is welcome to attend.

Left to Right: Bruce Johnson – Vice Chairperson, Dale Hemann – Chairperson, John Schwarck – Co-Treasurer, Eric Jellum – Treasurer, Milt Owen – Asst. Commissioner, Sue Sletten – Asst. Commissioner, Dana Norby – Commissioner, and Chelsea Ewen Rowcliffe – Asst. Commissioner (not pictured).



## MSWCD 2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Chloe Levan, daughter of Keith & Beth Levan, has been awarded MSWCD's 2019 scholarship for high school seniors.

Chloe has been very involved in activities with FFA, National Honor Society and is active in her church. Chloe started attending Iowa State University in the fall of 2019 and is majoring in Agronomy.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There are financial assistance programs available for your conservation practices and projects with varying cost share rates. For more information call or stop into the NRCS office.

**641-732-5504 ext. 3**  
**1529 Main St.**



## TREES FOR KIDS

In April 2019, the Mitchell Soil and Water Conservation District handed out 175 seedlings, (100 Red Maple and 75 Crabapple) to the 5<sup>th</sup> graders of the Riceville, St. Ansgar and Osage Schools. The students also learned about the history and importance of Arbor Day and Earth Day as well as received advice on how to plant and care for their new seedling.



## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM



In May 2019, the Mitchell SWCD partnered with the Mitchell County Conservation Board (MCCB) to teach Osage 5<sup>th</sup> graders about various ecosystems in Mitchell County. The outdoor classroom was located at the New Haven Potholes and stations included: Prairies with MCCB Naturalist Chelsea Ewen Rowcliffe, Forests with SWCD Conservation Asst. Kelly Kline and Wetlands with MCCB intern Kari Jeffrey.

## ANNUAL USE OF DISTRICT FUNDS

MITCHELL SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FY 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019		MITCHELL SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FY 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019	
<b>DISTRICT REVOLVING FUND</b>		<b>MONEY MARKET SAVINGS</b>	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$9,379.49	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$114,878.78
RECEIPTS		RECEIPTS	
TRANSFER FROM SAVINGS	\$60,000.00	BOOSTER CLUB FY 2019	\$125.00
FEED THE FARMERS DONATIONS	\$575.00	CRP DISTRICT INITIATIVE (IDALS)	\$360.00
NATURE CONSERVANCY	\$14,513.84	DISTRICT FARM RENT	\$9,996.00
MISC INCOME		FARM BILL	\$5,000.00
		FEED THE FARMERS	\$508.63
		1M ALLOCATION	\$3,500.00
		MISC. INCOME	\$128.50
		INTEREST INCOME	\$188.67
		ROCK CREEK SUPPLIES	\$1,435.31
		ROCK CREEK INFO/ED	\$1,397.07
		ROCK CREEK TRAVEL / TRAINING	\$353.20
		ROCK CREEK SALARY	\$49,373.19
		WATER SAMPLING DONATION	\$6,500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$75,088.84	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$78,865.57
TOTAL	\$84,468.33	TOTAL	\$193,744.35
EXPENSES		EXPENSES	
ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	\$825.00	TRANSFER TO CHECKING	\$60,000.00
CONTRIBUTION- ISU FOUNDATION	\$500.00		
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$48.00		
ENVIROTHON	\$160.00		
1M CDI DUES	\$850.00		
1M COMMISSIONER EXPENSES	\$571.35		
1M OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$359.39		
1M POSTAGE	\$383.20		
1M OTHER	\$234.58		
IPERS WITHHOLDING	\$5,583.32		
MEETING EXPENSES	\$75.00		
NEWSLETTER EXPENSE	\$1,112.26		
PAYROLL	\$21,156.54		
PAYROLL EXPENSE- ACCOUNTING FEES	\$335.00		
PAYROLL TAXES	\$11,371.16		
POSTAGE AND DELIVERY	\$354.69		
REFUND - FEMC KAYAK ACCESS	\$5,950.00		
REIMBURSEMENT - NATURE CONSERVANCY	\$14,513.84		
ROCK CREEK SUPPLIES	\$1,283.48		
ROCK CREEK - TRAVEL TRAINING	\$269.36		
ROCK CREEK - INFO/ED	\$1,527.65		
SPRING REGIONAL REGISTRATION	\$75.00		
TRAVEL / TRAINING	\$115.00		
TREES FOR KIDS	\$178.90		
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$20.03		
WATER SAMPLING EXPENSE	\$7,050.00		
CHECKS DATED PRIOR TO 7/1/18	\$1,154.06		
UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS AS OF 6/30/19	-\$751.54		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$75,305.27	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$60,000.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$9,163.06	ENDING BALANCE	\$133,744.35
DATE RECONCILED <u>9/15/19</u>	DATE AUDITED <u>9/12/19</u>	DATE RECONCILED <u>9/15/19</u>	DATE AUDITED <u>9/12/19</u>
CO-TREASURER <u>John Schroeder</u>	COMMISSIONER <u>Dale Hemann</u>	CO-TREASURER <u>John Schroeder</u>	COMMISSIONER <u>Dale Hemann</u>
CO-TREASURER <u>Eric Jell</u>	COMMISSIONER <u>Dave Rudy</u>	CO-TREASURER <u>Eric Jell</u>	COMMISSIONER <u>Dave Rudy</u>

## 2019 BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERS

**Supporters:** William & Tera Schroeder

**Savers:** Clarice Bartz, Cyndy Groff, Gail & Sharon Gordon, Ben & Amy Johnson, and Connie Rosenberg

**Sustainers:** Tom Pierce, Rose McCarthy, Joan Clark Andresen, Gary Levinson, Connie Kruse, Marilyn Korte, and Doug & Teresa Yegge

## THANK YOU!

**Stewards:** Mayer's Digging, Monte Kloberdanz, Gordon & Johanna Anderson, Dale & Cindy Hemann, and Robert Helfter



## MEET THE NEW ROCK CREEK PROJECT COORDINATOR ELLEN FRIEDRICH

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Hello! My name is Ellen Friedrich, I came on board with the Mitchell Soil and Water Conservation District this past Fall as the Project Coordinator for the Rock Creek Watershed. I've been impressed by the work that has already done in the area and the strong conservation ethic and sense of stewardship that many leaders and farmers in the community exemplify. I am excited to continue to help people further put conservation practices into place that help protect our water, land, and the future of our livelihoods.

I am originally from the West Union area. I have degrees in Anthropology and Environmental Studies from Iowa State University. After graduating, I went to Madagascar to serve as a teacher and farmhand at an agricultural school that taught young farmers how to use their land to meet their nutritional needs, improve their economic standing, and to practice proper land care. Most recently I was up in northern Minnesota working with the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa to rebuild a local, healthy, and culturally appropriate food system as a part of their Food Sovereignty Initiative. I am now happy to be back in familiar Iowan territory and close to family. I am passionate about sustainable food systems, conservation, and promoting community vitality. When left to my own devices, I enjoy hiking, the outdoors, gardening, and reading.

I am based out of the NRCS office in Osage and everyone (especially if you're in the Rock Creek Watershed) is welcome to swing by if you want to talk conservation, agriculture, cost share opportunities, or just to say hi. I'm looking forward to continue meeting more of you and working with you all! Together we can better our watersheds!

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## MEET THE NEW NRCS DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST MATT WELSH

[MATTHEW.WELSH@USDA.GOV](mailto:MATTHEW.WELSH@USDA.GOV)



Greetings Mitchell County,

My name is Matt Welsh I started this past November as the new District Conservationist for Mitchell County. Prior to arriving in Osage, I was the District Conservationist in Dickinson and Emmet Counties. I'm originally from Northeast Iowa and grew up on a family farm in Allamakee County. I have worked within the conservation partnership in the field offices since 2010. I started as a Soil and Water Conservation District employee working on watershed projects. I then went on to working as a Soil Conservation Technician for 3 years, a Soil Conservationist for 4 years, and District Conservationist for 2 years

I have a strong passion for farming and rural Iowa. I have spent a great deal of my career working with livestock operations and have spent a lot of time since 2012 helping plan soil health systems for producers. I have a strong belief in locally led conservation and long-term conservation planning leads to the best outcome for the land and our local farmers and landowners. I'm looking forward to working for our county to further conservation efforts.



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Conservation District is an Equal  
Opportunity Provider and  
Employer.*

**OR CURRENT RESIDENT**

## SUPPORT CONSERVATION IN 2020

The Mitchell Soil & Water Conservation District (MSWCD) programs are made possible by your support. Donations are accepted at any time of the year. Any amount you can give is appreciated. Checks should be made payable to "Mitchell SWCD" and you will receive a receipt for your donation. The MSWCD Commissioners thank you for your generosity. Dale Hemann, Eric Jellum, Dana Norby, C John Schwarck, Bruce Johnson and Assistant Commissioners: Milt Owen, Chelsea Rowcliffe, & Sue Sletten.

### 2019 Booster Club Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(as you would like it to appear in our report)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation enclosed : \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to Mitchell SWCD)

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### Support Levels

#### Supporter

\$5 - \$24

#### Saver

\$25 - \$49

#### Sustainer

\$50 - \$99

#### Steward

\$100 - up

The Following are made possible with your support:

- **Scholarships** for Mitchell County high school seniors who pursue a degree in Agriculture or Natural Resources
- **Trees for Kids** outdoor classroom and seedlings for 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Mitchell County
- **Awards** for Conservation Farmer Recognition & Coloring Contest Winners
- **Conservation District Employees**