

Roberts Conservation District 2012 Annual Report



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ROBERTS CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Activities promoted by the district were:

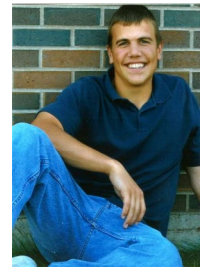
- Hosted an Annual Appreciation Banquet.
- Sponsored a booth at the Sisseton Winter Show.
- Sponsored local Resource Conservation Speech contest for 9-12th graders. Cash award for this year's first & second place winners went to Lana Nelson and Morgan Janisch.
- Distributed 300 Forestry Stewardship Litanies to 5 area churches and other materials to area schools in observance of Soil Stewardship Week for Roberts County.
- Promoted Karst Scholarship.
- Memorial Scholarship awarded to Brett Ziemer, Sisseton High School
- Awarded SD Soil Conservation Farm/Ranch Stewardship to Ron & Janeen Kohl.
- Assisted and supported NESD Land and Range Contest.
- Provided informational articles to area newspapers.
- Donated trees to tribal members.
- District Supervisors and office staff attended and assisted in sponsorship of the Coteau Area Legislative Banquet held in Webster.
- Regular attendance by district supervisors and office staff at area and state meetings.
- Conservation District board meetings held monthly on every second Wednesday.



District Board presents Award winning Soil Conservation Farm/Ranch to Ron & Janeen Kohl

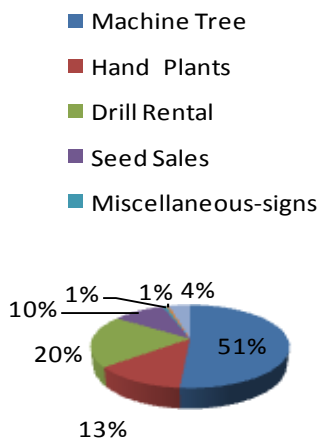


Resource Conservation Speech 1st Place, Lana Nelson, 2nd Place, Morgan Janisch, Sisseton High School

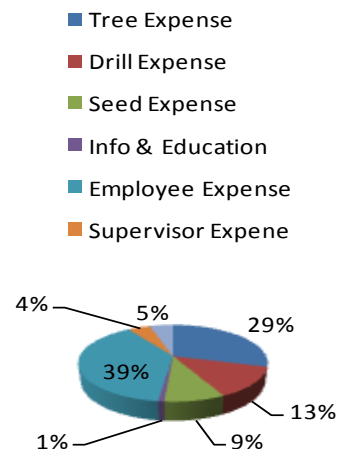


RCD Memorial Scholarship awarded to Brett Ziemer, Sisseton High

Income Chart



Expense Chart



Conservation Practices applied in 2012:

	Number	Acres
• Tree planting	19	27
• Weed Barrier Fabric	9.4 miles	
• Riparian Forest Buffer	1	3.3
• Grassed waterways	4	9
• Dugouts	8	
• Filter Strips CP21	9	73.2
• CRP Contracts	129	3,772.4
• WRP	314	1096
• CSP	11	17,574
• EQIP	6	
• Stream Bank Stabilization	2	232LF

ROBERTS CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Leon Palmer-Vice Chairman
Bob Osborne-Supervisor
Calvin Thompson-Chairman
Cody Hanson-Treasurer
Tim Gleason-Asst. Supervisor
Duane Schneider-Supervisor

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE AND ROBERTS CONSERVATION DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF

Kent Duerre, District Conservationist
Lorne Aadland, Tribal Liaison
Michael Jensen, Soil Conservation Technician
Ron Christensen, Resource Conservationist
Thomas Tran, Biologist- Brandi Haubris-NRCS Employee Ultima
Jodi Hook, Roberts Conservation District Manager

2012 TREE PLANTING AND DISTRICT SERVICES

The district's tree/fabric crew consisted of Fred Suurmeyer-Forman, Allen Jarman, Irvin Iverson, Jr., Kenny Cordie and volunteer Bill Brooks. The crew planted approximately 27 acres - with an estimated 12,000 trees machine planted. Others assisting with district services were David Krause who delivered the no-till drills. Over 25,000 trees were ordered from nurseries in 2012. Over 250 larger boulevard and fruit bearing bare root trees and shrubs were sold to residents throughout the area. Surplus trees were given to the City of New Effington, Wilmot and the members of the Sisseton Wahpeton Tribal members.

The district also sells weed barrier fabric, staples, flags and bare root and special order trees. Roberts Conservation District is

Roberts Conservation District's accomplishments would not have been possible without partnerships with Natural Resources Conservation Service, Roberts County, Farm Service Agency, SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, SD Conservation Commission, Ducks Unlimited, SD Game Fish and Parks. These organizations work with the Roberts Conservation District to allow cost share availability for numerous conservation practices. For questions or interest in any of these conservation programs or practices please stop in or call the Roberts Conservation District/NRCS office for information on the practices and cost share program.