Barber County Conservation District

2019 A Year At A Glance

2019 Annual Meeting

- Community Building, Kiowa, KS
- Election Of One Supervisor: John Cook
- Poster Contest Winners
- Banker's Conservation Award Winner:

Chad Nittler

 Barber County Grasslands Award: Nate Harts – Bear Creek Ranch Oak Creek Ranch

Local Operational Agreement

The Local Operational Agreement Between NRCS And The Conservation District Basically Establishes That NRCS Provides Facilities, Equipment, And Technical Assistance To The District. In Turn, The District Provides Clerical Assistance To NRCS, Including Administration of Federal Cost Share Programs.

Federal Cost Share Programs

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (General EQIP and EQIP-RCPP -

Partnership Between NRCS And The Nature Conservancy

Anderson Creek Wildfire Initiative (ACWI)



- FY2020 Application Deadline Not Announced Yet
- Assisted NRCS With Clerical Support
 - Received 34 General EQIP And 4 EQIP-RCPP Applications
 - Currently Accepting EQIP Applications For Fiscal Year 2020

EQIP

 Funded 15 New Contracts In The Amount Of \$567,967 For Improving Soil Quality In Cropland and Grasslands Health & Vigor, Providing Livestock Water, & Improving Wildlife Habitat On 4880.2 acres (Brush Management, Prescribed Burning, Livestock Water Pipelines, Wells, Tanks, Prescribed Grazing Incentives, Cross-Fencing, Cover Crops, Waterways, No-till)



 Funded 1 Contracts In The Amount Of \$100,910 For Grasslands Health & Vigor And Protecting And Improving Vegetative Conditions On 766.3 Acres (Woody Residue Treatment) This program is a partnership with NRCS and The Nature Conservancy.



- Conservation Stewardship Program Grassland Conservation Initiative
- Funded 3 New Contracts In The Amount of \$27,008, Addressing The Resource Concern On 300 Acres

Water Resources Cost Share Program

Sign-up - April 1 – April 30

Funds Received July 1 - \$21,950.00



Range Planting - \$1,187.03 Terraces - \$10,383.58 Livestock Water Supply Pipeline - \$4,475.79 Pumping Plant For Livestock Water Supply - \$5,000.00

Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program (NPS)

Fund Allocation - \$12,732.97 Practices Included: On-Site Waste Systems - \$8,970.00 Abandoned Water Well Decommissioning -\$760.83 Fencing - \$3,002.14

<u>Conservation</u> <u>Accomplishments</u>

- Practices Applied To Benefit Soil Quality On 1,667 Acres
- Practices Applied To Benefit Water Quality On 19,334 Acres
- Practices Applied To Benefit Grazing Lands
 On 22,345 Acres



Conservation Plans
 Written On 21,124 Acres

Contracts Funded For \$695,885



Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network

Recognizing The Importance Of Accurate Data Collection And Reporting, The District **Acts As County Coordinator For** CoCoRaHS. **District Station Reported** 42.82" In 2019



2019 Stewardship Week April 28 – May 5

- Theme "Life In The Soil: DIG DEEPER"
- District Offers Free Stewardship Materials To Churches And Educators In Barber County

Spring Wildflower Tour

May 11 Was A Delightful Day As Sixty-Three Guests Gathered On The Barber County Prairies To See An Abundance Of Native Wildflowers.







No-Till Education Funds

District Applied For And Received Grant Of \$397.67 To Hold A Soil Health Tour.



District Offered Sponsorship For A Student To Attend The Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition

2019 Mid/Short Grass Range School.

Youth Range Camp

District Offered Sponsorship For A High School Student To Attend The 2019 Range Youth Camp.



Barber County Fair July 25-28

This Year's Booth Highlighted Youth & Education Activities The District Is Involved With In Barber County.



Poster Contest

- Theme "Life In The Soil: DIG
 - DEEPER" Life in The soil Dig Deeper
- 298 Entries



Bankers Conservation Tour

Barber County Extension Agent, Justin Goodno, Met With Key Banker And District Board Supervisors For A Tour Of Conservation Practices Completed And Maintained By Award Nominees. Kansas Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting November 24-26

- 5 Board Members and District Manager in Attendance.
- Networking Opportunity
- Attend Educational Sessions
- Address Latest Conservation Topics
 And Issues

So Long Fellers

Carl Jarboe NRCS Soil Conservation Technician Transferred To Council Grove





Lody Black NRCS Rangeland Management Specialist Accepted Position Of Area II Rangeland Management Specialist

Products For Sale

- Grass Seed
- Corrugated Plastic Pipe
- Corrugated Metal Pipe
- Cable Fencing



Available for Rent
•12' Grass Drill
•15' No Till Drill
•Burn Equipment

Door Prize Contributors

HOMETOWN MARKET OK COOP WILLIAMS AG THE PLUM THICKETT INN D & K FLORAL & DESIGN SIMPLE SIMON RICKE SERVICE FARMER'S COOP EQUITY FARM BUREAU RAYKIES GRILL HOME LUMBER THE SIDELINE TO HAAS BURGER SHACK SUBWAY WHITE'S

MIKE'S SERVICE & ALIGNMENT

www.barbercountyconservationdistrict.com **The Conservation District Is On The Web!** Lots Of Information Available On Everything From The Wildflower Tour – Cost Share – **Products for Sale – The Newsletter – NRCS Programs – Contractors List – Youth & Education Activities And Winners.**

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Sustainability

Let Your County Commissioners Know How Important The Conservation District Is To You. Encourage Them To Continue Supporting Conservation Through Their Funding Commitment.

We're Here To Serve You

Let Us Know How We Can Help Address The Conservation Issues That Are Important To You.