Barber County Conservation District

2022 A Year At A Glance

2022 Annual Meeting

- January 29, 2022 Hardtner, KS
- Election Of One Supervisor
- John Cook Re-Elected With 31 Votes

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) Great Plains Grassland Initiative (GPGI) Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)



- FY2022 Application Deadline Was November 19th
- Assisted NRCS With Clerical Support
 - Received 17 General EQIP Applications
 Applications are always accepted, but may not be in the funding pool for current fiscal year funds.

EQIP

 Funded 12 New Contracts In The Amount Of \$859,133.05 For Improving Soil Quality In Cropland And Grasslands Health & Vigor, Providing Livestock Water, & Improving Wildlife Habitat On 8,329.3 acres (Brush Management, Prescribed Burning, Livestock Water Pipelines, Wells, Tanks, Prescribed Grazing Incentives, Cross-Fencing, Cover Crops, Waterways, No-till)



- Conservation Stewardship Program Grassland Conservation Initiative
- Funded 4 New Contracts In The Amount of \$4,685.4, Addressing The Resource Concern On 260.3 Acres

Water Resources Cost Share Program

Sign-Up Throughout The Year Application Deadline April 30

Funds Received For Fiscal Year - \$43,595.48

WRCSP Allocations

Forage And Biomass Planting -\$5,497.69 On 79.91 Acres Livestock Water Developments – \$38,097.79 On 3406 Acres

Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program (NPS)

Fund Allocation - \$10,685.00 On-Site Waste Systems - \$7,500.00 Livestock Water Development - \$3,185.00

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

- Practices Applied To Benefit Water Quality On 3,556.11 Acres
- Practices Applied To Benefit Grazing Lands On 8,259.1 Acres



• 27 Conservation Plans Written On 12,075.55 Acres

Contracts Funded For \$918,101.93



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** 17.39" In 2022



Local Working Group

- Hosted Meeting April 19, 2022
 Eight In Attendance
- Identify Local Level Natural Resource
 Concerns

Conservation Innovation Grant

Working With Playa Lakes Joint Venture To Connect Producers With Effective Brush Management Strategies In Barber County.

Cover Crop Funding Initiative

Promoting Initiative Which Offers \$10/Ac For Planting Of Cover Crops.



K A N S A S Climate Smart Initiative



KANSAS FATZMETZS,

The Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) is the recipient of a grant in partnership with ADM and others that will support implementation of cover crops on 100,000+ acres across Kansas. Farmers that are new OR are veterans to using cover crops in their operation are eligible for this assistance of \$10 per acre.

Are you ready to enhance soil health, reduce atmospheric greenhouse gases, improve water resources, support wildlife, and receive economic benefits? Contact your local conservation district office for more information about this new opportunity!

Improve long-term profitability through reduced input costs & higher yields.



2022 Stewardship Week April 24 – May 1

- Theme "Healthy Soils Healthy Life"
- District Offers Free Stewardship Materials To Churches And Educators In Barber County

Spring Wildflower Tour

May 7 Was A Delightful Day As Twenty-Seven Guests Gathered On The Barber County Prairies To See An Abundance Of Native Wildflowers.





2022 Wildflower Tour Guides



Carl Jarboe





What A Great Team Couldn't Do It Without Them

Partnering For Education

District Assisted Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition, **NRCS**, And Comanche County Conservation **District With A Fire And Grazing Field Day**



Partnering For Education

Teaming Up With Barber County Extension To Gather Survey Data For Barber County Producers And Landowners.

- Wheat Pasture/Forage Crop Grazing
 - Pasture Leasing Arrangement

 Farmland Leasing Arrangement For Dryland And Irrigated Crops
 Recreational Leasing Arrangement For Hunting And Fishing

Partnering For Education

Developed By A Barber County Extension Program Development Committee, These Surveys Serve To Offer An Accurate Average Specific To Barber County. The Surveys Are Available Through The Extension Office, And Have Been Printed In The BCCD Newsletters.



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

2022 Mid/Short Grass Range School.

Youth Range Camp

District Offered Sponsorship For A High School Student To Attend The 2022 Range Youth Camp.



Barber County Fair Booth July 29-30

This Year's Booth Highlighted **Services Provided** & Educational **Activities The District Is Involved** With In Barber **County.**







Conservation Education

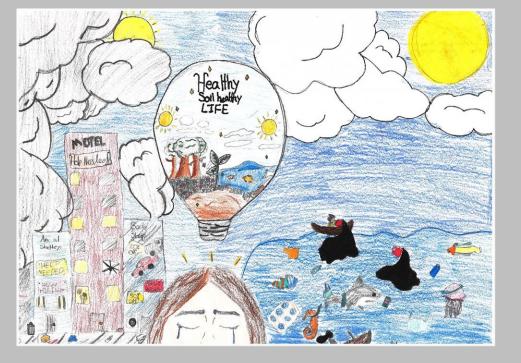
Third Grade Students Learned About Stream Bank Erosion And How To Establish Elevation Levels.





"Healthy Soil-Healthy Life"





STATE CONTEST

Honorable Mention 7 -9 GRADES

ELIZABETH SORELL



STATE CONTEST 2nd PLACE 10-12 GRADES

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2022 Bankers Conservation Awards

Aaron Traffas - Soil Conservation

Keith & Eva Yearout For Z-Bar Ranch – Wildlife Award

Bankers Award For Soil Conservation

Aaron Traffas

Implementation Of No-Till Practice And Cover Crops



Bankers Award For Wildlife



Wetland Creation

Kansas Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting November 20-22

- 4 Board Members And District Manager In Attendance.
- Networking Opportunities
- Attend Educational Sessions
- Address Latest Conservation Topics
 And Issues

Products For Sale

- Grass Seed
- Corrugated Plastic Pipe
- Corrugated Metal Pipe
- Cable Fencing & Components
- Survey Flags
- Wildlife Escape Ramps



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

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We Appreciate The Continued Support And Funding Commitment From The Barber County Commissioners.

We're Here To Serve You

Let Us Know How We Can Help Address The Conservation Issues That Are Important To You. Thank You For Your Commitment To Conservation And For Allowing Us To Assist In Accomplishing Your Conservation Goals.