

# **Barber County Conservation District**

**2023**

**A Year At A Glance**



# **2023 Annual Meeting**

- **January 28, 2023 – Hardtner, KS**
- **Election Of Two Supervisors**
- **Ted Alexander And Matt Cantrell Were Re-Elected With 30 Votes Each**



# **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.**



# **Pratt Management Unit**

**Barber County Is One Of Five Counties In The Pratt  
Management Unit**

**Barber**

**Pratt**

**Comanche**

**Kiowa**

**Stafford**



# **Federal Cost Share Programs**

- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**
- **RCPP-SHPI**
  - (Southern High Plains Initiative Partnership Between NRCS And The Nature Conservancy)
- **Great Plains Grassland Initiative (GPGI)**
- **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)**

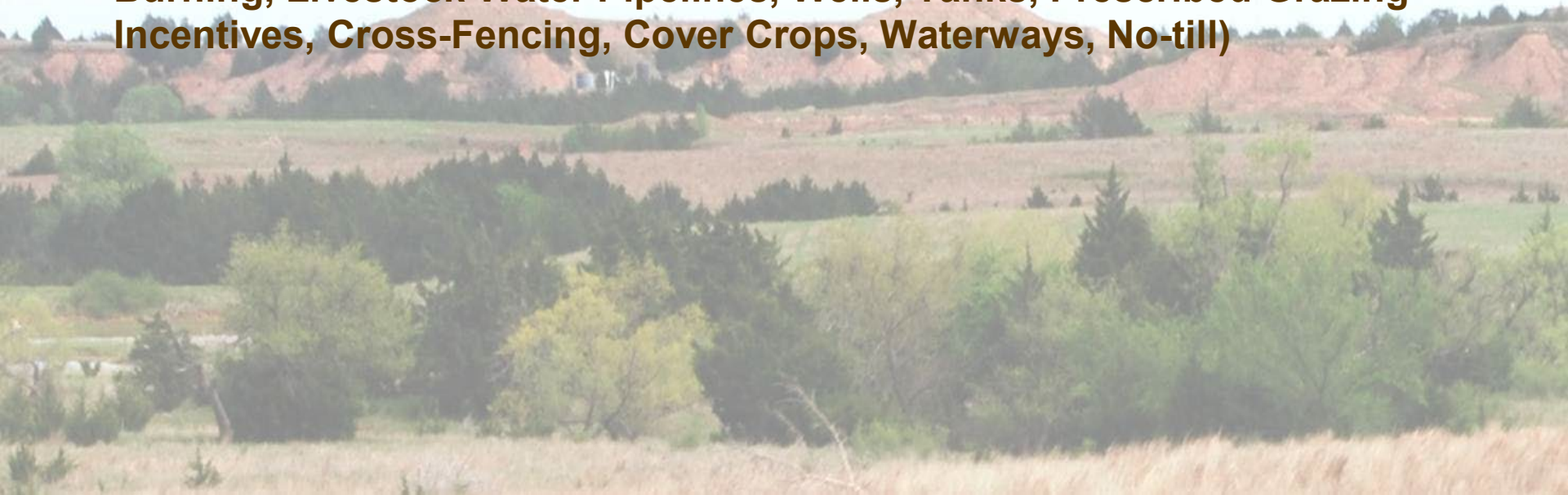
# **EQIP Sign-Up**

- **FY2023 Application Deadline Was November 17<sup>th</sup>**
- **Assisted NRCS With Clerical Support**
  - **Received 26 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 \$1,263,312.66 For Improving Soil Quality In Cropland, And Grasslands Health & Vigor, Providing Livestock Water, & Improving Wildlife Habitat On 11,632.7 acres** (Brush Management, Prescribed Burning, Livestock Water Pipelines, Wells, Tanks, Prescribed Grazing Incentives, Cross-Fencing, Cover Crops, Waterways, No-till)



# **CSP - GCI**

- **Conservation Stewardship Program – Grassland Conservation Initiative**
- **Funded 1 New Contract In The Amount of \$720.00, Addressing The Resource Concern On 8 Acres.**
- **This Program Is No Longer Taking Applications**



# **Water Resources** **Cost Share Program** **(WRCSP)**

**Sign-Up Throughout The Year**  
**Application Deadline April 30**

**Funds Received For Fiscal Year - \$90,921.25**



# **WRCSP Allocations**

**Forage And Biomass Planting -  
\$5,497.69 On 79.91 Acres**

**Livestock Water Developments –  
\$80,921.25 On 3800.99 Acres**



# **Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program (NPS)**

**Fund Allocation - \$15,930.63**

**On-Site Waste Systems - \$5,000.00**

**Livestock Water Development - \$10,000.00  
on 83.6 Acres**

**Abandoned Well Plugging - \$930.63**





# Conservation Accomplishments

- **Practices Applied To Benefit Water Quality  
On 1,408 Acres** (Abandoned Well Plugging & Waste System Repair Not Included)
- **Practices Applied To Benefit Grazing Lands  
On 10,555.6 Acres**



# **Total Acres And \$\$\$**

## **Farm Bill Programs**

- **13 Conservation Plans  
Written On 11,640.7 Acres**
- **Contracts Funded For \$1,264,032.66**

## **State Cost Share Programs**

- **12 Conservation Plans  
Written On 3,957.31 Acres**
- **Contracts Funded For \$96,851.88**

# CoCoRaHS

## 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  
32.09" In 2023**





# **Local Working Group**

- **Hosted Meeting February 23, 2023**
  - **Eight In Attendance**
  - **Identify Barber County Natural Resource Concerns**
- **Make Recommendations For Federal Program Changes/Improvements**

# **Conservation Innovation Grant**

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

**Initial Meeting Held In February With  
Follow Up Meeting In November.**

# **Beef Cattle Nutrition And Water Sampling Meeting**

**30 Attended Meeting  
On March 9.**

**Funds Provided Through The  
Division Of Conservation**





# **2023 Stewardship Week**

## **April 23 – April 30**

- **Theme – “One Water”**
- **District Offers Free Stewardship Materials To Churches And Educators In Barber County**





# Spring Wildflower Tour

**May 7 Was A Delightful Day As Thirty Nine Guests Gathered On The Barber County Prairies To See An Abundance Of Native Wildflowers.**





# 2022 Wildflower Tour Guides



**What A Great Team**

**Couldn't Do It  
Without Them!**



# **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.**

# **Range School**

**District Offered To Sponsor A Producer  
To Attend The Kansas Grazing Lands  
Coalition**

**2023 Mid/Short Grass Range School.**





# Youth Range Camp

**District Sponsored A Barber County Youth To Attend The 2023 Range Youth Camp.**



# Barber County Fair Booth

## July 28-29

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





# Conservation Education

**Staff Demonstrated  
The Stream Trailer At  
School Conservation  
Field Days**



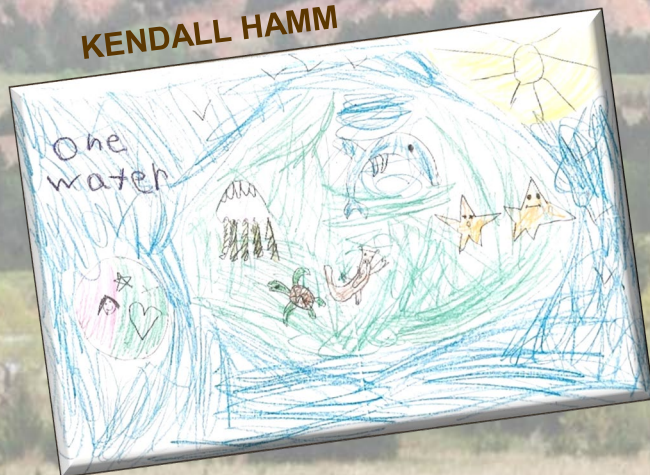


# Poster Contest

## “One Water”



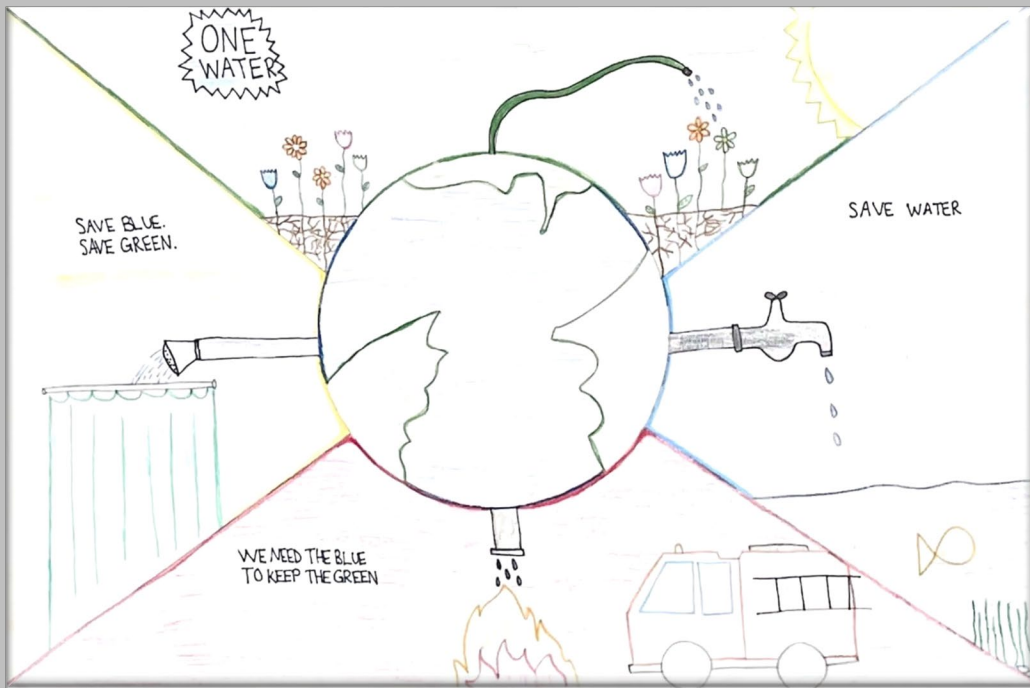
BRAYLEE WAGGONER



KENDALL HAMM



JAYLI JONES



## STATE CONTEST

Honorable Mention  
7 -9 GRADES

**BROOKLYNNE MILLER**



## STATE CONTEST

1<sup>st</sup> PLACE 10-12 GRADES

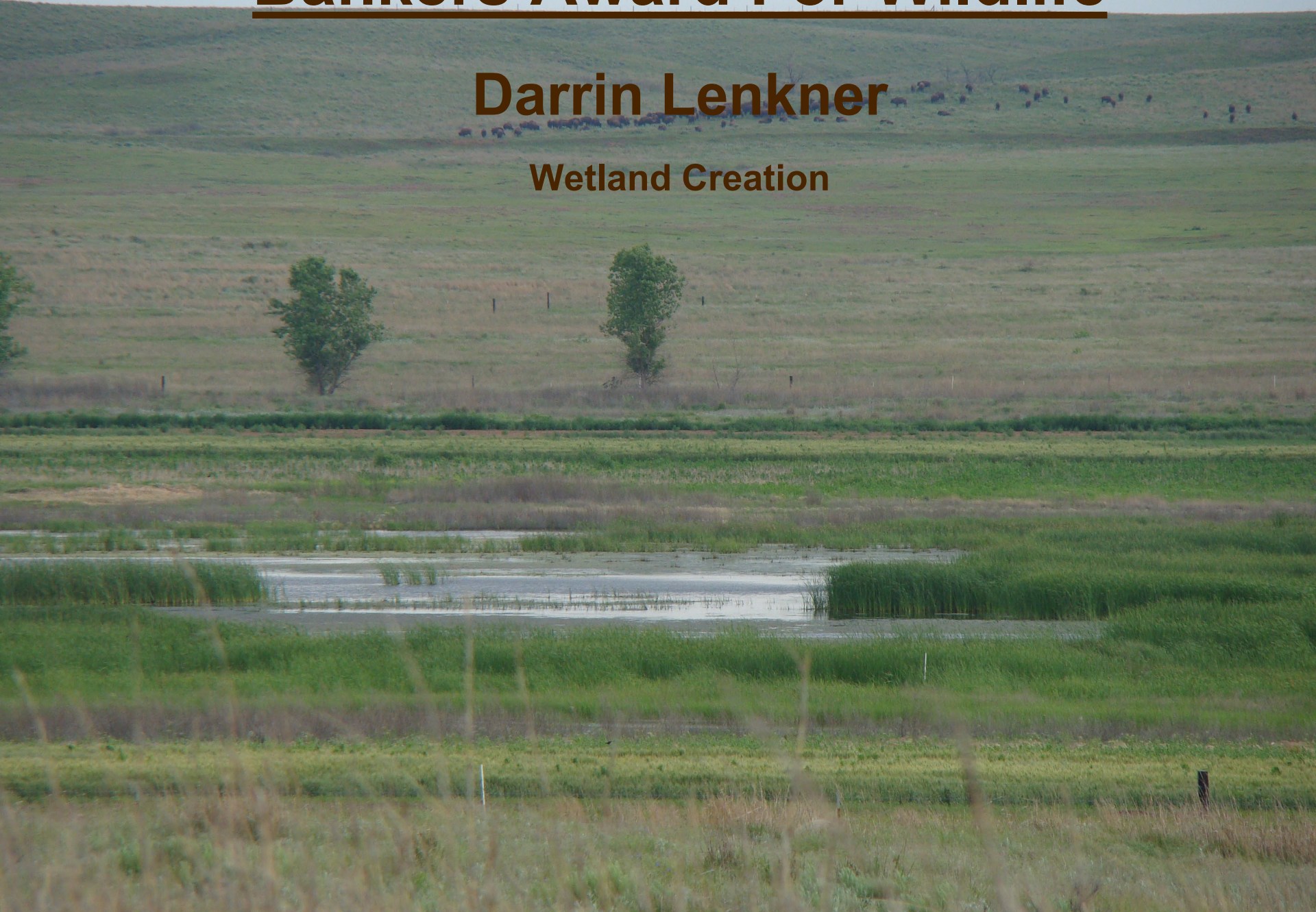
**ADDYSON BRYAN**



# **Bankers Award For Wildlife**

**Darrin Lenkner**

**Wetland Creation**





# **Kansas Association of Conservation**

## **Districts Annual Meeting**

### **November 19-21**

- **5 Board Members And District Manager In Attendance.**
- **Networking Opportunities**
- **Attend Educational Sessions**
- **Address Latest Conservation Topics And Issues**
- **Barber County Receives Three Honored Recognitions**

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**Calvin Boyd Was  
Honored As KACD 2023  
Outstanding Supervisor**

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**Max Nichols & Russell Blew**  
**Recipients Of**  
**Kansas Grasslands Merit Award**



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**Addyson Bryan Placed First, 10-12 Grade  
Brooklynne Miller Received Honorable  
Mention, 7-9 Grade**

# Products For Sale

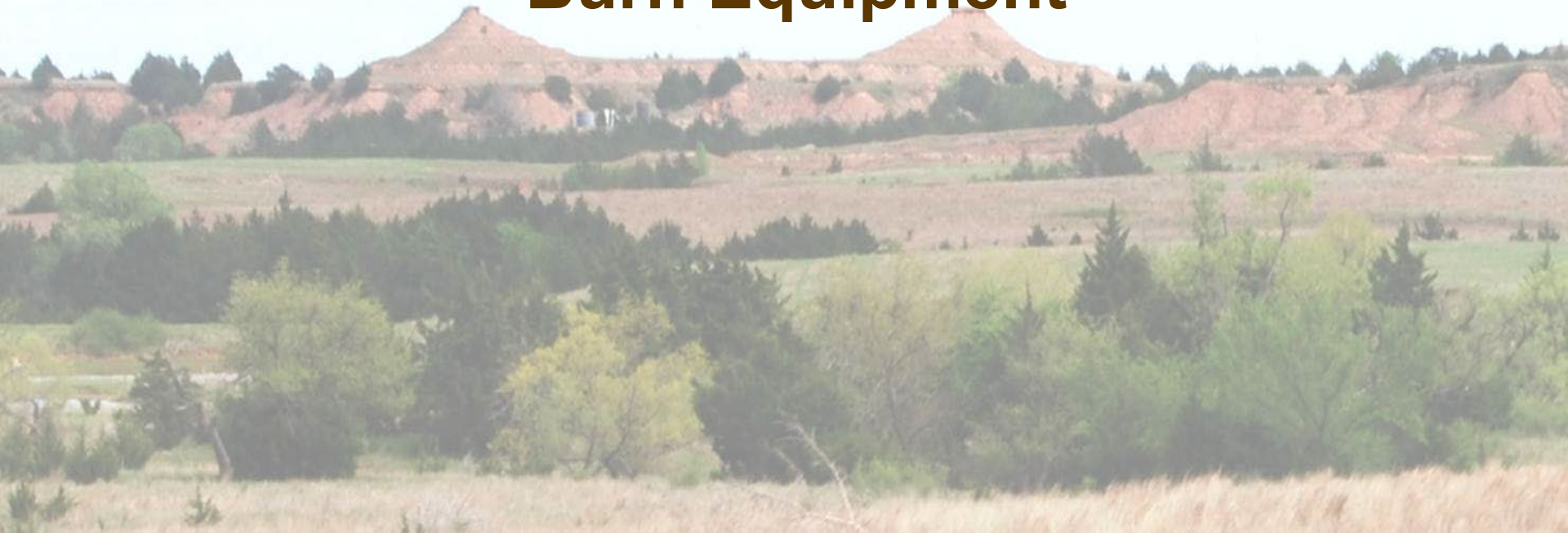
- **Grass Seed**
- **Corrugated Plastic Pipe**
- **Corrugated Metal Pipe**
- **Cable Fencing & Components**
- **Survey Flags**
- **Wildlife Escape Ramps**



# Services

## *Available for Rent*

- **12' Grass Drill**
- **15' No Till Drill**
- **Burn Equipment**





***[www.barbercountyconservationdistrict.com](http://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 – District Newsletter – NRCS  
Programs – Contractors List – Youth &  
Education Activities And Winners.**

**Check Us Out @  
[www.barbercountyconservationdistrict.com](http://www.barbercountyconservationdistrict.com)**



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# **Sustainability**

**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.**