

Board Report
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Water Initiatives

The SSRP program has been funded again for this year. This means I hope to hear from Wayne Kinney in the next couple of months about our two possible projects.

Natural Resources Initiatives

I finished a report on a section of Wolf Run Drainage Ditch. This was asked of me by Doug Gucker.

I helped answer some questions of Trent Brandenburg about well sealing.

Farm Land Initiatives

John Leishner's waterway has been approved and John Seevers hopes to get the tile in yet this winter.

Stan Foley's waterway is requiring me to bring in a NRCS Engineer to get the project approved. Matt D. is coming up to hopefully get it the plan completed.

The two terraces for Bruce Stoddard are in the design stage.

Larry Simonton and Sam Brandenburg have a waterway rebuild that has been Surveyed and designed. They are now going to wait until spring to build.

John Gyorr's waterway rebuild project will be going in this spring as well.

Tim Menacher has lined up a tiller to begin putting in the tile this fall. The land owner stopped in and the tile is installed.

Steve Catlin is fixing his waterway; this is on hold until the old tile can be replaced and the fabric checks can be installed.

I have laid out over 7,000 feet of water system for Charles Hendrix. I am working on getting the survey completed.

The NRI are changing due to changes in the materials that we base them on.

The LESA will need some small changes to match new material.

Pam Myers has been paid for the cost share on the well sealing.

Education Initiatives

I have mailed out the invites for the Land Use Councils Envirothon. This was sent to our high schools and the other Counties SWCD offices for them to send on.

I attended Winter Training in Springfield on December the 1st and 2nd. This was a good training session this year. I learned a lot that should help us as the year goes on.

District Operations Initiatives

On December 3rd I paid the office taxes.

On December 3rd I mailed the AFLAC Bill.

I have been working on CRP projects for NRCS as per our agreement. I still need to get several waterways done for them.

In November I moved up in engineering approval. I went up in several areas around waterways, terraces and structures.