



Lakeview Soil and Water Conservation District
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2023-2024 Annual Report

Background

The Lakeview Soil & Water Conservation District has been serving Lake County for over 75 years. Our mission is to provide technical assistance to individual landowners, groups and other agencies for the purpose of managing and enhancing our natural resources, environment and economy, with a vision is to conserve and develop Lake County's soil, water and related resources for the economic and environmental benefit of the people.

The purpose of this Annual Report is to highlight the district programs, accomplishments, and financial report for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Governance

The Lakeview SWCD is governed by a five-member board of directors who serve without pay. Board members are elected and serve a four-year term. Directors include Chair Scott Warner, Vice Chair Clark Maxwell, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Woodworth, Phil Shullanberger and Tom Flynn.

Staff

Justin Ferrell serves as the District Manager. His duties include working with board members on district operations and policies, managing employees, writing grants and project management. He works directly with landowners, government agencies and other partner organizations to enhance natural resources, provide technical assistance to landowners and promote the Ag Water Quality Management program.

Brandi St. Clair serves as the District Wildlife Biologist. She provides technical and programmatic assistance for the district. Her main duties include implementing site specific plans developed for the Lake County greater sage-grouse Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances program, water quality monitoring, range health monitoring, project development, grant writing and other tasks related to technical field work.

The district contracts with Tanya Graham for fiscal administration, Tess Baker for office administration and Fara Brummer for additional grant writing, implementation and monitoring support.

Conservation Programs, Projects and Grant Funding

The Board of Directors and staff believe that supporting landowners with conservation technical assistance and education is a high priority. The staff dedicates significant time towards various conservation projects, as well as advocacy for landowner and natural resource interests in the area.

Projects included replacing the "JJ" irrigation diversion on Honey Creek which incorporated fish passage, Fish passage will be the second phase. Staff has been working through design alternatives with landowners to rebuild the remaining four irrigation diversions on Honey Creek, this effort will include fish passage and screening. Sage Grouse habitat improvement projects (off-site water development, Juniper removal, cross fencing to allow for rotational grazing), riparian fencing, grazing management plans, off-site water development,

reduce tillage farming, emergency seeding following wildfire to stabilize banks and slopes and completion of the largest irrigation diversion on Cogswell Creek, which included installing fish screening and passage.

Educational Outreach

Historically the district worked with local schools to administer the NACD Speech Contest. The contest is no longer offered through the NACD, so the board voted to host their own region-specific contest. The speech contest was held in March for seventh graders in Plush, Adel, Lakeview and Paisley. The topic for the speakers was to “discuss how wildfire impacts agriculture.”

Financial Report

Lakeview 2023-2024 Financial Report							
	23-Jul	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	24-Jun
Account	Carryover		Acct Receivable			Acct Payable	Ending Cash
Description	Cash Balance	Revenues	Assets	Transfers	Expenses	Liabilities	Balance
Checking	51,574.65	1,046,476.27	(52,093.88)	431,473.35	(1,838,138.44)	473,209.69	112,501.64
Money Market	232,845.98	1,006.95	0.00	85,670.75	0.00	0.00	319,523.68
Grants	10,000.00	564,247.89	0.00	(517,144.10)	0.00	0.00	57,103.79
Totals	294,420.63	1,611,731.11	(52,093.88)	0.00	(1,838,138.44)	473,209.69	489,129.11