

July 2013 Intern Report

I have been busy organizing, naming and consolidating all of the current and past digital 310 files into folders of project year as well as project applicant. The files will be more searchable this way. I have also copied all of the minutes from 2004-2012 to be sent to Helena and archived at the state office.

I am working my way through scanning No Interest Loan files and creating a digital copy of each producer's loan(s). By searching through all of these documents looking for applicant names or years I have become more familiar with the specs and requirements for these programs.

I have added items for sale and rent to the website including books, bird ramps, flags, gate latches, soil probes, no-till drill and the track filler. I have also been continually adding and updating the website as the month moves along. I would love to hear any suggestions or recommendations for the website so please feel free to let me know what you think could be changed or added to make it even better.

I was fortunate enough to get out in the field with Scott and Ben both this month. I observed burn areas at Davenport and clipped areas that were thinned and not-thinned as well as burned areas that had been grazed and not grazed. I also visited Youngbauer's where we clipped a clay pan site and observed the current production conditions and erosion from this year's rain fall. It was fun reaching back in my memory identify plants in both areas.

I am excited to spend some time with Dennis looking at 310 sites along with the other board members learning what conservation practices they put to use. I have grown up more on the livestock side of agriculture with minimal experience with farming so I look forward to learning more about farming productions.

I was able to get several pictures of the project on Rosebud Creek.

Bobbi and I got a Quicken account up and running for RCD for all their accounts and will soon add each category of the approved budget too.

I also have folders for the new fiscal year assembled and ready to go.

Bobbi and I planted cover crops, which are growing leaps and bounds every day. I have taken a picture of their progress every day since they have sprouted.

Bobbi registered me for the YRCDC Summer Tour in August. I am looking forward to meeting and networking with others involved in agriculture in our neighboring conservation districts. It will also be very interesting to tour the project at Intake.

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