

## Conservation District



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## Top 5 Priorities

1. Water Quality
2. Soil Erosion & Health
3. Water Resources & Quantity
4. Weed & Pest Control
5. District Operations

## FY 2023 Revenue

State	\$14,500.00
County	\$ 3,000.00
Match Funds	\$ 3,526.99
Grant Funding	\$100,000.00

## 2023 Progress Report

This year WQPA Funds were made available for grants through the Soil and Water Commission. We completed two earlier pivot projects and when the next round of funding became available secured another grant for a 2 pivot project. The projects enabled the landowner to make the move from flood irrigation to pivot. When we visited the project the landowner was already able to tell a big difference in their pasture growth. They will also be great water saving projects. He had been trying for years to get help paying for the improvements and was very grateful for the help.

The District worked hard to obtain a no-till drill grant. They see the benefits of cover crops, grazing, and also the decrease of erosion from excessive tillage. They will lease it to landowners who would like to implement new practices into their operations.

We have also been working on obtaining NWQI funding through NRCS, we have received a grant that will cover outreach costs to help get landowners to submit applications for nitrate reduction practices. We have started putting together an Outreach Education program to go along with the grants, encouraging land and home owners to test their water so the levels can be monitored. We will be hosting a tour this spring to visit sites where improvements can be made. We will also visit other grant projects hoping to encourage new applicants for the other pools of money available.



