

BOARD DUTIES IN THE SOUTH GOSHEN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

- SGCD sponsored their district employees and supervisors to trainings that helped them perform their duties as employees and supervisors.
- SGCD had a full board sit in on the annual employees review that is conducted by the Employer District, NPVCD.
- The SGCD board assisted the District Manager in the development of the Annual Plan of Work and Annual Report.
- SGCD supervisors attend all Area, State and some National Meetings. They also sponsor their employees to attend these meetings as necessary.
- SGCD on a yearly basis reviewed the working Memorandum of Understanding with the NRCS, WDA, NPVCD and Other Agencies they are partners with.
- SGCD is represented on the USDA local work group that assists NRCS in ranking NRCS programs applications.
- SGCD pays NACD, WACD & Plant Material Center dues on a yearly basis.
- Our District Manager, Nancy Borton, works for all three Goshen County Districts. She takes care of the overall functions of the district from the Administrative aspect.
- Karri Ellis is our District Secretary and takes minutes, financial reports, educational programs, fair booths and tree program.
- Cassie Hurley works up all tree designs for cost-share or tree plantings within SGCD. Cassie designs our living snow fences and maintains them for the district.



Nancy



SGCD Supervisors

Cassie



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SOUTH GOSHEN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MISSION

- SGCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BELIEVE THAT EFFECTIVE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION IS URGENT AND WILL BECOME MORE IMPORTANT AS POPULATION PRESSURES ON THE LAND INCREASE. CONSERVATION SHOULD BEGIN WITH AND BE LED BY PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES IN COOPERATION WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS

POLICY :

- **PROTECT** land within the district against soil deterioration
- **REBUILD** damaged land
- **IMPROVE** cropland, grassland, recreation areas and wildlife habitat
- **REDUCE** floodwater and sediment damage
- **STABILIZE** critical blowout, runoff and sediment producing areas
- **DEVELOP** water for agricultural, municipal, industrial, recreational and wildlife uses
- **ENCOURAGE** landowners and operators to become involved in conservation programs to protect their natural resources
- **COOPERATE** with Local, State and Federal Agencies

INITIATE AND COORDINATE EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS WITHIN THE SOUTH GOSHEN CONSERVATION DISTRICT TEAM LEADER = CURTIS GRANDSTAFF & BOYD YEIK

- South Goshen Conservation District invited the Goshen County Commissioners and local legislators to our water monitoring day, workshops and banquets. Through this effort we have kept them up to date on districts happenings and what is needed to keep the districts moving forward and full fill our District Cooperators requests they have made known to us.
- SGCD provided the schools and local restaurants with Stewardship material in observance of Stewardship Week the last weekend in April through first weekend in May.
- SGCD co-sponsored a district booth at the Goshen County Fair with the other 2 Conservation Districts in Goshen County.
- Our district Secretary has developed quarterly newsletters and all district newsletters are posted on our new for you to review at goshencountyconservationdistricts.com
- SGCD provides educational materials as well as presentations to the local schools with the use of our Water Flow Model and our EnviroScape Model, and we worked with the Goshen County Cattlewomen at the yearly Ag Expo that targets all 4th graders within the county.
- SGCD sponsored a golf team for the Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation and FFA fund raiser that was held in Douglas Wyoming in August 2010.



**PROMOTE SHELTERBELTS TO ENHANCE ENERGY AND SOIL CONSERVATION AND WILDLIFE HABITAT IN SOUTH GOSHEN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
TEAM LEADER = DAN JACKSON**

- SGCD maintains 6 living snow fence plantings within their district along state highways and county roads in SGCD.
- Planted a county living snow fence with funds from RC&D and the Wyoming State Forestry.
- SGCD worked with the local Rooster Booster Organization to establish wildlife habitat windbreak plantings within SGCD.
- There eight landowners who received cost-share assistance with the installation of livestock/farmstead windbreaks within SGCD with funding from the SGCD. These funds are on a 50/50 cost-share basis with a \$750 max per landowner.
- SGCD worked with the local NRCS office on windbreak plantings with funding from the EQIP, WHIP, CRP, CSP and WRP funds. The district does the designs and plantings for these programs.
- SGCD and the other two conservation districts have equipment shared jointly to provide the service of planting trees within the county for our tree planting program. Our district shop/greenhouse is very functional in housing our trees and equipment.
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GOALS & OBJECTIVES:

• The goal of the South Goshen Conservation District (SGCD) is to provide leadership for the improvement of the health of the natural resource base in SGCD, empower the residents of SGCD to maximize their profitability and contribute to the quality of life values identified as important by the people of the district.

- OBJECTIVE 1: Conserve and improve the quality of water in SGCD
- OBJECTIVE 2: Develop awareness and understanding of integrated pest management in SGCD
- OBJECTIVE 3: Promote windbreak to enhance energy and conservation of soil and wildlife habitat in SGCD
- OBJECTIVE 4: Assist landowners install best management practices on their operations within SGCD
- OBJECTIVE 5: Initiate and coordinate educational/informational programs within SGCD
- OBJECTIVE 6: Board duties in SGCD

**CONSERVE & IMPROVE THE QUALITY & QUANTITY OF WATER IN SOUTH GOSHEN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
TEAM LEADER = ROBERT BAUMGARTNER**

- Assisted the Town of Yoder in providing options for a Watershed Plan to address a Watershed issue within this area. We will be going to continue to monitor wells for a couple more years to gather trend data.
- Gathered data from 4 random sites selected by DEQ to validate the accuracy of points within Goshen County.
- SGCD assists the Goshen County Commissioners and Goshen County Planning Commission on sub-division reviews.
- SGCD supports WACD in their decisions on water quality issues and visits with local legislators, submits comments on litigation issues within the state that affect all conservation district landowners.
- Our District Employee's presented information to all fourth graders in Goshen County at the Ag Expo sponsored by the Goshen County Cattlewoman in September on Water Quality issues.
- SGCD hosted a World Wide Water Monitoring event on October 14, 2010 with the 6th graders from Yoder school on Bear Creek in SGCD.



- Sponsored an AFO/CAFO workshop in conjunction with the NPVCD and SGCD during Goshen County Fair at the Rendezvous Center.
- Submit comments on subdivision reviews to the Goshen County Commissioners and Planning Commission as requested.

**DEVELOP AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT IN SOUTH GOSHEN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
TEAM LEADER = DENNIS THALER**

- South Goshen worked with the Goshen County Weed & Pest on maintaining a working relationship with control of Leafy Spurge, salt cedar, bind weed and other noxious weeds within SGCD
- SGCD continues to be a partner in the CRM on the Springer Wildlife Habitat Area I, II & III.
- Submitted comments to WACD, WDA and other agencies dealing with integrated pest issues that affect landowners within our district as well as county and state wide.
- In the subdivision reviews with the County the SGCD board made sure that weed control and other pest management issues were addressed and landowners were directed to the Weed & Pest for assistance.
- Co-sponsor of the Prairie Dog Management CRM within SGCD in conjunction with the Goshen County Weed & Pest and local landowners.
- SGCD co-sponsored a Ag Pesticide Waste Pickup with Lingle-Fort Laramie, North Platte Valley Conservation Districts, City of Torrington, Goshen County Commissioners and the Goshen County Weed & Pest on the 25th of September 2009. The City of Torrington provided funds to assist with disposing of batteries, paint, and oil wastes and electronic waste that are not included in the Districts' Pesticide Grant with WDA.

