

Conservation Districts of Iowa

Informing, educating and leading Iowans through our local soil and water conservation districts to conserve our natural resources

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Spring Regional Commissioner Meeting information online @ www.cdiowa.org

243 Commissioners/Assistant Commissioners & 81 Field Office Staff represented 85 Districts at the 2016 Commissioner Spring Regional Meetings!



Thank you to all the commissioners and partners who participated in the meetings!
- Bob Lynch, CDI President

Up 29 commissioners/assistants and 11 districts from 2015!

Submit a nomination for 2016 awards!

- Up to 12 months or 200 hours use of a John Deere 6D Series Utility Tractor for **Conservation Farmer of the Year** again this year! Due June 5th to the District - June 15th to the Area Office.
- **Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Award** celebrates its fifth year in 2016! Due June 5th. Just send the name and phone number of a farmer you would like nominated in your county to CDI at admin@cdiowa.org by June 1st and we will take care of the rest!
- \$800 to the winner of the **Conservation Districts of Iowa Outstanding Watershed Award**.
- Conservation Teachers of the Year, Izaak Walton League Windbreak Awards, Ken & Ruth Wagner Awards, Outstanding SWCD Commissioner and Woodland Owner of the Year due July 1st.



Left: Image of the 2015 Farmer of the Year with the John Deere 6D Series Utility Tractor.

Right: Recipients of an Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Award in 2015.

Nominate/Apply Today!



INITIATIVES OF INTEREST:

CDI's visit to Washington D.C. Conservation Districts of Iowa

Alex Schmidt (CDI VP), Clare Lindahl (CDI Executive Director), Tim Palmer (NACD NC Executive Board Member & Madison SWCD Commissioner) and Kurt Simon (NRCS State Conservationist) visited Washington D.C. for the NACD Legislative Event.

We met with legislators and staff for Congressman David Loebsack, David Young and Steve King and Senator Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley.

We stressed how necessary funding for staff and Farm Bill programs is to help Iowa address resource concerns and reach nutrient reduction goals.

We will work to get our congressmen/woman to District events this summer!



Visit

<http://cdiowa.org/conservation-districts-of-iowa/programs/policy/national>
for a **full report** and **more pictures**.

Dates of Importance

April 1- June 30, 2016

April 1: Resolutions Due

April 11: 20th Annual Iowa Envirothon State Competition at Springbrook State Park

April 15: Farm Bill XIIIIB and Des Moines Lobe Period 2 Reports Due

April 15: Hugh Hammond Bennett's Birthday



April 22: CDI Announces State Scholarship Winners

April 27: Administrative Professional's Day

April 24- May 1: Soil and Water Conservation Week

April 29: 2016 Resolutions, Pre Conference Ballots and Instructions Sent to SWCDs

May 13: Deadline for SWCDs to Submit Local Poster Winners to CDI Regional Directors

June 15: Conservation Farmer of the Year and Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards Due

June 20: CDI and SSCC Board Meetings

June 21: Summer Tour in Northwest, Iowa

July 1: Most conservation awards due, exceptions Conservation Farmer of the Year and Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards due June 15

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