



## Rice Soil and Water Conservation District

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### Drainage Ditch Inspector's Report for 2017 Activity

The following is a report on the activities of the public ditch systems in Rice County. Rice SWCD contracts with Rice County to perform the duties of ditch inspection.

Workload for 2017 was much less than the previous year. Most of the systems are in good repair and do not need major work.

Much of my activity in 2017 involved spraying for brush control. We are using an ATV sprayer for this work. Several areas were also seeded for the buffer requirement by our staff.

Below are specific activities that took place on drainage systems. In addition to the work listed, most systems also require regular communication with landowners on various concerns they have about their ditch.

#### Work done to specific systems

CD 4: Spraying, inspected system for repair needs.

CD 6: No activity

JD 6: Cleaned the ditch from I-35 to Appleton Ave. Contractor was Richard Borglum. Sprayed for brush control.

CD 7: Hired American Excavating to repair some of the ditch slopes and remove an old non-functional pipe crossing. Seeded the banks and buffer areas. Sprayed for brush.

CD 9: Cleaned Spur 3 and re-seeded. Hired American Excavating for the project. Sprayed for brush control.

CD 11A: Sprayed for brush control. Got bids for culvert replacement but project on hold at request of landowner.

CD 12: Re-seeded portions of ditch that were repaired. Sprayed for brush control.

CD 13A: Sprayed for brush control.

CD 14: Cleaned lower end of ditch. Dahle Enterprises hired for project. Spot sprayed for brush control.

CD 15A: Spot sprayed for brush control.

CD 16: No activity.

CD 17: Replaced a portion of the main tile line and about 300 feet of a branch.

CD 19: No activity.

CD 20: Sprayed for brush control.

CD 22: Sprayed for brush control.

CD 23: Sprayed for brush control.

CD25: Cleaned upper reach of west branch. Joe Simon hired for the cleanout.

CD 26: Sprayed for brush control.

CD 29: Cleaned the ditch and sprayed for brush control. Dahle Enterprises hired for the cleanout.

CD 30: Hired Dahle Enterprises to remove large brush. Sprayed for brush control.

CD 31: Spot sprayed for brush control. Seeded buffers on Meinke property.

CD 32: Sprayed for brush control.

CD 33: Sprayed for brush control.

Respectfully submitted,

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