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## Background

- Organized in 1943 as West Otero Conservation District
- Organized in 1942 as Timpas Conservation District
- Consolidated with Timpas Conservation District in 2000
- Occupies a large portion of Otero and Crowley Counties

*The Mission of WOTCD is to provide agricultural producers, other private landowners, county and local governments, students, and the general public with a forum for assistance and education regarding sound natural resources conservation practices within, but not limited to, the District.*

The function of WOTCD is to make available technical, financial and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

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## Board

Bill Gray, President

Scott Youker, Secretary/Treasurer

David Tomky, Member

Colby Ridenoure, Member

Dayla Pearl, Member

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## Protection of the Soil

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# EQIP

## Environmental Quality Incentive Program

	Contacts	Obligations	Payments	Contract Acres
2015-2018	11	\$1,224,885.76	\$660,264.76	1,317.2
2019-2021	51	\$5,324,763.24	\$2,746,518.24	33,901.5



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# CRP

15 contracts in 2020  
4630 acres

8 contracts in 2021  
3060 acres



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## CSP

### Conservation Stewardship Program

Contracts	Obligations	Payments	Contract Acres
5	\$446,027.34	\$391,492.34	16,278.7

## CSP - GCI

### Conservation Stewardship Program - Grasslands Conservation Initiative

Contracts	Obligations	Payments	Contract Acres
25	\$238,407.80	\$115,797.60	2,648.7

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Russian Knapweed Gall Wasp Sites  
Crowley County

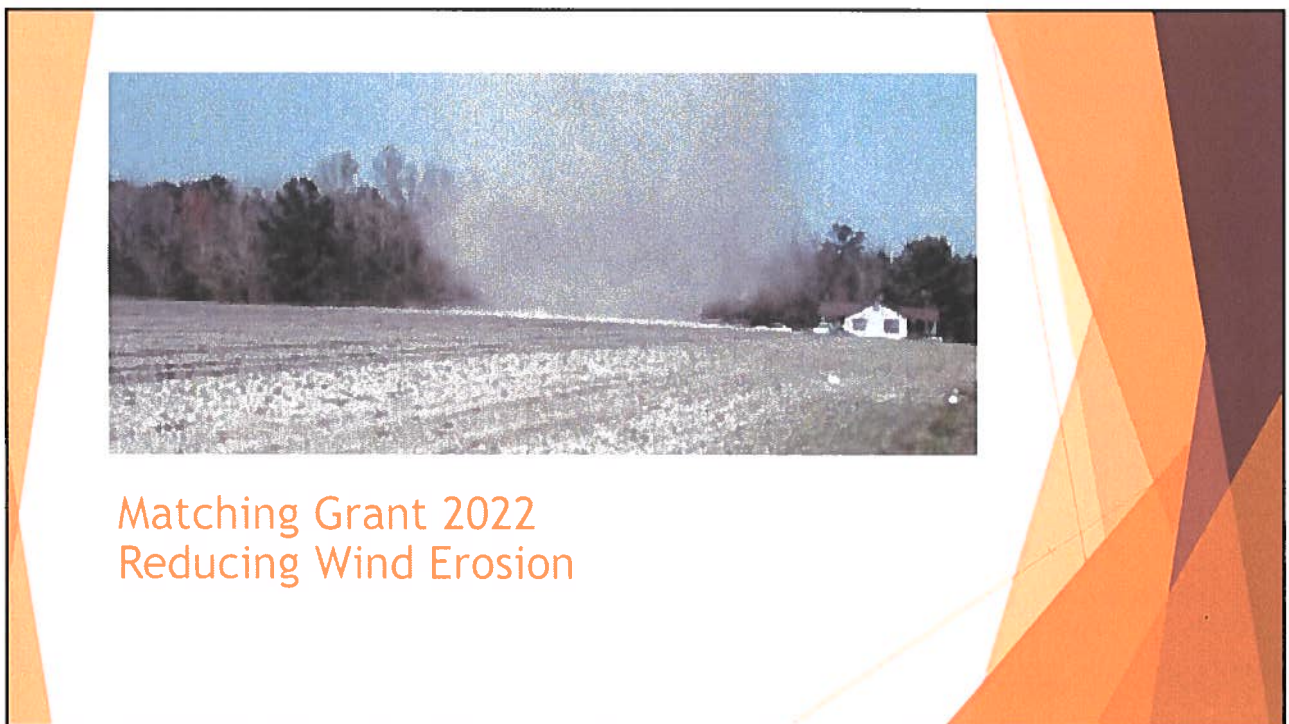
## Russian Knapweed Gall Release 2020

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Matching Grant  
2022  
Irrigation Projects

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Matching Grant 2022  
Reducing Wind Erosion

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### S.T.A.R. Program

- ▶ Receive funding assistance for soil health practices
- ▶ 3-year commitment
- ▶ 50% match, either cash or in-kind
- ▶ Monitor soil health practices
- ▶ Soil tests, paid for by state

The S.T.A.R. logo is a circular emblem with a green border. The top arc contains the text "SAVING TOMORROW'S" and the bottom arc contains "AGRICULTURE RESOURCES". In the center, the text "S.T.A.R.™" is displayed above a stylized illustration of a farm with a barn and trees. A large green star is positioned at the bottom center of the emblem.

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## Five Soil Health Principles:

- ▶ Soil Armor
- ▶ Minimize Soil Disturbance
- ▶ Plant Diversity
- ▶ Continual Live Plant/Root
- ▶ Livestock Integration



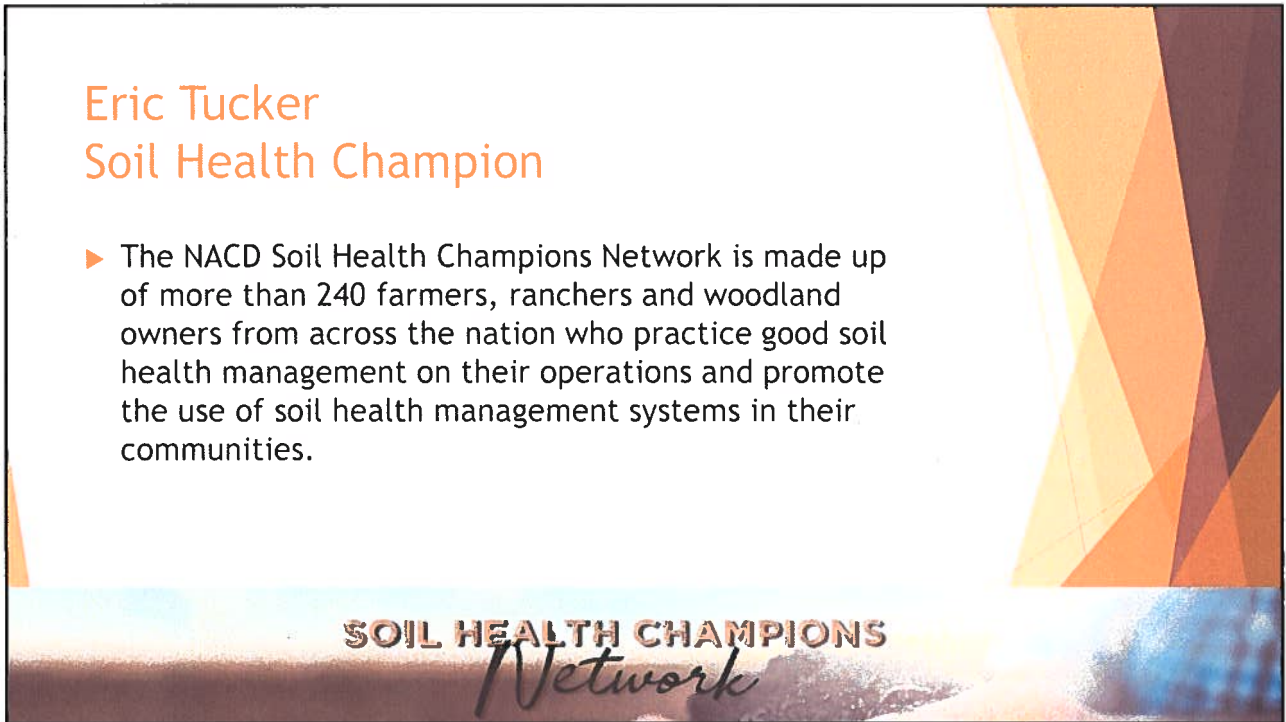
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## STAR Field Forms available for:

- Small grains
- Corn / Sorghum
- Root vegetables
- Specialty row crops
- Orchards
- Hay
- Pasture
- Range

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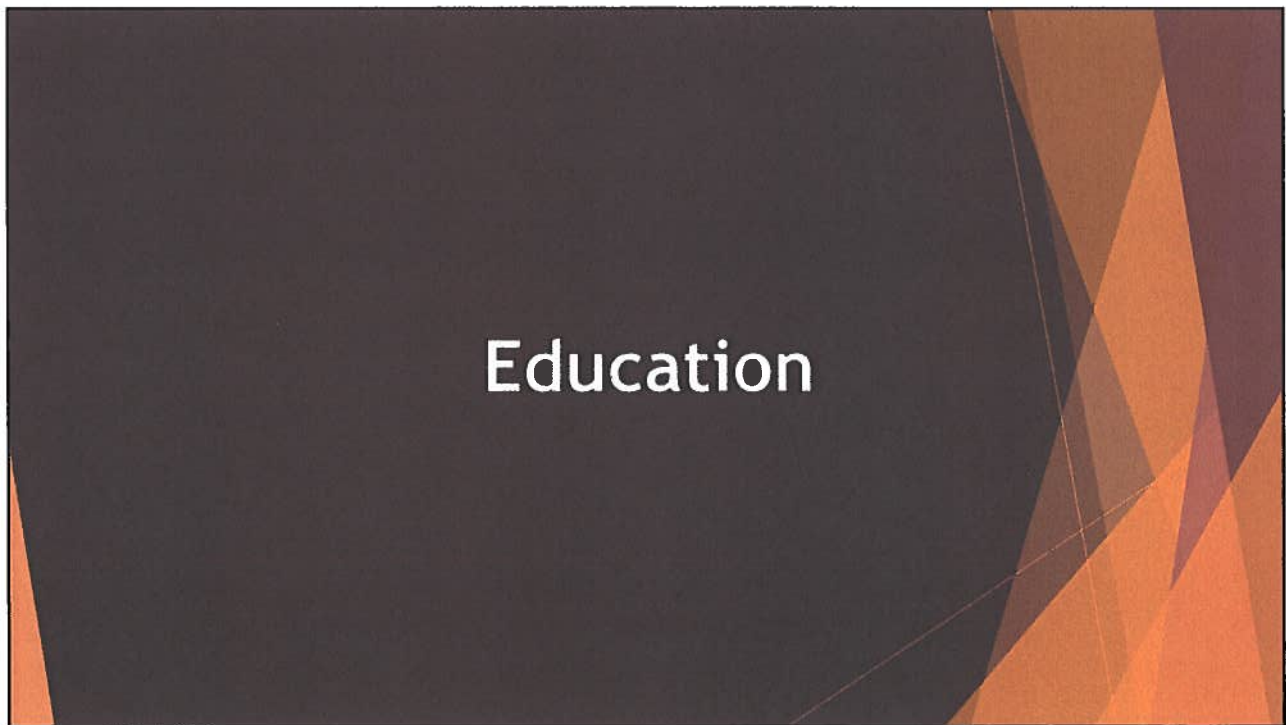


**Eric Tucker**  
**Soil Health Champion**

- ▶ The NACD Soil Health Champions Network is made up of more than 240 farmers, ranchers and woodland owners from across the nation who practice good soil health management on their operations and promote the use of soil health management systems in their communities.

**SOIL HEALTH CHAMPIONS**  
*Network*

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**Education**

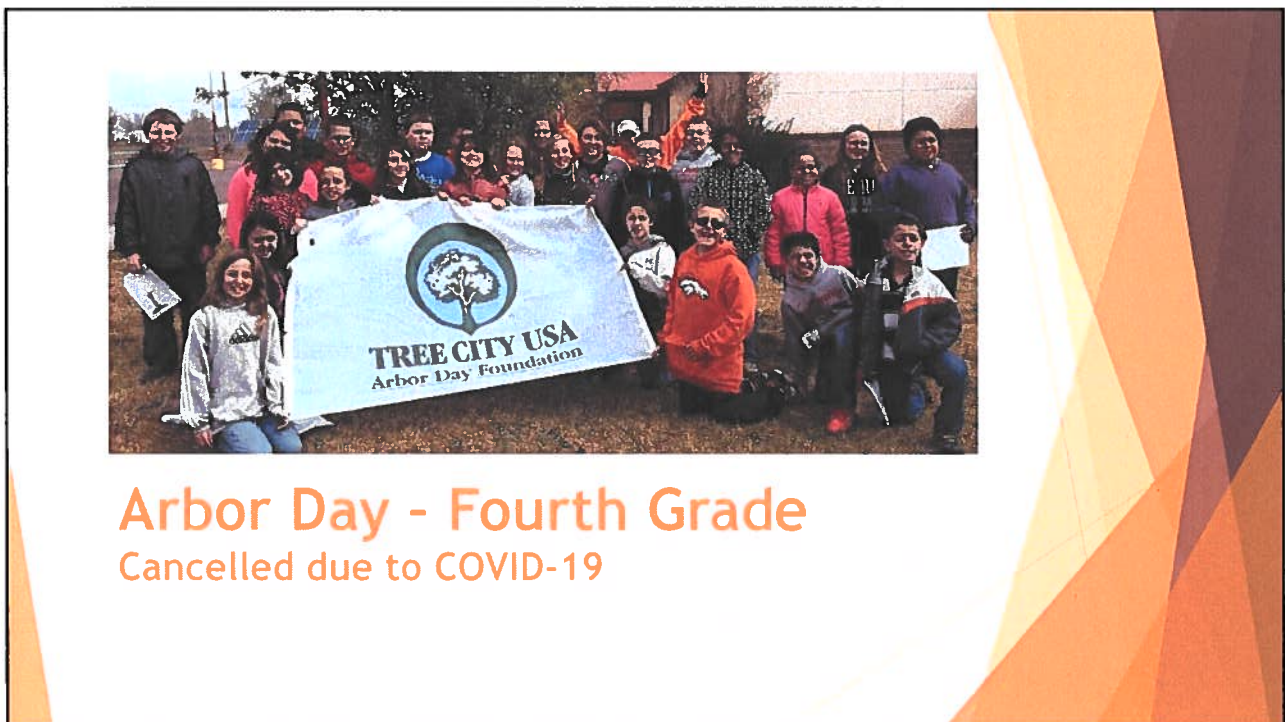
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Literacy Project Offered Virtually

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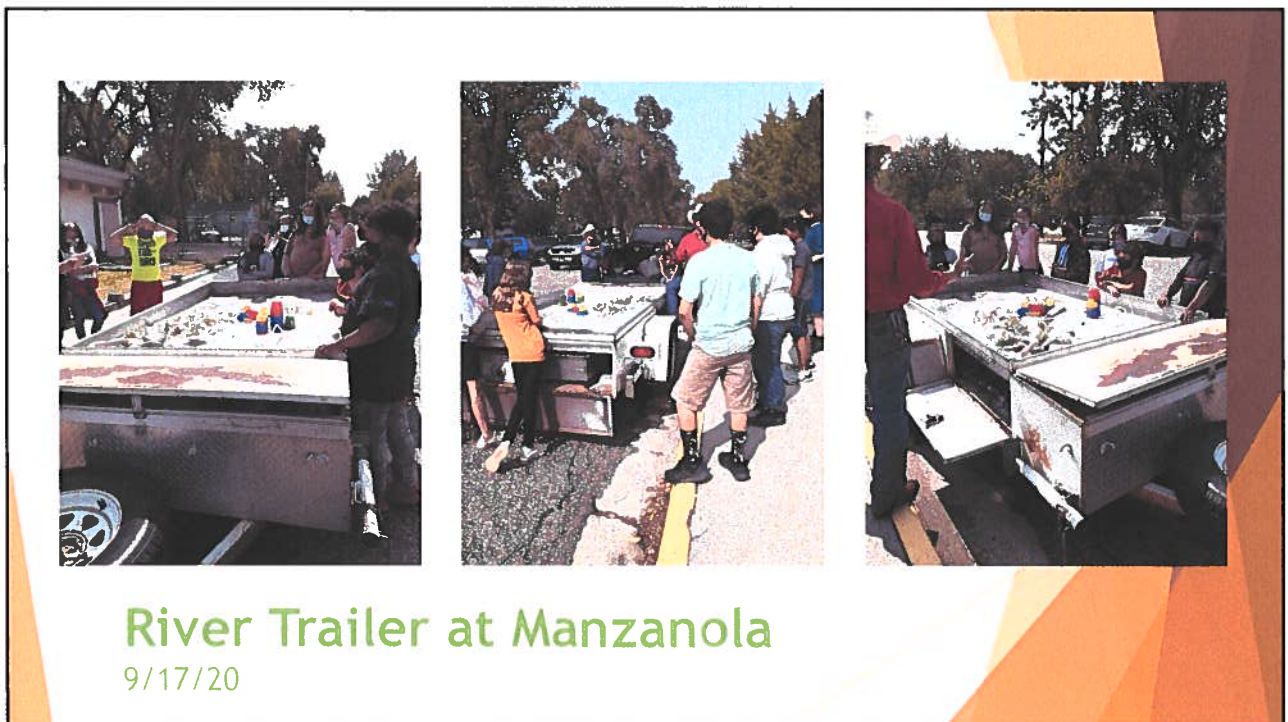
Arbor Day - Fourth Grade  
Cancelled due to COVID-19

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### Sixth Grade Poster Contest Manzanola

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### River Trailer at Manzanola

9/17/20

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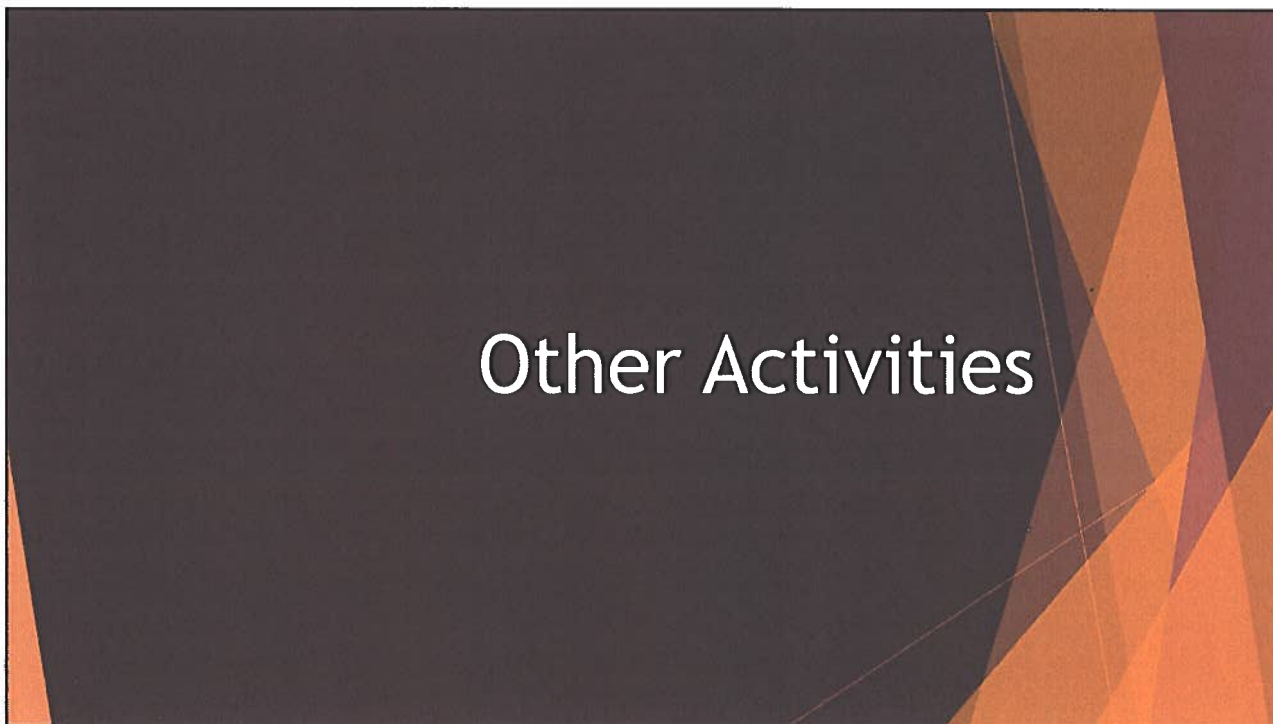


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## Local Work Group Meeting

### Critical Resource Concerns

#### Irrigated Cropland:

1. Source Water Depletion
2. Field Sediment Nutrient and Pathogen Loss
3. Soil Quality Limitations
4. Wind and Water Erosion

#### Rangeland:

1. Soil Quality Limitations
2. Wind and Water Erosion
3. Livestock Production Limitations

#### Pastureland (Irrigated or grazed):

1. Soil Quality Limitations
2. Wind and Water Erosion
3. Livestock Production Limitations

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Annual Meeting  
2020 Cancelled  
due to COVID



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# Employees



Tanya McCaslin  
District Conservation Technician



Nancy Aschermann  
District Manager

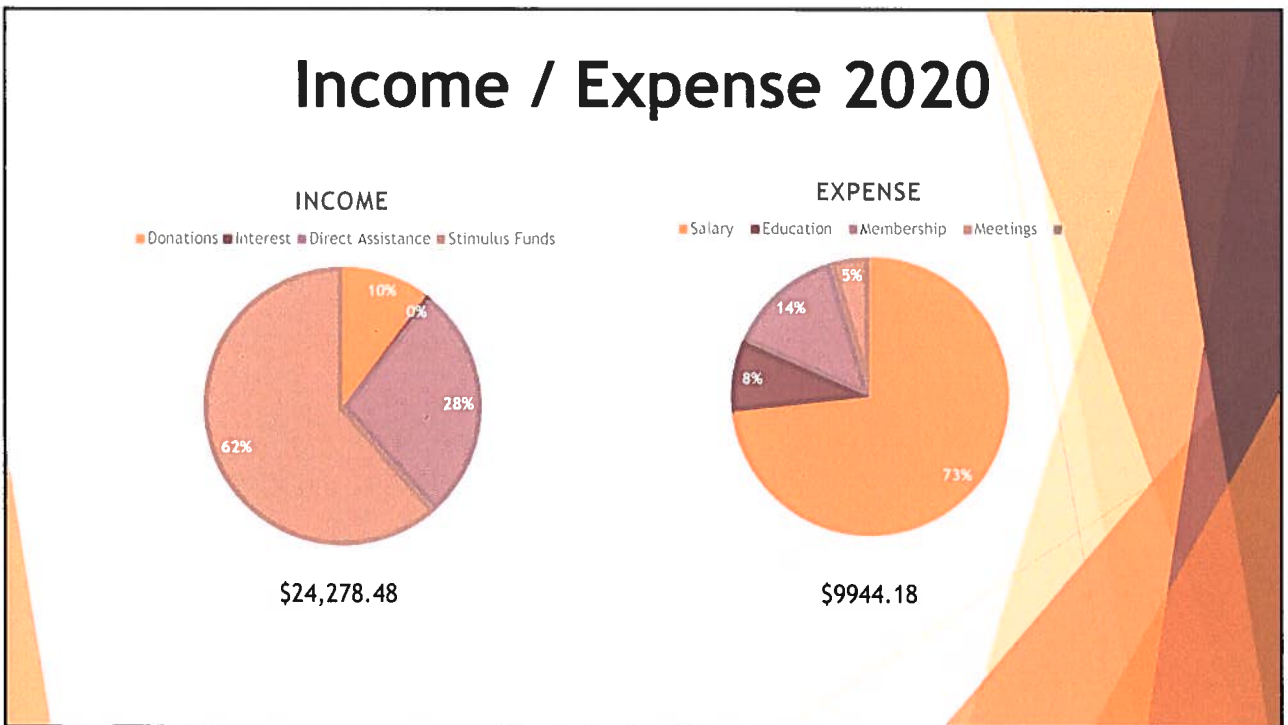
# Active Board

- Colorado Cattlemen's Association
- National Cattlemen's Association
- National Western Stock Show
- Bill Gray
- Scott Youker
- David Tomky
- Colby Ridenoure
- Dayla Pearl
- School Board
- Crowley County Planning Commission
- Crowley County Days
- Arkansas Valley Fair



# Finances

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West Otero Timpas Conservation District makes a valuable contribution to the economy and future of Crowley and Otero County. We appreciate your support.

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