

Area IV: Pottawatomie County

The Pottawatomie County Conservation District in Area 4 offers both state and county cost share programs. In Fiscal Year 2023, they paid out over \$37,000 in state cost share programs. At the same time, conservation staff worked with landowners in the Tuttle Creek Watershed as first year participants in the KRPI program. Pottawatomie County producers planted cover crops on over 1,600 acres and received over \$74,000 in KRPI cost share.

Conservation staff also work with the Middle Kansas WRAPS program for off-stream watering projects and cover crops. This program brought an additional \$33,000 into the county.

Pottawatomie District supplements their Enterprise fund with sales of concrete and tire tanks, including wildlife escape ramps; pipe and lids for spring developments; marking flags; anti-seep collars; and native grass seed.

The supervisors and staff in Pottawatomie County are leaders in the state conservation association. The District Manager is a KACD-EO executive board member and a member of the Envirothon Committee. The Assistant District Manager is the Chairperson of the Kansas Envirothon Committee. The Board Chairman is a member of the KACD Natural Resources Committee. The district hosts soil health events, including co-hosting a statewide Women in Agriculture event.

The Pottawatomie County Conservation District was chartered in 1945.