

NAME: Chip Mathis

TOWNSHIP: Elkhart

EMPLOYMENT: Farming -
Grows Iowa State / Lotta-Pop Popcorn

COMMUNITY/SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS/AWARDS:

Iowa 4-H Foundation Hall of Fame member, Polk County

Polk County 4-H & FFA Fair Board, 24 years

Current Supporter of North Polk F F A

Past Regional V P - Iowa Jaycees

Past President - Association of Iowa Fairs

Member of Elkhart Community Betterment Committee.

President of Elkhart Cemetery Association

Charter Member Elkhart Rising Suns 4-H Club

Current Member, Elkhart Volunteer Fire Department

Current Chairman, Polk County Soil & Water Conservation District

DO YOU HAVE AN AGRICULTURAL, CONSERVATION, WATER, OR SOIL BACKGROUND?

Born and raised on a Polk County farm. Have been Farming since 1964 and been using Conservation Programs on the land I farm. Serving as a Commissioner has encouraged me to help promote the many programs that are available to Polk County residents (Rural & Urban) as they seek matching funds to slow down the movement of soil to our streams.

WHAT EXPERIENCES (agricultural, conservation, soil, water, or urban) HAVE SHAPED YOUR INTEREST IN BEING A POLK SOIL AND WATER DISTRICT COMMISSIONER?

While traveling the roads of Polk County and seeing the erosion of soil taking place, encourages me to want to help promote protect, maintain and improve the wise use of soil & water.

IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED AS FAR AS THE PROTECTION OF SOIL AND WATER WITHIN POLK COUNTY?

I would like to see MORE SMART use of Agriculture Land in Polk County. All residents and "officials" need to better plan ahead for water runoff to our streams while designing their projects. GOOD TOPSOIL takes many years to create in the soil structure. Polk SWCD projects we are working on to reduce sediment build up include: Big Creek, Easter Lake, Mud Creek, Camp Creek, Spring Creek, Four Mile Creek, Walnut Creek

** I have tried to live by one of the lines from the Jaycee Creed:
"That Service to Humanity is the Best Work of Life"