

Endorsements for *With One Voice*

As Neil Sampson's comprehensive and insightful history shows, it's not enough merely to write national conservation policy without grassroots effort to turn vision and goals into reality on the land. NACD is effective and respected in both policy and practice, and is trusted and worked with by the agriculture and environmental communities. The success of federal conservation initiatives is due in large part to NACD. –*Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA), Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry*

"With One Voice" is a thorough analysis of the conservation efforts in this country, covering the development and implementation of conservation policy over the last several decades, and the significant role the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) has played in those efforts. As a farmer myself, I understand the importance of conservation districts and appreciate the support and commitment of NACD. Their leadership has been essential to those of us who believe in the wise use of our natural resources and I look forward to continuing to work with them in the future. –*Congressman Frank Lucas (R-OK)*

Neil's book keeps reminding us of the distinct conservation partnership between Federal, State and local that is enduring and has positively changed the face of private lands in America. The ability to utilize the technical expertise of the NRCS and ability of Conservation Districts to engage the community and prioritize the work that needs to be accomplished locally, regionally and nationally truly is unique. We need to be continually reminded of this history lest we forget the great wisdom of that wonderful system created 70 plus years ago. –*Gary Mast, NACD Past President*

Neil Sampson brings a unique perspective to this history. Not only is he a chronicler and historian of the events herein, he was also an author and advocate of new conservation policies taking shape from the 1970s onward. He knows the genesis of these conservation innovations and their journeys from policy idea, to legislation, to rule-writing, and ultimately to implementation in the field. *With One Voice* brings that perspective to life for a new generation of conservationists. –*Douglas Helms, Ph.D. Agricultural History*