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"Local Watershed Administrator Testifies Before Congress"

On December 6, 2005, Bruce E. Albright, Administrator, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District, testified before the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research, Committee on Agriculture, in Washington, DC. Congressman Frank D. Lucas, Oklahoma, extended the invitation. Albright testified regarding the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Watershed Programs, in particular, Public Law-566. Albright's written and oral testimony can be found on the Agriculture Committee's website at http://www.house.gov/agriculture/hearings/transcripts.html

Others testifying on the panel included Bruce I. Knight, Chief, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA; Washington, DC; Bill Wilson, President, National Association of Conservation Districts, Kinta, Oklahoma; Michael L. Sykes, Chairman, National Watershed Coalition, Romney, West Virginia; and Ed Wytovich, President, Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Mine Reclamation, Ashland, Pennsylvania.

Albright is the Administrator for the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District, which is headquartered in Barnesville, MN, and covers 1,380 square miles in parts of Clay, Becker, Wilkin, and Otter Tail Counties. The District was formed in 1976. Albright has been the District Administrator since 1980.