MEMBERS PRESENT Dale Wilson, Chairman

Roger Ommen, Vice Chairman

Kenneth Salisbury, Treasurer (entered at 1:44 pm)

Ben Marks, member (out for a call 3:05 pm-back 3:06 pm)

Ginger Emmons, member

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS None currently

OTHERS PRESENT: Coleta Bratten, District Manager

Jason McCormick, District Technician

Paul Clark, District Resource Conservationist

Alex Tune, NRCS Soil Conservationist (entered at 2:00 pm)

Guest: George Moore, OCC Watershed Technician

1. Regular Meeting Called to Order-Chair

Meeting called to order by chairman, Dale Wilson at 1:39 P.M. he noted that this is a special meeting held in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 301 and following, as amended. Notice of this meeting is on file with the county clerk’s office. The agenda for this meeting was posted at 8:16 A.M. on February 7, 2022, at the front entrance of the district office and district website.

2. Consideration and Possible Action on the following items:

3. Approve minutes of the January 2, 2022, regular meeting

Ommen made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Ommen, Emmons, Salisbury, Marks, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. There was an error on date for January minutes on the agenda, so this item will be added to the March agenda.

4. Approval of Employee Payroll, Janitor Pay, Time Sheets, NRCS performance worksheet, and leave records for the month of January

Emmons motion to approve payroll, time sheets, and worksheets for January, seconded by Marks. Aye votes: Emmons, Marks, Salisbury, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

5. Financial statement for period ending January 31, 2022 (Exhibit #1) district reimbursement claims, director and employee claims, and bills owed by the district

The directors reviewed the financial statement for period ending January 31, 2022, attached hereto as exhibit#1 copies of the Great Plains National Bank statements of checking account and allocation register

were attached to exhibit #1. The directors reviewed bills, claims owed by the district and reimbursement claim to OCC as listed in the financial statement. Directors noted bank statement, and financials balance as January 31, 2022. Marks made a motion to approve bank statement, claims and bills, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Marks, Emmons, Salisbury, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

6. Sponsorship for Dewey County Livestock show February 12-15, 2022

Salisbury made a motion to sponsor a trophy but send $100 total to assist with other expense, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Salisbury, Ommen, Emmons, Marks, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

7. Sponsorship for a Legislator for OACD banquet $75

Emmons made a motion to sponsor a legislator at the banquet, seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Emmons, Salisbury, Ommen, Marks, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

8. NACD 2022 dues

Salisbury made a motion to pay the Gold at $775, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Salisbury, Emmons, Ommen, Marks, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. The board also received flyer information on the Mercer Insurance available to board members and staff since they were gold members.

9. National Watershed Coalition Membership

Marks made a motion to approve the membership dues, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Marks, Ommen, Salisbury, Emmons, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

10. Recommendation for appointment for position - Ken Salisbury

Ommen made a motion to recommend reappointment of Kenneth Salisbury, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Ommen, Emmons, Mark, Salisbury, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Documents signed.

11. Revisit decision on fencing on Barnitz #12

George Moore, OCC watershed technician was at the board meeting and visited with the board about the fence. Ommen, made a motion on recommendations from Moore to not put fence up right now, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Ommen, Emmons, Marks, Salisbury, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. A letter will be sent to Crispin’s stating that the fence will not be put up at this time and vegetation will be monitored on the watershed sight. If in the future the vegetation is not adequate the fence will be put up. Moore thought the fence would cause problems on the dam traffic and worse grazing.

12. Conservation cooperative agreements:Robetha Fariss,Todd Ice, Newly Hutchinson, Ryan Lauder, Robert Sander, Ryan McDonald, Russell & Becky Ladd, Teresa Gould, Rusty Pufffinbarger, Cody D. Howell, Colin McNabb, Quint & DeLisa Nichols, Gerald W Hinchel, Terry Roy, Garron Dodson

Ommen made a motion approved the agreements, seconded by Marks. Aye votes: Ommen, Marks, Emmons, Salisbury, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

13. Rank Oklahoma Cost Share Yr. 24 applications approved and alternates: participants, agreement #, practice, completion date, cost share rate, and maximum amount.

The board review the excel spread sheet with all participants by a number. Emmons made a motion to approve the following list for year 24, with agreement numbers, practices, completion date of May 4, 2022, 75% cost share, and a maximum of $6,000, seconded by Salisbury. Alternate waivers deadline will be March 1, 2023. Aye votes: Emmons, Salisbury, Ommen, and Wilson. Marks applied in program so could not vote. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

Approved

1. 53-024-001-Linda Meyer-WRT/firebreak/burn-May 4, 2022-75%-$6,000.00

2. 53-024-002-Quint & DeLisa Nichols-WRT-May 4, 2022-75%-$6000.00

3. 53-024-003-Kent Quattlebaum-brush management/firebreak/burn, grazing-May 4, 2022-75%-$6000.00

4. 53-024-004-Matt Elder-cover crops-May 4, 2022-75%-$5086.82

5. 53-024-005-Tom Carman-water well/pipeline/tanks/HAUP-May 4, 2022, 75%-$6000.00

6. 53-024-006-Doug Quattlebaum-brush management/firebreak/burn-May 4, 2022, 75%-$1,213.82

Alternates

1. 53-024-006 -Doug Quattlebaum-brush management/firebreak/burn-75%-$4,786.18

2. 53-024-007-Hilltop Sportman LLC-WRT-75%-$6000.00

3. 53-024-008-Wesley & Kristen Hedges-biomass planting-75%-$6,000

4. 53-024-009-John Robinson-water well/solar/tank/HAUP-75%-$6000.00

5. 53-024-010-Jeff Cole- WRT-75%-$6000.00

6. 53-024-011-Russell & Becky Ladd- WRT-75%-$6000.00

7. 53-024-012-Janet Robertson- WRT-75%-$6000.00

8. 53-024-013-Terry Brett Nichols – WRT-75%-$6000.00

9. 53-024-014-Randy Castor- WRT-75%-$6000.00

10. 53-024-015-Teresa Gould-WRT-75%-$6000.00

11. 53-024-016-Ryan McDonald-75%-$6000.00

12. 53-024-017- Vanderwork Inc. – 75%-$6000.00

13. 53-024-018- James Marsh-75%-$6000.00

14. 53-024-019-John Salisbury-755-$6000.00

15. 53-024-020-Helen Kennedy-75%- $6000.00

16. 53-024-021-Meshell Hunter-75%-$6000.00

17. 53-024-022-Terry Dan Cole –75%-$6000/.00

18. 53-024-023-Larry Moore-75%-$6000.00

19. 53-024-024-Little Robe Ranch-75%-$6000.00

20. 53-024-025-Shawn Allen-75%-$6000.00

21. 53-024-026-Stacy King-75%-$6000.00

22. 53-024-027-Larry Lynes-75%-$6000.00

\*48 applications: 5 approved; 22 alternates; 1 transferred to Woodward, 4-inegible, 16 deferred

14. OACD auction item

Emmons made a motion to purchase a wood flag made in Leedey, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Emmons, Ommen, Marks, Salisbury, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

15. USFWS pilot project to assist landowners with prescribed burning

Bratten had not been able to enter the office and didn’t know where to tell staff to look for the information for the board. So, this will have to be investigated more later.

16. Poultry Litter Transfer Program: Can a director participate? Designate who the board wants to sign transfer document?

Marks made a motion that the directors could participate in the program, directors approved to participate are Ginger Emmons and Kenneth Salisbury, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Marks, Ommen, and Wilson. Emmons and Salisbury did not vote since they are now in the program. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

17. Barnitz #2 cattle feeder in emergency spillway, producer has not moved

McCormick and Bratten has both spoken with the landowner Blake Holly. Emmons and Ommen both know the landowner and will take care of the issue.

18. Discussion and review of monthly correspondence

Reviewed by board

19. Reports: A-District Directors; B-District Staff; C- NRCS

A-District Directors

Ommen had been feed cows and cutting cedars. Emmons had been feeding and Carson cutting cedars. They were trying to keep up with Jimmy running around doing presentations. Marks had been feeding cattle, tapping native black walnut trees, and was going back by today and collecting sap. It takes forty-five gallons to make one gallon of syrup. Salisbury needs some moisture the last round was just a little snow. He had been shooting coyotes getting his calves. Wilson had been feeding, grazing cover crops, clearing trees with the dozer. He had bought a tree puller that works well and much better at not disturbing the soil. He needs to haul some cattle.

B-District

Bratten reported at her house they were dealing with four foxes and their goats. She reminded the board that 4th grade outdoor natural resource day was April 26, 2022, on a Tuesday and hopefully the board can assist with that. She had been working on awards for national and state meeting coming up. She had visited with Sayre office, and they are in the feral swine program and will be getting a net hog trap if board would be interested in going down and looking it over when they get it. The staff had been working on Oklahoma state cost share year 24 rankings. Also, starting to look at the JPO to get a draft to the board to work on. She had left a message with the Brian Pritchard about a plasticulture field day and had not heard from him. She will try again. McCormick commented things were good. Bratten commented McCormick was learning a lot on ranking cost share. George Moore commented to the board that the watershed crew was booked six months out in eastern Oklahoma assisting district on clearing trees. He also commented on the pickup fleets the board had talked about. They had to go with Dodge fleet just to get pickups. They talked about the bobcat skid steers the watershed crew were running right now.

C-NRCS

Clark reported the office had been ranking state cost share and EQIP applications in the field. Alex and Jason had both been assisting in the field.

20. Discuss March 2, 2022 – 1:30 PM meeting (locations and date)

Salisbury made a motion to move the date to March 9th due to just returning from OACD meeting and staff would not have all documents ready for the meeting and conduct the meeting at the Great Plains National Bank room in Taloga, OK, seconded by Marks. Aye votes: Salisbury, Marks, Emmons, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

21. Public Comments -none

22. Adjournment

Being no further business Marks motion to adjourn at 3:48 P.M. seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Marks, Salisbury, Emmons, Ommen, Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dewey County Conservation District will be held March 9, 2022, starting at 1:30 P.M. at the Great Plains National Bank room, Taloga, OK.

Copy: Oklahoma Conservation Commission

OCC w/attachments

Dan Herald, Commission Member

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Shelly Oliphant, Asst, NRCS AFO Western Zone

Jeremy Hughes, District Conservationist

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Representative Mike Dobrinski

Approved: ­­­ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chairman, Board of Directors Date