MEMBERS PRESENT Dale Wilson, Chairman (stepped out 9:32 am, returned (9:38 am)

Roger Ommen, Vice Chairman

Kenneth Salisbury, Treasurer

Ben Marks, member

Ginger Emmons, member

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS None currently

OTHERS PRESENT: Coleta Bratten, District Manager

Jason McCormick, District Technician (went to the field at 9:10 A.M.)

1. Regular Meeting Called to Order-Chair

Meeting called to order by chairman, Dale Wilson at 8:30 A.M. he noted that this is a regular 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 1:00 P.M. on August 30, 2021 at the front entrance of the district office and district website.

2. Consideration and Possible Action on the following items:

The chairman moved employee performance reviews to the top of agenda so Jason could assist NRCS in the field.

10. Vote in open session on whether to enter executive session as authorized by title 23 section 307 (B) and (1) to discuss evaluations of district employee’s performance: Coleta Bratten-District Manager, Jason McCormick-NRCS shared position, and Erica Justice-janitor, and designation of person to keep minutes in executive session

Salisbury made a motion to enter executive session to review performance reviews for three employees, with Emmons keeping minutes, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Salisbury, Ommen, Emmons, Marks, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

11. Executive session to evaluate district employee’s performance (8:35 A.M.)

12. Return to open session and determine if there is still a board quorum (9:08 A.M.)

13. Discuss and possible action in open session on employee’s performance reviews and sign letter to OCC that evaluations were completed

Ommen made a motion to sign letter that employee performance reviews are in good standing with the district, seconded by Marks. Aye votes: Ommen, Marks, Emmons, Salisbury, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

3. Approve minutes of the August 4, 2021 regular meeting

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

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

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

5. Vote to approve retroaction of chairman’s approving quote for more work on hay trailer

Salisbury made a motion to approve chairman’s approving the extra quote on hay trailer, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Salisbury, Emmons, Marks, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

6. County School annual ads

Ommen approved updated prices on annual ads, seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Ommen, Salisbury, Emmons, Marks, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Marks commented that we might look at some new ways of advertisement like the TV deal some schools have.

7. Blower not fixable Echo would cost approximately $50

The price is a typo it should be $150. Salisbury made a motion to purchase a new blower, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Salisbury, Emmons, Marks, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

8. Financial statement for period ending August 31, 2021 (Exhibit #1) district reimbursement claims, director and employee claims, and bills owed by the district

The directors reviewed the financial statement for period ending August 31, 2021, 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 checking accounts balance, bank statement, and financials balance as of August 31, 2021. Salisbury made a motion to approve bank statement, claims and bills, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Salisbury, Ommen, Marks, Emmons, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

9. Vote to approve retroaction of chairman’s to adjusting 53-022-021 allowed to $7407.00 from $7,257.00 for Oklahoma state cost share year 22

Emmons made a motion to approve chairman’s adjustment on year 22 cost share, seconded by Marks. Aye votes: Emmons, Marks, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Salisbury cannot vote.

10 –13: were moved to the top of agenda due to workload

9:32 A.M. Wilson ask Ommen to take over for a few minutes

14. Discuss planning the local work group meeting

Ommen appointed Wilson and Emmons to the local work group committee. Bratten will work with agencies and board members for a workable date.

15. FYI – OACD Area I, meeting is November 4, 2021 at Fairview Community Center (Major and Dewey County Conservation District are host

The board will have to help do some things due to covid, we plan on serving the meal. It will take a few to get that done.

Wilson re-enters the meeting at 9:38 A.M.

16. Discussion and review of monthly correspondence- none

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

A-District Directors

Salisbury had two inches of rain, cover crops are green, and finishing baling grass hay.

Ommen had 3.2 inches of rain, everything is green, he has been doing extra mowing. Emmons had 3.2 inches, they have planted cover crops, peas, sesame seed, and milo. They have the calves weaned and fence line weaned, mob grazing, baled behind the house. Emmons talked about a spray they used along pasture boundaries to kill grasshoppers. Marks had cut 70 acres of clover and shipped to Turner Seed for thrashing. He is working calves and received about two inches of rain. Wilson only had .07 of rain. He had been too Canadian, Texas for anniversary supper and it was dry out there. He is sowing wheat, pushing terraces, clearing cedars. He hopes to get a load of seed wheat this afternoon.

B-District

McCormick had been delivering equipment and assisting NRCS with designs. McCormick likes this kind of

work. So, hope we don’t lose our employee. McCormick does a good job. The August 25th event went well with 22 in attendance. Bratten had been cleaning up at her house from the flood, from the Thursday thru Saturday they had 4.61 inches of rain in short periods of time. NRCS had been out with county commissioners looking at problems. They had seen terraces in a five-mile area go over the top of the terraces. The fences at the Bratten house looked like the hurricane Erin that came through Watonga area years ago. It plugged all the fences and gates so the water could not flow. Bratten did not attend the NACD-South Central in person. They set up a zoom option with the covid getting worse again.

C-NRCS

There was not a report from NRCS, but they have been doing a lot of field work.

18. October board meeting time confirmed

The board wanted it moved to 8:30 A. M. on October 6, 2021.

19. New Business

Ommen had been here early and looked at the GP drill tires and hay trailer tires. One of the hay trailer tires is separating and GP we have been watching for quite a while. Ommen made a motion to put new tires on GP drill, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Ommen, Emmons, Marks, Salisbury, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Marks made a motion to replace the bad tire on hay trailer, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Marks, Emmons, Salisbury, Ommen and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

20. Public Comments -none

21. Adjournment

Being no further business Ommen motion to adjourn at 10:13 A.M. seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Ommen, Salisbury, Marks, Emmons, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dewey County Conservation District will be held October 6, 2021 starting at 8:30 A.M. at the district barn. (barn due to COVID)

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