MEMBERS PRESENT Roger Ommen, Vice Chairman

Kenneth Salisbury, Treasurer

Ben Marks, member

Ginger Emmons, member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dale Wilson, Chairman

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS None currently

OTHERS PRESENT: Coleta Bratten, District Manager

Jason McCormick, District Technician

1. Regular Meeting Called to Order-Chair

Meeting called to order by vice chairman, Roger Ommen at 1:30 P.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 3:00 P.M. on November 29, 2021 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 November 3, regular meeting

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

4. Approve minutes of the November 4, special meeting

Marks made a motion to approve November 4, minutes, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Marks, Emmons, Salisbury, and Ommen. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

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

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

6. NACD dues

Tabled next month haven’t arrived yet.

7. District employees-one time pay/Notice of personnel action

Marks made a motion to pay one time pay of $989.00 to get as close to $750.00 take home as possible. seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Marks, Salisbury, Emmons, and Ommen. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

8. Financial statement for period ending November 30, 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 November 30, 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 bank statement, and financials balance as November 30, 2021. Salisbury made a motion to approve bank statement, claims and bills, seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Salisbury, Marks, Emmons, and Ommen. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

9. Notice of Schedule of Regular meetings for Calendar Year 2022.

Emmons made a motion to approve the 2022 regular meeting schedule, seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Emmons, Salisbury, Marks, and Ommen. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. There was typo on November agenda and needed to correct the year.

10. Accept Dale Wilson’s verbal resignation from the board as of November 29, 2021

Marks made a motion to table to January 2022 meeting, seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Marks, Salisbury, Emmons, and Ommen. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

11. Discuss boards options for board members

The board discussed a list of names and asked for Bratten to make the first contact to see if they were interested in becoming an associate board member and possibly be appointed to the board to fill the elected term. Bratten will make contact and report back to the board.

12. Recommendation for appointment to fill Dale Wilson’s appointed position

Tabled till January meeting

13. Recommendation for appointment to fill elected position vacancy

Tabled till January meeting.

14. Oklahoma State Cost Share Year 24

A. Is your conservation district participating in the current year program year?

Emmons made a motion that the conservation district would participate in Oklahoma cost share year 24, seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Emmons, Salisbury, Marks, and Ommen. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

B. Are district board members allowed to make application in the local program? Emmons made a motion that board members could participate, seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Emmons, Salisbury, Marks, and Ommen. (Ben Marks will be board member allowed to participate in year 24 program.)

C. Designate the authorized district representative. Must be a board member.

D. Approve practices and associated cost that your district will offer locally.

E. Establish your district’s local cost share rate (%) and maximum cost share payment amount. Cannot exceed 85% or $7,500.00.

F. Establish your district’s local program priorities and ranking system.

G. Set application period and advertising.

Emmons made a motion that all district board member be authorized representatives except Marks that will be making application. The district will follow use OCC average cost guidelines. Practices for Dewey Co CD will be, woody residue treatment (burnt cedars), brush management, cover crop, critical area planting, diversions, fire breaks, forage & biomass planting, grade stabilization structure, grassed waterway, heavy use are protection, livestock pipeline, prescribed burning, prescribed grazing, pumping plant, range planting, terrace, water well, and watering facility. The established rate will be 75% and a maximum of $6,000.00. We will use the year 24 revised ranking sheet for ranking. The application period will be December 6 – 30, 2021 and we will advertise on Facebook, marques, newspapers, flyers, etc. Seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Emmons, Salisbury, and Ommen. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Marks cannot vote on state cost share items going forward.

15. DCCD leave policy to OCC by January 3, 2022

The draft has been approved by Clancy Green at OCC. The board had reviewed this document ahead of time. Emmons made a motion to approve the leave policy with the addition that the office would be notified when the supervisor is notified of an employee not coming to work or ill, seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Emmons, Salisbury, Marks, and Ommen. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

16. Barnitz #12 quotes on fence building

Salisbury made a motion to accept the bid from Rivas for $6,500.00, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Salisbury, Emmons, Marks, and Ommen, Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

17. Barnitz #12 landowner not wanting the fence

Owner will be contacted again.

18. Build a room in the barn for Jason to work

Salisbury made a motion to build a small room in the barn for Jason to work, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Salisbury, Emmons, Marks, and Ommen. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Marks will assist with room layout and design.

19. OACD State meeting – Edmond, OK on February 27-28, 2022

Emmons made a motion that directors and staff could attend, seconded by Marks. Aye votes: Emmons, Marks, Salisbury, and Ommen. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

20. NACD annual meeting – February 12-16, 2022 – Orlando, FL

Marks made a motion that directors and staff could attend, seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Marks, Salisbury, Emmons, and Ommen. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Those considering the trip are Salisbury, Emmons, McCormick, and Bratten.

21. Review 2022 annual plan

The focus was on the major project for next year. The plans are to do a plasticulture field day at Marks farm

22. Discussion and review of monthly correspondence

Reviewed by board

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

A-District Directors

Marks needed some rain and was trapping hogs. Emmons has a hog problem also. They still have calves and feed cows. They just finished the sesame. Salisbury was dry. The wheat if going backwards fast. He is feeding calves and cows. Ommen sold some calves yesterday and feeding cows.

B-District

McCormick busy with all kinds of things. Bratten commented watershed inspections are done. She had spent some time on the leave policy. She had been assisting NRCS with GCI 1245 signatures. The Oklahoma Tax Commission denied our request for waiver on penalty and interest with the system mess. Only $174 so they probably figure we won’t take the time to mess with that amount.

C-NRCS

Clark reported the office is working on CRP plans, contract modifications. There were 40 reup and new contracts in the county. So, the office is busy processing paperwork. Clark commented on the watershed information we had received from the NRCS state office. They are hoping to get funds to fix some of the erosion control problems, eroded pipes, etc. The office with NRCS engineer looked at Barnitz # 115 today so waiting on a trip report to done on the site. This would be 6-7 projects that could be repaired in Dewey County.

24. New Business

Emmons made a motion that we have the January board meeting at the Great Plains National

Bank room in Taloga, seconded by Marks. Aye votes: Emmons, Marks, Salisbury, and Ommen. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

25. Public Comments -none

26. Adjournment

Being no further business Salisbury motion to adjourn at 3:32 P.M. seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Salisbury, Emmons, Marks, and Ommen. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dewey County Conservation District will be held January 5, 2022 starting at 1:30 P.M. at the district office.

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

Chairman, Board of Directors Date