MEMBERS PRESENT Dale Wilson, Chairman

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

Paul Clark, District Resource Conservationist

Alex Tune, NRCS Soil Conservationist

By Phone: Janet Stewart, OCC Council

Guest: Ann Crispin, landowner

Rene Crispin, landowner

1. Regular Meeting Called to Order-Chair

Meeting called to order by chairman, Dale Wilson 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 11:25 A.M. on January 4, 2022 at the front entrance of the district office and district website.

2. Consideration and Possible Action on the following items:

3. Rene Crispin, Barnitz #12 – discussion with board over fencing

The chairman asked Mr. Crispin if he wanted to present his case on the fencing on Barnitz #12. Mr. Crispin started with the district website that states helping promote conservation on the land and cooperating with landowners. The Crispin’s have only owned the land approximately 800 days and have worked hard on this property to improve from the last owner. In July 2019, Rene meets with Jason and Paul to look at cleaning up trees, plowing up and reseeding to grass. Then Jason comes and visits him about putting up fence. Crispin’s have a grazing cattle operation and grass is important to them. Rene said they have cleaned up old fence from where the site fence has not been maintained. Crisping commented the fence had been abandoned. Stewart, OCC council said the fence and structure had not been abandoned. It is the district that is liable for the site if maintenance is not provided. So, it is the districts job to oversee issues. Bratten interjected that the district has an NRCS waiver on the structures if vegetation is adequate that fencing doesn’t have to be in place. This site was already being monitored before the Crispin’s purchased it. The district said that the old fence can be cleaned up. It is normally done on request from the landowner. Then Crispin talked about the marsh where water stood behind the dam to highway 47 and trees on the site. Bratten stated that the trees are cleared 20 feet from back of the dam. The water problem could be looked at since most of the highway boxes under the highway are usually higher than the natural flow. We can have ODOT come and look at the drainage boxes under the highway. Bratten ask Crispin how he did his grazing with cattle. He rotational grazes. So, the board and all present discussed how fencing could be put up to satisfy the problem with both the Crispin’s and the board. After reviewing maps and discussion a plan was laid out to fence around the dam and spillway and take fence to the highway south. There would be gates on both ends of the dam (2–12-foot gates to clear equipment to cross). A 10-foot gate would be added on the east side near the highway so the district could get entry to maintain back side of the dam. There were some more trees that the district can clear near the east side of dam on the back side, which is where brush is stored when cleaned off to burn. Mr. Crispin asked what happened when the fence doesn’t help the vegetation on the back of the dam. Stewart, OCC council said then other steps will have to be taken to solve the problem. The district might have to request engineer to do a site visit and determine why the vegetation can’t be established. It was agreed that Paul and Jason would meet Rene on site when staking fence to work with the landowner on fencing. Crispin thanked the board for the opportunity to state his case. Marks made a motion to approve the fencing arrangement with Crispin’s, seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Marks, Salisbury, Emmons, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. The Crispin’s left the meeting.

4. Approve minutes of the December 1, 2021 regular meeting

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

5. Approve minutes of November 3, 2021 with corrections on vote on item 6

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

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

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

7. Financial statement for period ending December 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 December 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 bank statement, and financials balance as December 31, 2021. Salisbury made a motion to approve bank statement, claims and bills, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Salisbury, Emmons, Marks, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

8. Terms of Employment and Notice of Personnel Action of January 1, 2022 pay raise

Marks made a motion to approve OCC pay raises for Bratten and McCormick, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Marks, Ommen, Emmons, Salisbury, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Documents were signed.

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

Wilson withdrew is resignation. Emmons made a motion to accept the withdraw, seconded by Ommen.

Aye votes: Emmons, Ommen, Marks, Salisbury, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

10. Discuss boards options for board members

Bratten was working down the list the board made at the December board meeting. Some had declined. Two others are considering currently for associate members.

11. Recommendation for appointment to fill Dale Wilson’s appointed position (no action)

12. Recommendation for appointment to fill elected position vacancy (no action)

13. Conservation cooperative agreement: Scott & Vashni Irving

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

14. Vote in open session on whether to enter executive session as authorized by title 25 section 307 t discuss conservation plans, and if executive session is approved, designation of person to keep the minutes in executive session

Marks made a motion to go into executive session at 3:05 pm with Bratten keeping minutes and Clark, McCormick and Tune attending, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Marks, Emmons, Salisbury, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

15. Return to open session and determine there is still a quorum

3:07 pm return to open session and there is a quorum.

16. Action in open session to approve conservation plans

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

17. Poultry Litter Transfer Program

Emmons made a motion that the district participate in the program to offer to producers, seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Emmons, Salisbury, Ommen, Marks, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. The training for office staff is January 25, 2022.

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

Bratten asked who planned to attend- Emmons, Marks, Ommen, Salisbury and staff.

19. FYI new 2022 mileage rate: $0.58.5

20. Bid on a new pickup

The board tabled bids waiting on some more to come in. The fleet state rate is closed right now till new year gets started back up.

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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Representative Mike Dobrinski

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

Chairman, Board of Directors Date