MEMBERS PRESENT Dale Wilson, Chairman

Roger Ommen, Vice Chairman

Jimmie Purvine, member

Ginger Emmons, member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kenneth Salisbury, Treasurer

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS None currently

OTHERS PRESENT: Coleta Bratten, District Manager

Jason McCormick, District Tech

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 10:30 A.M. on March 2, 2021 at the front entrance of the district office and district website.

2. Consideration and Possible Action on the following items:

10. Training video’s: Open Meeting Act

All staff and Wilson, Purvine, Emmons, and Ommen watched the videos.

3. Approve minutes of the February 3, 2021 regular meeting

Ommen made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Purvine. Aye votes: Ommen, Purvine, 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 February

Purvine made a motion to approve payroll, time sheets, and worksheets for February, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Purvine, Emmons, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

5. Bids on LED lighting in the office building

There were two bids were received for LED lighting. Ommen made a motion to take the lowest bid of $2,602.92 from McDonald Electric, seconded by Purvine. Aye votes: Ommen, Purvine, Emmons, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. The office will work with Michael Nichols on a schedule.

6. Longevity for Coleta Bratten – 23 years

Ommen made a motion to approve longevity pay for Bratten, seconded by Purvine. Aye votes: Ommen, Purvine, Emmons, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Documents were signed.

7. Equipment – tires for carryall, producer asking for a hera to pull behind aerator

No action taken.

8. Insurance renewal questionnaire-Eitzen’s Insurance

Bratten went through the document with the board. Ommen made a motion to approve document to be sent back to insurance, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Ommen, Emmons, Purvine, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

9. Financial statement for period ending February 28, 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 February 28, 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

statements and financial statement balance as of February 28, 2021 balanced. Emmons made a motion to approve February statement, claims and bills, seconded by Purvine. Aye votes: Emmons, Purvine, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Documents signed.

10. Training was done at the beginning of the meeting due to hot spotting for internet

11. Equipment Rental out of county

Ommen motioned a to have a $2.00 per mile out of county both ways and service, seconded by Purvine. Aye votes: Ommen, Purvine, Emmons, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

12. Review the Memorandum of Agreement between USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Dewey County Conservation District and Oklahoma Conservation Commission-Unfunded Cooperative Agreement

Bratten went over agreement with the board. Items discussed were the civil rights, posters in the office, and the NRCS unfunded agreement we report on each month to OCC.

13. MOU with Major County

The MOU with Major County was reviewed and is fine the way it is.

14. Recommendation of Reappointment of Conservation District Director (Dale Wilson)

Ommen made a motion to reappoint Dale Wilson and submit all paperwork, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Ommen, Emmons, Purvine, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

15. Set dates for publishing notices of filing period and election in all newspapers in the district

Ommen made a motion to publish on April 8 & 15 in the Dewey County Record and Vici Vision, seconded by Purvine. Aye votes: Ommen, Purvine, Emmons, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

16. Review of Joint Plan of Operation and start FY22 Annual Plan

The staff and the board reviewed items completed and items still needing done. It was commented that most sand farms did not produce. But the big one on 270 is still there so we want to continue to look at future there. The board will be thinking of a major project for the FY 22.

17. Educational activities: Outdoor Classroom and Stewardship Materials

The office was collecting student numbers right now. A couple of schools are willing for us to come in the parking lot and do some kind of a outdoor day. It may cost a little more providing educational bags and supplies this year. The Stewardship will be done the same way work to get materials to schools.

18. Open Meeting Act changes – SB1031 -f or teleconferences and videoconferencing

If a district has a website, which we do. The district must put all materials the board gets at the board meeting on the website. Dewey County does not plan on having conference calls.

19. Oklahoma State Cost Share yr. 23

A. Is the district participating in the current program year? Ommen made a motion our district participates in this year cost share, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Ommen, Emmons, Purvine, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

B. Are district board members allowed to make application in the local program? Ommen made the motion that board members could participate in the program, seconded by Purvine. Aye votes: Ommen, Purvine, Emmons and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

Salisbury and Emmons will participate.

C. Designate the authorized district representatives. Purvine made a motion that: Purvine, Ommen and Wilson would be representatives, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Purvine, Ommen and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Emmons could not vote. Motion passed.

D. Review the conservation practices list in the program year guidelines. Approve practices and associated average cost that your district will offer locally. Ommen made a motion to approve: 314-brush management, 340-cover crops, 342-critical area planting, 362-diversion, 394-firebreak, 512-forage and biomass planting, 410-grade stabilization structure, 412-grassed waterway, 561-heavy use are protection, 516-livestock pipeline, 338-prescribed burning, 528-prescribed grazing, 522-pumping plant, 550-range planting, 329-residue and tillage management, no-till, 600-terrace, 642-water well, 614-watering facility with using the average cost provided by OCC, seconded by Purvine. Aye votes: Ommen, Purvine, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

E. Establish your district’s local cost share rate % and maximum cost share payment amount.

Purvine made a motion to set rate at 75% with a maximum of $7,500.00 per producer, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Purvine, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

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

Ommen made a motion that we prioritize: 1. Crop to grass. 2. Cedar eradication 3. Water 4. Soil erosion and use the ranking sheet we already have, seconded by Purvine. Aye votes: Purvine, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. The ranking sheet was reviewed by NRCS before the board meeting.

G. Establish your district’s application period and advertise locally.

Purvine made a motion to open application period March 8-31, 2021. Advertise in the papers, Facebook, flyers, and marquees, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Purvine, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

H. Submit request to add practice 384 Woody Residue Treatment

Purvine made a motion to submit letter requesting woody residue treatment be added to Dewey County’s practice list, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Purvine, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

I. Reduction of Feral Swine Program Policies (Is district submitting a business plan)

Board took no action on this. The board feels that we could not meet criteria with our workload.

Jimmie Purvine left at 3:16 PM

20. Legislative news-none

21. Discussion and review of monthly correspondence-all reviewed by the board

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

Directors reports:

Ommen had chopped a lot of ice and glad it was over. Emmons also chopped ice; Jimmy has a job! Wilson had streams that never froze.

District Staff:

The board had staff timesheets. McCormick commented equipment was moving. Bratten commented that there was a holiday weekend during the ice storm so the water to the building was shut off. The state meeting was good. Bratten can’t do 40 hours weeks till 10 weeks. We will have a new District Conservationist after March 13th. Bratten gets her first COVID vaccine tomorrow.

NRCS Report

There is written report from Michael Roberts, Team Conservationist

23. New Business – none

24. Public Comments

25. Adjournment

Being no further business, Ommen motion to adjourn at 4:04 PM seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Ommen, Emmons and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dewey County Conservation District will be held April 7, 2021 starting at 1:30 P.M. at the district barn. (barn due to COVID)

Copy: Oklahoma Conservation Commission

OCC w/attachments

Karl Jett, Commission Member

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Shelly Oliphant, Asst, NRCS AFO Western Zone

Michael Roberts, District Conservationist

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Lyle Blakley,Vice President

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Senator Casey Murdock

Representative Mike Dobrinski

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

Chairman, Board of Directors Date