MEMBERS PRESENT Dale Wilson, Chairman

Roger Ommen, Vice Chairman

Kenneth Salisbury, Treasurer

Jimmie Purvine, member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ginger Emmons, member

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS None currently

OTHERS PRESENT: Coleta Bratten, District Manager

Jason McCormick, District Tech

GUEST Ben Marks, incoming board member

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 11:00 A.M. on June 1, 2021 at the front entrance of the district office and district website.

2. Consideration and Possible Action on the following items:

3. Board training: Claim submission video

All directors and staff in attendance watch the video.

4. Approve minutes of the May 5, 2021 regular meeting

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

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

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

6. Approve to replace Dale Wilson’s power washer that the district borrowed

The district used Dale’s power wash from August 20 till May 21. When returned it was locked up. Ommen made a motion to replace the power washer, seconded by Salisbury. Dale paid half for wear and tear. Aye votes: Ommen, Salisbury, and Purvine. Wilson abstained. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Wilson wrote a check to the district for $299.50 the power washer cost $599.00.

7. Possible purchase of an iPad for Jason to use when needing a computer

After discussion the board ask for a quote on a laptop that could be used hot spotting with the district cell phone. The office will check into prices.

8. Financial statement for period ending May 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 May31, 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 May 31, 2021 balanced. Salisbury made a motion to approve May statement, claims and bills, seconded by Purvine. Aye votes: Salisbury, Purvine, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Documents signed.

9. Oath of office, loyalty, and director position description for Kenneth Salisbury and Benjamin Marks

Bratten swore in both directors. Ommen made a motion to approve positions, seconded by Purvine. Aye votes: Ommen, Purvine, Salisbury, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

10. Approval of persons to be put on bank account and safety deposit box at Great Plains National Bank as of July 1, 2021

Salisbury made a motion to approve all board members and Bratten to be added as signer on bank account and safety deposit box, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Salisbury, Ommen, Purvine, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Copies were taken of everyone’s drivers license to provide to the bank.

11. Dewey County FY 23 Budget Request

Ommen made a motion to approve FY23 budget to send into OCC, seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Ommen, Salisbury, Purvine, Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

12. Vote to contact Kimberlye Mayer CPA to do the district audit for FY 2021

Salisbury made a motion to contact Kimberlye Mayer, CPA to do district audit, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Salisbury, Ommen, Purvine, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

Salisbury took a break

13. Vote in open session on whether to enter executive session as authorized by title 24 section 307 to discuss conservation plans: and if executive session is approved, designation of person to keep the minutes in executive session

Purvine made a motion to go into executive session at 2:12 pm with Bratten keeping minutes and McCormick and Marks attending, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Purvine, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

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

Open session at 2:14 pm and there is a quorum. Salisbury returned to meeting.

15. Action in open session to approve conservation plans

Ommen made a motion to approve the conservation plan, seconded by Purvine. Aye votes: Ommen, Purvine, and Wilson Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Documents were signed by Wilson.

16. Discussion and review of monthly correspondence-None

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

Directors reports:

Salisbury appreciated the moisture. He has been working on wheat hay, working calves, and spraying. He is waiting to plant a cover crop and grass looks good. Ommen has his hay up. He enjoyed the moisture also. He had to plant feed for hay to feed cattle and working on musk thistles. Purvine said his wheat is tall enough to see the hog trails though it. Out in the Panhandle his leaser shot wild hogs for the first time

around Coldwater Creek. They contacted the Texas Wildlife Department. Marks said he had his hay up. He had 2.5” of rain Sunday/Monday and another .5 by noon today. He was talking to his son-in -law in eastern Oklahoma where they get 70” of rain to our 20” of rain fall. Son-in-law thought it was dry. He has 70 acres of clover growing for Turner Seed Company. They are moving more bee trailers in to pollinate. We have one pivot down and board talked about the depth of well in Oakwood area are around 300 feet. Residential wells are 260 feet. Marks works for Gore Nitrogen in Seiling, OK. Wilson had been to eastern Kansas for a funeral service and grass was beautiful. Jolynn is doing well. Wilson had 2” of rain more to the east. His bales of hay are still in the field and no calves worked. He did see Roger and Judy Moore at Gore’s truck stop and they are both doing well.

District Staff:

McCormick had done a week of NRCS engineering training virtually. Gene Peters was over and put the stainless-steel sleeve on Barnitz #9 tower to stop the seam leak. He was still working on the pollinator planter box. The equipment is slowing down, and he had assisted with Oklahoma state cost share. McCormick was asked about his pesticide license. He had not had time with work schedule. Office was wondering about a place to attend for practice. Marks told McCormick to call Shawn Colvard at Wheeler Brothers about training. Once McCormick gets license, he can keep CEU’s up for training. The test if $95, each and needs three tests. McCormick has another week of NRCS conservation planning June 14-18th. Bratten informed the board there is an OACD Area planning meeting on June 17th, in OKC. OACD is planning a in person meeting with a virtual option currently. There have been several producers asking about high tunnels. Bratten watched a virtual workshop on a Saturday and it was a flop. So, she contacted Bryan Painter to see if NRCS could put on one and they are already in the process of one to be released at the end of the month. The budget FY 23 was produced and presented to the board. She is working to process several state cost share claims lacking a piece of paper here and there. The Convene training provided by NCDEA for a year for district employees this month was on emotional eating and talked that the new cancer is sitting in your chair. Everyone needs to move at least 1-2 minutes every hour. She also collected some RBDG grant materials and rules for Town of Seiling. They had a meat plant going in and the person backed out. The town is now look further into this project.

NRCS Report

No report

18. New Business

NRCS requested that the district co-sponsor with Ellis County to have a meal to promote a new program dealing with plant pressure (eastern red cedar). If both districts agree plans will start on an outreach program and move forward. This was brought to the board after Brandon Reavis, NRCS rangeland specialist was in Dewey County yesterday afternoon. Salisbury make a motion for the district to work with Ellis County and NRCS to do this outreach program, seconded by Purvine. Aye votes: Salisbury, Purvine, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. After the board meeting the group enjoyed cookies and tea for Purvine’s last board meeting.

19. Public Comments -none

20. Adjournment

Being no further business Salisbury motion to adjourn at 2:54 PM seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Salisbury, Ommen, Purvine and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

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

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Chairman, Board of Directors Date