MEMBERS PRESENT Dale Wilson, Chairman

 Roger Ommen, Vice Chairman

 Kenneth Salisbury, Treasurer

 Ginger Emmons, member

 Ben Marks, member

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS None currently

OTHERS PRESENT: Coleta Bratten, District Manager

 Jason McCormick, District Tech

 Paul Clark, Resource Conservationist

 Alex Tune, Soil Conservationist

 Jeremy Hughes, District Conservationist

6. Great Plains National Bank – here for new bank signatures

Cynthia Rose from the bank was here and all board members and Bratten signed new bank cards.

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 11:30 A.M. on July 6, 2021 at the front entrance of the district office and district website.

2. Consideration and Possible Action on the following items:

3. Presentation of Kenneth Salisbury-appointment and Ben Marks – election certificates

Each board member received their certificates. Oaths were done last month.

4. Approve minutes of the June 2, 2021 regular meeting

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

5. Approve May 5, 2021 minutes with date correction on top of minutes

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

6. Great Plains National Bank – bank signatures were done as meeting as gathering.

7. Notice of Newly Elected Officers

Marks made a motion that all officers stay the same for new year, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Marks, Emmons, Ommen, Salisbury, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

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

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

9. Approve to co-host the OACD Area 1 meeting with Major County

Salisbury made a motion to co-host the OACD Area 1 meeting with Major County, seconded by Emmons. Marks ask what the area meeting was. So, chairman explained about the meeting. Aye votes: Salisbury, Emmons, Marks, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion carried. The date has already been tentatively held due to Major and Dewey Counties November board meetings. OACD Area 1 meeting will be November 4, 2021. Bratten and Bierig will be checking the Fairview Community Center out on Friday.

10. Equipment: GP Coulters-disc for Great Plains drill, and maintenance on Stihl blower, and weed eater, hay trailer wiring, power washer, native drill disc

Salisbury made a motion to order GP drill parts, hay trailer break away wiring, fix power washer, and blower if need be. Office is to check on native drill parts for board, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Salisbury, Ommen, Emmons, Marks, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

11. Sponsorship Dewey County Fair

Salisbury made a motion to sponsor with $100, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Salisbury, Emmons, Ommen, Marks, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

12. Oklahoma Tax Commission – unpaid balance on December 341, 2019, March 31, 2020, and September 30, 2020 (payments did come out of our bank account)

Salisbury made a motion to pay unpaid balance till accounts could be reconciled, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Salisbury, Emmons, Marks, Ommen and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Checks were signed.

13. Financial statement for period ending June 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 June 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 checking accounts balance bank

statements and financial statement balance as of June 30, 2021 balanced. Salisbury made a motion to approve bank statement, claims and bills, seconded by Marks. Aye votes: Salisbury, Marks, Ommen, Emmons, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Documents signed.

14. OCC district allocation budget FY 22 for Dewey County

Each member had a copy as Bratten went over the allocation papers with the board. The district did receive more operational expense this year. McCormick will receive longevity in this allocation. The policies and other documents were reviewed. Emmons made a motion to accept the allocation from Oklahoma Conservation Commission for the district, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Emmons, Ommen, Salisbury, Marks, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

15. Kimberlye R Mayer CPA, P.C. engagement letter for audit

The quote is a little cheaper since she won’t be coming the office to do the audit. Salisbury made a motion to accept engagement letter for Mayer to do the audit, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Salisbury, Emmons, Marks, Ommen, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

16. NCDEA mid-year meeting August 24-27, 21 -Memphis, TN

FYI for the board. The board had to write a letter approving Bratten to be on the NCDEA board. Accept being away from the office expenses are paid by NCDEA.

17. Approve Cooperator Agreement with Dianna Weiand

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

18. Larry Denton – alternate yr 23 amendment to add cover crops to grass planting

Paul explained after making another field visit the soil is sandy and requires a cover crop before planting grass. Marks made a motion to approve the amendment, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Marks, Ommen, Emmons, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Salisbury could not vote.

19. Amend Nicole Mitchell – yr 22 alternate to finish water well and add solar pump

Mitchell had called in and family had provided a solar pump for the water well. So, no need to amend.

20. District End of Year reports: equipment, building, and profit and loss

The board reviewed the reports. Emmons made a motion to accept reports, seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Emmons, Salisbury, Ommen, Marks, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

21. Signed updated Emergency Action Plan for high hazard watersheds

The office had gone through and checked addresses and phone numbers to update. The chairman signed the update. The office will finish compiling and disburse the copies.

22. Discuss honoring Roger Moore and Jimmie Purvine on years of service to the board

Ommen made a motion to order the plaques and visit more with Moore and Purvine to see if a reception or a meal with the board would be appropriate for them, seconded by Salisbury. Aye votes: Ommen, Salisbury, Emmons, Marks, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

23. High Plains membership dues - $100

Salisbury made a motion to pay High Plains RC&D dues, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes; Salisbury, Emmons, Ommen, Marks, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

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

Marks made a motion to enter executive session at 2:40 p.m. with Bratten keeping minutes, and NRCS staying to answer questions, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Marks, Ommen, Emmons, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Salisbury took a break.

25. Return to open session at 2:42 P.M. and we do have a quorum

26. Action in open session to approve conservation plans

Emmons made a motion to approve Larry Denton conservation plan, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Emmons, Ommen, Marks, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Salisbury could not vote.

27. Discussion and review of monthly correspondence

All items were on the agenda.

28. Discussion on August 4th meeting time

Salisbury made a motion to move August 4, meeting to 8:30 A.M due to heat and covid restrictions, seconded by Ommen. Aye votes: Salisbury, Ommen, Emmons, Marks, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

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

A-District Directors

Salisbury had close to six inches of rain. He has sprayed his ground and planted some cover crops. His ponds are 90% full and he did have runoff. July weather has been nice. Ommen had a nice rain. He is planting feed and it is looking good. Emmons is still cutting wheat and have planted some cover crops. Marks had a good rain. His clover is 6 feet to 8 feet tall, best he has seen. There are several trailers of bees pollinating it. Wilson had 9 to 10 inches of rain and ponds are full.

B-District Staff

Jason has been helping where needed. He has been assisting NRCS and training quite a bit. Bratten has been working on Oklahoma Tax Commission issues. Oklahoma state cost share Yr 22 & 23. She is collecting things for the annual report for the August meeting. She has started boxing things for the audit. The end of year reports was presented to the board and she will fix the allocation register for the coming year.

C-NRCS

Paul Clark introduced, Jeremy Hughes-District Conservationist for team three and Alex Tune-Soil Conservationist house in Taloga to the board. Jeremy Hughes gave some background history on himself to the board. Jeremy worked five years in Beaver, OK and is from Buffalo, OK. Jeremy is the district conservationist for five counties: Blaine, Dewey, Ellis, Major and Woodward. Jeremy wanted to brag on Paul for all the workload he has been doing. 250 GCI contracts, 23 EQIP this year for a total of $369,000, 2700 acres, and has already paid out $100,000 of that. Alex Tune is from the Taloga/Seiling area. Alex has been working on CRP. The office has been working on CRP, EQIP, and OK state cost share. The new CRP grasslands signup started July 12 and ends August 30. The floor cost is $15 an acre, maximum acres are 200. The regular CRP sign up is going on right now.

30. New Business

Colt Hunter is still working on cedars in OK state cost share year 22. He is requesting an extension to finish. I told him the funds were gone after August 30, 2021 and I would present to the board asking for extension till July 30th. The office must have time to process the paperwork to have producers paid by August 30, 2021. Ommen made a motion to approve extension till July 30, 2021 for Colt Hunter, seconded by Emmons. Aye votes: Ommen, Emmons, Marks, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed. Salisbury could not vote.

31. Public Comments -none

32. Adjournment

Being no further business Salisbury motion to adjourn at 3:14 P.M. seconded by Marks. Aye votes: Salisbury, Marks, Ommen, Emmons, and Wilson. Nay votes: none. Motion passed.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dewey County Conservation District will be held August 4, 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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 Chairman, Board of Directors Date