

AGENDA
OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Agriculture Building Board Room • 2800 N. Lincoln • Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Monday, September 11, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Discussion and possible approval of the August 7, 2017 regular meeting minutes.
5. Discussion and possible approval of Claims, Financial Statement and Purchase Card Summary (Exhibit #1).
6. Recognition of Commission employees:
 - a. Dan Dvoretz, Water Quality Program Wetlands Environmental Specialist, for being named Employee of the Year.
 - b. Johnny Pelley, Conservation Programs Watershed Technician, for 30 years of service.

7. Presentation of Commission Agreements (Exhibit #2)

Discussion and possible approval of the following ratified new agreement:

- a. Natural Resources Conservation Service (OCC-529) to provide assistance to fund 75% of 4 conservation technicians who will provide technical assistance and technical work related to conservation practice design and implementation in Arbuckle, Beaver, Jackson and Kay County Conservation Districts.

Discussion and possible approval of the following amended agreements:

- b. Natural Resources Conservation Service (OCC-525) to hire a Liaison/Plan Writer to work for both agencies to address water quality needs in Oklahoma. The liaison will coordinate and lead efforts to develop watershed plans that meet the needs of both agencies. **Extends** date to September 30, 2020.
- c. Natural Resources Conservation Service (OCC-526) to partner with OCC and The Nature Conservancy to hire two conservation plan writers to provide technical assistance in delivery of Farm Bill programs with specific focus on soil health. **Extends** date to September 30, 2020.
- d. The Nature Conservancy (OCC-527) to partner with OCC and NRCS to provide ½ of the funding for one conservation plan writer (reference OCC-526) to assist with Farm Bill delivery and provide technical assistance with specific focus on soil health. **Amendment** modifies original agreement to provide ¼ of the funding for two conservation plan writers and adds funding for ¼ of cost for a soil health coordinator

who will work to increase the knowledge and understanding of soil health and accelerate the adoption of soil health management systems in Oklahoma.

- e. Office of Secretary of Energy and Environment (OCC-351) to **extend the agreement to December 31, 2018** in order to allow for expenditure of funds in Project 5 – Conservation Partnership Support.
- f. Office of Secretary of Energy and Environment (OCC-406) to **extend** the FY2015 EPA Grant agreement to December 31, 2018.
- g. Office of Secretary of Energy and Environment (OCC-501) to **convey final award of** EPA funds from the 2017 grant to provide staff support and funding toward implementation of Oklahoma’s Comprehensive Nonpoint Source Program, monitoring program, Blue Thumb Statewide water quality education and volunteer program and Conservation Partnership program.
- h. Natural Resources Conservation Service (OCC-470) to will develop a model that will compute watershed benefits nationwide on a daily basis and provide reports of pertinent date. **Amendment adds \$75,000 and extends the agreement to September 30, 2018.**

Discussion and possible approval of the following new agreements:

- i. Natural Resources Conservation Service (OCC-530) to provide assistance to fund 50% of a Soil Health Coordinator Position. The purpose of the position is to increase the knowledge and understanding of soil health and accelerate the adoption of soil health management systems in Oklahoma.
- j. Natural Resources Conservation Service – 68-7335-17-206 (OCC-531) to provide funds for watershed operations / remedial repairs on Caney Coon Site 2, Cottonwood Creek Site 17, North Deer Creek Site 1M, Sallisaw Creek Site 18M and Sugar Creek Channel Site 269R GSS.

8. Out of State Travel Requests (Exhibit #3):

Discussion and possible approval of the following requests:

- a. Fourth Annual Southern Soil Health Conference, November 28-29, 2017, Wichita Falls, Texas

9. Discussion and possible approval of Recommendations for Appointment of Conservation District Director (Exhibit #4).

10. Discussion and possible approval of Guidelines for the Monarch Habitat Initiative Cost-Share Program – Program Year 2 (Exhibit #5).

11. Discussion and possible approval of attendance at the Governor’s Water Conference, October 31 – November 1, 2017, Embassy Suites, Norman, Oklahoma.

12. Discussion and possible approval of FY2018 Joint Plans of Operation for Cimarron County, Woods County, Shawnee, Adair County, Bryan, Haskell County, LeFlore County,

Little River, McIntosh County, Okfuskee County, Pontotoc County and Pushmataha Conservation Districts.

13. Discussion and possible action to co-sponsor the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts' Area Meetings as follows:
 - a. November 2 – Area 4 meeting in Chickasha (Grady County CD Host)
 - b. November 7 – Area 3 meeting in Bartlesville (Caney Valley CD Host)
 - c. November 9 – Area 5 meeting in Wilburton (LeFlore County CD Host)
 - d. November 14 – Area 2 meeting in Wayne (Garvin CD Host)
 - e. November 16 – Area 1 meeting in Cherokee (Alfalfa County CD Host)
14. Discussion and possible action to **ratify** co-sponsorship of the following conference:
 - a. Fourth Annual Southern Soil Health Conference, November 28-29, 2017, Wichita Falls, Texas.
15. Discussion of the Commission's FY2019 budget submission due October 1 to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.
16. Public Comments
17. New Business
18. Break (at option of the Chair)
19. Partnership Reports:
 - a. Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry
 - b. USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - c. Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts
20. Status Reports:
 - a. Oklahoma Conservation Commission Members
 - b. Oklahoma Conservation Commission Staff
 1. Trey Lam, Executive Director
 2. Shanon Phillips, Water Quality Director
 3. Mike Sharp, Office of Geographic Information and Technical Services Director
 4. Robert Toole, Abandoned Mine Land Program Director
 5. Tammy Sawatzky, Conservation Programs Director
 6. Lisa Knauf Owen, Assistant Director
21. Proposed Next Meeting: Monday, **October 9**, 2017, Agriculture Building Board Room, 2800 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at 9:30 a.m.
22. Adjournment

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Oklahoma Conservation Commission met Monday, September 11, 2017, at the Agriculture Building Board Room located at 2800 N. Lincoln in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Deanna LeGrand. She stated this was a Regular Meeting filed in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 301 and following as amended. The agenda for this meeting was posted on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at the front entrance of the building.

ROLL CALL

Lisa Knauf Owen, Assistant Director, took roll call and the following members were in attendance:

Deanna LeGrand, Chair, Area 4 Member
Bill Clark Jr., Vice Chair, Area 5 Member
Karl Jett, Secretary, Area 1 Member
Phil Campbell, Area 2 Member
Scotty Herriman, Area 3 Member

Others in attendance were:

Trey Lam, Executive Director
Lisa Knauf Owen, Assistant Director
Shanon Phillips, Water Quality Division Director
Tammy Sawatzky, Conservation Programs Division Director
Robert Toole, Abandoned Mine Land Division Director
Shellie Willoughby, GIS Specialist
Janet Stewart, General Counsel
Greg Kloxin, Water Quality Division Assistant Director
Brooks Tramell, Water Quality Monitoring, Assessment & Wetlands Program Director
Dan Dvoretz, Water Quality Wetlands Environmental Specialist
Greg Scott, Water Quality Soil Scientist
Blane Stacy, Water Quality Soil Health Educator
Karla Spinner, Water Quality Environmental Scientist / Records Manager
Ed Crall, Water Quality Division Finance and Implementation Director
Johnny Pelley, Watershed Technician
George Moore, Watershed Technician
Dennis Boney, Watershed Technician
Jeremy Seiger, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Environmental Management Services Director
Gary O'Neill, Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist
Kirby Smith, Field Representative for Congressman Frank Lucas
Marla Peek, OK Farm Bureau Public Policy Division Director of Regulatory Affairs
Cynthia Reynolds, Reporter with eCapitol
Jimmy Emmons, Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts President
Sarah Blaney, Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts Executive Director
Kayla Anderson, Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts assistant
George Fraley, Rogers County Conservation District Director
Ben Pollard, Guest

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Campbell led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Herriman and seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2017 Commission meeting as corrected. Those voting aye were: Jett, Campbell, Herriman, LeGrand and Clark. Nay votes: none. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Lisa Knauf Owen, Assistant Director, presented the claims and financial statement as listed in Exhibit #1. A motion was made by Mr. Herriman and seconded by Mr. Clark to approve the claims and financial statement. Those voting aye were: Jett, Campbell, Herriman, LeGrand and Clark. Nay votes: none. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES

Karla Spinner, Chair of the OCC Awards and Recognition Committee presented Dan Dvoretz, Water Quality Division Wetlands Environmental Specialist with the Employee of the Year award.

Tammy Sawatzky, Conservation Programs Division Director, presented Johnny Pelley, Conservation Programs Division Watershed Technician for recognition of his 30 years of service.

PRESENTATION OF AGREEMENTS

Lisa Knauf Owen, Assistant Director, presented a new agreement for ratification listed as item "a" in Exhibit #2. She recommended ratification of the agreement approved by Chair LeGrand. A motion was made by Mr. Jett and seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the agreement in Exhibit #2 as presented. Those voting aye were: Jett, Campbell, Herriman, LeGrand and Clark. Nay votes: none. Motion carried.

Ms. Knauf Owen presented the amended agreements for approval listed as items "b-h" in Exhibit #2. She recommended approval of the amended agreements as presented. A motion was made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Jett to approve the amended agreements in Exhibit #2 as listed. Those voting aye were: Jett, Campbell, Herriman, LeGrand and Clark. Nay votes: none. Motion carried.

Ms. Knauf Owen presented new agreements for approval listed as items "i-j" in Exhibit #2. She recommended approval of the new agreements as presented. A motion was made by Mr. Herriman and seconded by Mr. Clark to approve the new agreements in Exhibit #2 as listed. Those voting aye were: Jett, Campbell, Herriman, LeGrand and Clark. Nay votes: none. Motion carried.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUESTS

Trey Lam, Executive Director, presented an out of state travel request for approval as listed in Exhibit #3. A motion was made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Jett to approve the travel request listed as items a. Those voting aye were: Jett, Campbell, Herriman, LeGrand and Clark. Nay votes: none. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT

Ms. Knauf Owen presented the recommendations for appointment of conservation district directors as listed in Exhibit #4. A motion was made by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Clark to approve district director appointments as listed. Those voting aye were: Jett, Campbell, Herriman, LeGrand and Clark. Nay votes: none. Motion carried.

GUIDELINES FOR THE MONARCH HABITAT INITIATIVE COST-SHARE PROGRAM – YEAR 2

Ms. Knauf Owen presented the guidelines (Exhibit #5) for the 2nd year of Monarch Habitat cost-share funds provided through an agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This year's program will be implemented in Payne County, Murray County and Garvin Conservation Districts. A motion was made by Mr. Jett and seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the guidelines as presented. Those voting aye were: Jett, Campbell, Herriman, LeGrand and Clark. Nay votes: none. Motion carried.

GOVERNOR'S WATER CONFERENCE

Mr. Lam presented information about the upcoming Governor's Water Conference. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Herriman and seconded by Mr. Campbell to approval registration for four Commissioners and staff to attend. Those voting aye were: Jett, Campbell, Herriman, LeGrand and Clark. Nay votes: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Lam discussed with the Commissioners the sponsorship levels of the conference. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Jett to sponsor the Governor's Water Conference at the \$1,000 level. Those voting aye were: Jett, Campbell, Herriman, LeGrand and Clark. Nay votes: none. Motion carried.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT JOINT PLANS OF OPERATIONS

Ms. Knauf Owen recommended approval of the Joint Plans of Operations for Cimarron County, Woods County, Shawnee, Adair County, Bryan, Haskell County, LeFlore County, Little River, McIntosh County, Okfuskee County, Pontotoc County and Pushmataha Conservation Districts. A motion was made by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Herriman to approve the plans as presented. Those voting aye were: Jett, Campbell, Herriman, LeGrand and Clark. Nay votes: none. Motion carried.

CO-SPONSORSHIP OF OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT AREA MEETINGS

Mr. Lam presented the dates and locations of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts area meetings. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Campbell to co-sponsor the area meetings. Those voting aye were: Jett, Campbell, Herriman, LeGrand and Clark. Nay votes: none. Motion carried.

CONFERENCE CO-SPONSORSHIP

Trey Lam, Executive Director, presented the co-sponsorship of the 4th annual Southern Soil Health Conference request for ratification. He indicated that the ratification was necessary in order to take advantage of preregistration deadlines. A motion was made by Mr. Herriman and seconded by Mr. Jett to ratify the sponsorship request. Those voting aye were: Jett, Campbell, Herriman, LeGrand and Clark. Nay votes: none. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF THE COMMISSION'S FY2019 BUDGET

Mr. Lam stated that the Commission is required to submit its FY2019 budget request on October 1 to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. He provided a handout of the Commission's draft proposal recommended by staff and he discussed budget request items (see Attachment A.) Mr. Lam indicated that staff will complete the funding amounts for each category and present that for approval during the October meeting. No action required.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair LeGrand recognized Kirby Smith, Field Representative for Congressman Frank Lucas. Ms. Smith wanted to take the opportunity to introduce herself to the Commission as four of the five Commissions serve in areas that are part of Congressman Lucas' 3rd Congressional District. Ms. Smith also thanked the Commission for a successful Conservation Summit.

The Chair recognized George Fraley, Rogers County Conservation District board member and former OACD President. Mr. Fraley thanked Natural Resource Conservation District and the Cherokee Nation for their generous donations for providing funds for the OACD Leadership Program. He also recognized an Oklahoma Mining Commission member for their donation. He indicated that the leadership program has paid great dividends in the past and has made better board members. Mr. Herriman commended Mr. Fraley for taking the initiative to raise the funds for this important project.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP REPORTS

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry: Jeremy Seiger, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Environmental Management Services Director, reported on the following items:

- attended the Soil Health Field Day hosted by South Caddo Conservation District
- Secretary Reese is attending the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture in New Orleans
- Septemberfest was a big success again this year
- State Fair begins September 14 and Made In Oklahoma had a ribbon cutting on the new 3600 square foot space in the Bennett Event Center. They are expecting over 50 vendors in the new space
- Toured the new red meat processing plant for the Quapaw Cattle Company operated by the Quapaw Tribe
- RFD TV ran a mini documentary entitled "Loads of Hope" on Labor Day featuring the Oklahoma March wildfires and the disaster response.
- Woman in Ag nominations still being accepted until September 30.

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service: Gary O'Neill, Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist reported on the following items:

- participated in the successful media event for the Farm to Food Bank project in Leedey
- staff is meeting with landowners working to finalize Conservation Stewardship Program acres

- working to improve the conservation included in contracts; conservation planning must be done prior to entering into an EQIP contract with the upcoming funding cycle
- the restructure plan is slowly working through the approval process; Congressional letters were submitted from USDA and Congress has thirty days to provide comment. Hope to begin hiring internally to fill the 21 District Conservationist positions in the year 2018.
- there has been a realignment of administrative functions for Rural Development, Farm Services Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Risk Management Agency
- engineering reports must be submitted in October to request additional funding for remedial projects on upstream flood control sites
- Lower Bayou Site 12 in Love County has been submitted for approval for new construction.

Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts: Jimmy Emmons, Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts President reported on the following items:

- OACD held their executive board meeting last week
- the Farm to Food Bank Project has been a huge success having harvested over 4,000 pounds of vegetables off of a 3 acre plot. Have receive media coverage from the Sunday Oklahoma, Cheyenne Star, Weatherford Times and two Dewey County papers
- highlighted travels across the country participating in soil health events
- interviewed by Politico last week on the importance of soil health
- recognized George Fraley, past OACD President, for raising \$30,000 for a new leadership class.

OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mr. Campbell reported that he attended the Conservation Summit and was encouraged by the number of people that attended. He also noted he had attended the Shawnee Conservation District Farm and Ranch appreciation banquet.

Mr. Jett reported that he had developed new relationships by participating in the Conservation Summit. He also thanked Greg Scott and Blane Stacy for traveling out to Beaver County to participate in the District's soil health event.

Mr. Clark reported that he too participated in the Conservation Summit event and commended Mr. Lam for the vision to initiate the event.

Mr. Herriman reported on hosting a Soil Health / Pollinator Field Day at his farm on August 17 along with No Till on the Plains. He indicated that there was a good mix of attendees from both Oklahoma and Kansas. He is hopeful that the field day helped with the resistance to no till in his part of the country.

Ms. LeGrand reported on her attendance at the Conservation Summit.

OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COMMISSION STAFF

Executive Director: Trey Lam, reported that the agency in continuing the transition of financial management and human resources. He indicated that this transition allows the agency to continue to focus on our core mission of flood control, water quality, reclaiming abandoned mine lands and conservation district programs. Mr. Lam reported that the Conservation Summit was well attended by conservation district staff and directors as well as Commission staff. He noted

that the steering committee will get together soon to discuss strategies for keeping the momentum going forward. Mr. Lam commended staff for a job well done this summer on working with districts to make soil health events successful. Mr. Lam noted that he made presentations on soil health and rehabilitation of flood control sites at the Nation to Nation meeting hosted by USDA. He also reported that a special session of the state legislature has been called to deal with the \$215 million shortfall in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget. Mr. Lam commended George Fraley on his success in raising funds for the upcoming leadership program.

Water Quality Program: Shanon Phillips, Director, stated a written report is in the packet. She noted that five water quality success stories had been posted by the Environmental Protection Agency today. The Cottonwood Creek success story showcases some of the rehabilitation work being done on flood control sites and the Turkey Creek story highlights the Natural Resources Conservation Service National Water Quality Initiative program. To date there have been 60 watersheds highlighted by these EPA success stories. Ms. Phillips also discussed the challenges of implementing restoration projects within the Illinois River after two 500 year flood events within two years.

Office of Geographic Information and Technical Services: Shellie Willoughby, GIS Specialist reported that OGITS Director, Mike Sharp, had deployed with the Oklahoma Incident Management Team to provide GIS services in Rockport, Texas following the hurricane. She also reported that OK Maps now has parcel data available for all 77 Oklahoma counties.

Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program: Robert Toole, Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Program Director, stated that a report was in the Commissioner's packet. In summary, he reported: construction was progressing on three projects; vegetation was being managed on two projects; five projects were in the design phase with three designs being performed in-house and two projects scheduled for design by an A&E firm; five projects were pending project selection; release letters had been sent to landowners on four projects; three projects were in realty phase; assessments were scheduled on three sites; five projects were under review by the Reclamation Committee with one pending an archeological survey.

Conservation Programs: Tammy Sawatzky, Director, reported that the final inspection for Barnitz Site 5 rehabilitation in Dewey County had been completed. Vegetation of the site will take place after the first of the year. She noted that bids were being reviewed for the rehabilitation of Rock Creek Site 16 and that a pre-bid meeting for the rehabilitation of Rock Creek 15 will be scheduled soon. Ms. Sawatzky also reported that the rehabilitation of Cottonwood Creek Site 54 is beginning to move forward. She also noted that Cost-Share Program Year 17 ended on August 31 and that Program Year 18 was in full swing. Ms. Sawatzky thanked NRCS staff for putting the request for funds forward for remedial repairs on multiple flood control sites.

Assistant Director: Ms. Knauf Owen reported that the agency was beginning the process of advertising for a Public Information Officer. She noted that she had developed job description and vacancy announcements for two administrative positions, one watershed aide and four technician positions within conservation districts. Ms. Knauf Owen reported that she is continuing to work with Department of Agriculture for the distribution of hog gates. She also noted that she is continuing to assist Pontotoc and Hughes County Conservation Districts with their office operations.

NEXT MEETING

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Jett to hold the next Commission meeting on Monday, October 9, 2017 in the Agriculture Building Board Room, 2800 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma beginning at 9:30 a.m. Those voting aye were: Jett, Campbell, Herriman, LeGrand and Clark. Nay votes: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Ms. LeGrand declared the meeting adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Approved by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission on October 9, 2017.


Chair

OCC AGREEMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION

OCC PARTY ID	NO	PURPOSE	AMENDMENT PURPOSE	BEGIN DATE	END DATE	AMOUNT TO OCC	AMOUNT FROM OCC	FUNDING SOURCE
a	NRCS	OCC-529	NRCS will provide assistance to fund 75% of 4 conservation technicians who will provide technical assistance and technical work related to conservation practice design and implementation in Arbutle, Beaver, Jackson and Kay County Conservation Districts.	10/1/2017	9/30/2020	492,000		NRCS
b	Natural Resources Conservation Service	OCC-525	To partner with NRCS to hire a position that will serve as a liaison between OCC and NRCS for addressing water quality need in Oklahoma. The liaison will coordinate and lead efforts to develop watershed plans that meet both NRCS and OCC needs.	10/1/2017	9/30/2020	\$74,500		NRCS
			Extends date of agreement to September 30, 2020					

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c	Natural Resources Conservation Service	OCC-526	To partner with NRCS and The Nature Conservancy to hire 2 conservation plan writers to provide technical assistance in delivery of Farm Bill programs in Oklahoma, with specific focus on soil health.	Extends date of agreement to Sept 30, 2020	10/1/2017	9/30/2020	102,000		NRCS/EPA 319/TNC
d	The Nature Conservancy (TNC)	OCC-527	Partner with NRCS and OCC to fund 1/4 of 2 conservation planner position to assist with Farm Bill delivery and provide technical assistance with specific focus on Soil Health.	TNC to fund 1/4 of 2 conservation planner positions and Adds funds for 1/4 of a soil health coordinator position.	10/1/2017	9/30/2019	\$130,000		TNC
e	Secretary of Energy and Environment, Office of	FY2014 319H (OCC351)	to provide staff support and funding toward the implementation of Oklahoma's Comprehensive Nonpoint Source Program, monitoring program, and the 2014 Blue Thumb statewide education and volunteer program.	Extends the grant to December 31, 2018	1/1/2014	12/31/2018	\$2,345,503.00		EPA

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							OCC	OCC	OCC	OCC	
f	Secretary of Energy and Environment, Office of	FY15/16 (OCC-406)	to set up the EPA grant facilitation between the Commission and OSEE for the FY2015/16 EPA Grant, C9-996100-18.	Extends the grant to December 31, 2018	1/1/2015	12/31/2018		\$4,738,006.00			EPA
g	OCC/OSEE	2017 319h	Is to convey EPA funding from the 2017 grant to provide staff support and funding toward implementation of Oklahoma's Comprehensive Nonpoint Source Program, monitoring program, and the 2017 Blue Thumb Statewide water quality education and volunteer progra	August 2017 represents final award for FY2017	1/1/2017	12/31/2020		\$2,485,503			Federal FY 2017 319h Grant from EPA (C9-996100-19)
h	NRCS	68-7335-16-204	NRCS will develop a model that will complete watershed benefits nationwide on a daily basis and provide reports of pertinent data (OCC/NRCS entered into Agreement No. 68-7335-15-48 to cover this project).	Adds \$75,000 and extends agreement 9/30/18	4/1/2016	9/30/2018			\$150,000.00		Federal

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i	NRCS	OCC-530	NRCS will provide assistance to fund 50% of a soil health coordinator position for 3 years. Coordinator will work to increase the knowledge and understanding of soil health and accelerate the adoption of soil health management systems in Oklahoma.		10/1/2017	9/30/2020	119,000		NRCS
j	Natural Resources Conservation Service	68-7335-17-206 (OCC-531)	Watershed Operations, remedial dam repairs on Caney Coon Site 2, Cottonwood Creek Site 17, North Deer Creek Site 1M, Sallisaw Creek Site 18M, and Sugar Creek Channel site 269R GSS.		9/11/2017	12/31/2020	\$834,750		NRCS

Director Appointments

DISTRICT	FULLNAME	SUCCEEDS	TERM EXPIRES	POS#
Blaine County	John D. Clifton	Clay Loosen	30-Jun-18	A
Delaware County	Trent Holland	Joe Schneider	30-Jun-19	A
East Canadian County	Rita Wiedemann	Leo Demmer	30-Jun-18	E2
Nowata County	Tyler Gage Milliman	Joy Elledge	30-Jun-19	A

**OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 CONSERVATION PROGRAMS DIVISION
 Tammy Sawatzky, Director
 September 11, 2017**

Administration

- Reconciled O&M and rehab financial records.
- Continued work on watershed dam hazard class review project.
- Participated in the USDA-ARS Stakeholders meeting.
- Met with OKIE811 staff to update conservation district watershed dam contact information.
- Participated in an Earthquake Risk for Ag and Natural Resources meeting.

Operation & Maintenance

- Technical, administrative, and legal/easement assistance to 22 Conservation Districts:

Okfuskee County	Talihina	Atoka County
Washita County	Garvin	Coal County
Grady County	Creek County	Pittsburg County
Noble County	Murray County	Custer County
Love County	Lincoln County	South Caddo
Kiowa County	Pontotoc County	Bryan
Comanche County	McClain County	East Canadian County
- Claims: Processed 16 watershed claims for a total reimbursement of \$24,541.82
- Conservation District board meeting: Garvin
- Watershed Technicians and Aides used their skid steers to assisted the following conservation districts to perform O&M:

District	Dam
Little River	Whitegrass Waterhole 8-brush control
	Waterfall Gilford 6-brush control

- Approved wildlife service's requests:

District	# of Dams
Grady County	4
Okfuskee County	1

- Approved O&M Funding Requests:

District	Project	Amount
Coal County	Upper Clear Boggy 6-pump fuel to lower water	\$1,000.00
Custer County	Multiple Sites-equipment fuel	750.00
	Barnitz 39-replace gate	6,000.00
Grady County	Roaring D6-replace tower	1,441.00
Murray County	Mill 1-pump fuel to lower water	\$1,250.00
Washita County	Multiple Sites-vehicle/equipment fuel	1,000.00
	Cavalry 3-repair globe valve	59.25
TOTAL		\$11,500.25

- Flood Damage Repair EWP Contracting:

District	Project	Contract Amount	Status
Arbuckle	Caddo 27	\$886,759.30	Work progressing

- Claims: Processed 2 EWP claims for a total reimbursement of \$50,592.83.

Watershed Rehabilitation

- Administrative, technical and land rights assistance to

Sequoyah County – Sallisaw 33	Logan County – Cottonwood 54
Murray County – Rock 15 and 16	Dewey County – Barnitz 5 and 11
City of Perry – Upper Black Bear 62	
- NRCS rehabilitation agreement management
- Conducted final inspection on Barnitz Creek Site 5 in Dewey County.
- Attended bid open for Rock Creek Site 16. Bids are currently being reviewed.
- Claims: Processed 3 Rehab claim for a total reimbursement of \$208,803.38.

Cost-Share Program

- Reviewed Program Year 17 and 18 monthly reports received from conservation districts.
- Certified \$25,581.74 of CSPY 17 carry-over funds for 8 conservation districts.
- Assistance: Provided Cost-Share Program assistance to 19 Conservation Districts:

Osage County	Kingfisher County	Muskogee County
Kiowa County	Latimer County	Woodward County
Mayes County	Wagoner County	Cherokee County
Dewey County	Sequoyah County	NFRR
Blaine County	Love County	Pawnee County
Pushmataha	McClain County	Nowata County
Jackson County		

# of Claims	# of Districts	Claim Amount
<u>PY 17</u>		
16	10	\$29,349.77
	Brush Management	9 acres
	Herbaceous Weed Control	623 acres
	Pasture Planting	145.18 acres
	Pipeline	9,797 lf
	Pond	4,336 cy
	Watering Facility	1

# of Claims	# of Districts	Claim Amount
<u>PY 18</u>		
73	33	\$179,987.50
	Brush Management	1,904.8 acres
	Cover Crop	15 acres
	Critical Area Planting	1 acre
	Diversion	706 cy
	Fencing	1,857 lf
	Heavy Use Area Protection	3,983 sf
	Herbaceous Weed Control	6,773 acres
	Pasture Planting	178.6 acres
	Pipeline	700 lf
	Pond	12,732 cy
	Pumping Plant	1
	Watering Facility	3
	Well	1