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## **Governor Appoints Dean Graumann to Oklahoma Conservation Commission**

**Oklahoma City, OK, December 16, 2013:** Dean Graumann of Graumann Farms in Granite, OK was appointed Area IV Commissioner for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission (OCC) on December 10, 2013 by Governor Mary Fallin. He will complete the remainder of resigning Commissioner Dan Lowrance's term, followed by a five year term from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2019.

"Dean has been a friend to the Commission and staunch supporter of conservation in Oklahoma for many years. We commend the Governor for appointing such a dedicated and capable individual to the Commission," said Mike Thralls, OCC Executive Director.

The conservation challenges faced by Area IV are nothing new to Graumann. He has been a District Director on the Greer County Conservation District Board since 1999, a position his uncle, Leonard Graumann, held from 1964 to 1994. He has also served the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) as an Area IV board member and OACD Vice President.

"I am honored to be appointed to the OCC by Governor Fallin," said Graumann. "I have always felt it to be a great privilege and a great responsibility to care for God's creation. I look forward to working with the people of Oklahoma in accomplishing this task."

A Granite High School and Tulsa University graduate, Graumann has shown commitment to continued education by serving on the Board of Regents for Western Oklahoma State College in Altus and completing the OACD Conservation Leadership Program in 2013. In a previous life, he played professional baseball in the Cincinnati Reds organization. He and his wife, Linda, have been married for 39 years. They have two daughters.

The OCC's five Commissioners each represent one of five areas which together comprise all of Oklahoma's 87 conservation districts. Their judgment and oversight provide direction as the Commission pursues its mission of conserving, protecting, and restoring Oklahoma's natural resources on behalf of the citizens of Oklahoma.

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