

AGENDA
Board of Directors Meeting
Tulsa County Conservation District
6660 S. Sheridan Rd. Suite 120
Tulsa, OK 74133
April 14, 2016 - 4:00 PM

1. Meeting called to order
2. Roll Call
3. Consider, Discuss, and Take possible action on the following agenda items:
4. Consideration of Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approval of Minutes from the March 9, 2016 Special Meeting
 - B. Approval of Financial Statements & District Budget for Period Ending March 2016
 - C. Review of TACF Financials for Period Ending February, and March 2016
 - D. Approval of District Reimbursement Claims and Payment of Bills Owed by the District
 - E. Approval of District Employee Timesheet & Leave Records for the Month of March 2016
 - F. Acceptance of NRCS Farm Bill performance worksheets
5. Consideration of and Possible Action on Items to be Removed Consent Agenda
6. Cost Share Program Year 16 & 17
 - A. Application Extension Until 5/10/16
 - B. Cost Share Ranking Issues
 - C. Approval of Brian Hayes (CSPY 16) Cancellation Letter Due to No Resource Concern
7. Discussion and/or Possible Action on the Following District Operation Items:
 - A. TCCD Monthly Outreach Report
 - B. Discussion and Acceptance of District Conservationist Agency Report
 - C. Crow Creek Update with Jean Lemmon
 - D. The Month of February in Conservation
 - E. Discussion of Expiration of Craig Thurmond's Appointed Position
 - F. RMC Update
 - a) Possibility of Board Members Alternating Meeting Attendance
 - G. John Beasley's Earth Day Celebrate Community Event Donation Request of \$250
 - H. Discussion and Possible Approval to attend A Grand Adventure: A stream and Lake Educator Workshop June 1-3, 2016
 - I. Director Election Notice Published (FYI)
 - J. TCCD/NRCS Phone Lines
8. Proposed Executive Session:

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 - A. Return to open session and establishment of quorum. Take any action or entertain a motion related to executive session described above.
9. Public Comments:
10. Adjourn:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is May 12, 2016 at the Tulsa County Conservation District Office:
6660 South Sheridan Rd, Suite 120 Tulsa, OK 74133.



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STATEMENT OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

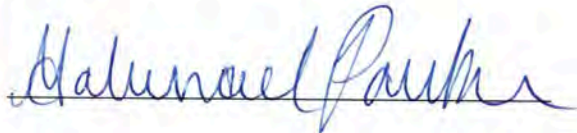
I certify that the minutes of the **Special Meeting** of the Tulsa County Conservation District Board of Directors held on **April 14, 2016** were approved as written by a vote in the **Special Meeting** of the Board of Directors held on **May 12, 2016**



Chair, Board of Directors

May 12, 2016
Date

Attest:



**Minutes
Tulsa County Conservation District
Special Board Meeting**

Date: April 14, 2016
Time: 4:00 PM

Members Present: Zach Kilburn, Chairman
Roy Foster, Treasurer
Melissa Gray, Member
Jana Black, Member

Members Absent: Craig Thurmond, Vice Chairman

Others Present: Gabrael Parker, District Secretary
Cleaon Bradford, Acting District Conservationist
Jean Lemmon, Oklahoma Conservation Commission

1. Meeting Called to Order:

Member, Zach Kilburn called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM He noted this was a regular meeting and is held in compliance with the Open Meeting Act, Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 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 on April 12, 2016 in the front window at 6660 S. Sheridan Rd. Suite 120, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74133.

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5. Consideration of and Possible Action on Items to be Removed Consent Agenda

Melissa Gray suggested that we remove agenda item 4A from the consent agenda for further discussion. Melissa said that in the March 9, 2016 meeting minutes, the Home &

Garden Show update had been written as if the show had already taken place. Melissa pointed at the show did not start until March 10th, which was a day after the last board meeting. She wanted to amend the March 9, 2016 meeting minutes to reflect the show's update prior to the show starting. Melissa Gray made a motion to amend the Home & Garden Show update, to reflect the update prior to March 9, 2016. Jana Black 2nd the motion. Nays: None. The motion carries. Melissa Gray made a motion to accept the consent agenda, with the amendment to item 4A, the March 9, 2016 meeting minutes. Jana Black 2nd the motion. Nays: None. The motion carries.

Jean Lemmon entered the meeting at 4:12 PM.

6. Cost Share Program Year 16 & 17

A. Application Extension Until 5/10/16

Gabriel Parker said that she is requesting that the Cost-Share Program Year 17 application period be extended until May 10, 2016. She said that we gave the applications out, but no one had returned them by April 12, 2016. Melissa Gray made a motion to extend the application period until May 10, 2016. Jana Black 2nd the motion. Nays: None. The motion carries.

B. Cost Share Ranking Issues

Gabriel Parker said that she was trying to come up with a more comprehensive and decisive way to rank our Cost-Share applications. She asked other districts what they use, and a lot said they use NRCS's ranking system, while others had come up with their own. We have run into a problem where we have several applications for the same practice, and no way to prioritize them. This leads to several having the same score. After some discussion, the board decided to revisit the Cost-Share Program Ranking once we receive more applications as well as get confirmation on the requirement of \$1000.00 of soil dependent products. Once we get that confirmation we will continue the discussion. No further action needed to be taken at this time.

C. Approval of Brian Hayes (CSPY 16) Cancellation Letter Due to No Resource Concern

Gabriel Parker said that she needs to send Brian Hayes a cancellation letter because under NRCS standards and specifications, his Cost-Share application practices do not meet the resource concern requirement. He is currently not producing any crops nor does he have any livestock. He is planning to have livestock in the future. Melissa Gray made a motion to approve the cancellation notice to be sent to Brian Hayes. Jana Black 2nd the motion. Nays: None. The motion carries.

7. Discussion and/or Possible Action on the Following District Operation Items:

A. TCCD Monthly Outreach Report

Gabriel Parker said that the Conservation Program Specialist as well as the Community Outreach Coordinator, used to include these in the packets. Gabriel said she that she thought she would start doing so as the TCCD Outreach Report. Gabriel said it would give the board a better idea of monthly activities in an easy to read format. She said that all of these activities are documented on the timesheet, but that this was easier to see. Jana, and Melissa said that they liked the report. No further action needed to be taken at this time.

B. Discussion and Acceptance of District Conservationist Agency Report

Cleaon Bradford said that Tulsa has one preapproved EQIP application, and the participant is going to come in next week to sign those documents. Cleaon said the two other applications, that are eligible, were not preapproved. All five of the CSP applications are eligible. As far as outreach goes, Cleaon said that we set up the Land Judging contest site, which will take place tomorrow. Melissa Gray asked Cleaon why the two other EQIP applications were not preapproved. He said that they did not rank high enough on the ranking to be funded this round. He did say that they may be able to fund those applications at a later date. Jana Black made a motion to accept the District Conservationist's Agency Report. Melissa Gray 2nd the motion. Nays: None. The motion carries.

C. Crow Creek Update with Jean Lemmon

Jean said that we are getting ready for the Crow Creek Cleanup on May 21st at the Philbrook. She said that it will be a good time to get information out to more of the public about water quality and the restoration project in general. Jean said that Cleaon and Larry Coppock said that they would not be able to do the planning on the project since it was not in one of the NRCS programs. They indicated that they would not be able to complete the plans within the desired timeframe. They did say that if they had the time, at a later date, they would be happy to help. With NRCS unable to help with the planning, Jean said that they are now having to look elsewhere for an engineer or landscape architect that can help. Ideally whoever they were able to get to help, hopefully, they would be willing to do the planning for relatively cheap, or even free. No further action needed to be taken at this time.

D. The Month of February in Conservation

Gabriel said that this is an FYI and no action needed to be taken at this time.

E. Discussion of Expiration of Craig Thurmond's Appointed Position

The board decided to table this agenda item due to Craig's absence.

F. RMC Update

a) Possibility of Board Members Alternating Meeting Attendance

Gabriel Parker said that the planning committee is working diligently to put on a great RMC. She said that they have a few people signed up so far, and the agenda has been finalized. Gabriel also wanted to see if some of the board members could attend some of the meetings. She suggested that the members for could alternate between weeks. If one day works better for one then another date, that person could attend that week but not the following. Zach Kilburn said that he would be available April 25, but not May 2nd. Melissa said that she would be available on May 9th and possibly after that. Jana said she could be there May 2nd. No further action needed to be taken at this time.

G. John Beasley's Earth Day Celebrate Community Event Donation Request of \$250

John Beasley said that he would like to become a sponsor for the Earth Day Celebrate Community Event on April 22nd. John said that is a worthy cause and it will give the Foundation and the District some great exposure. He said that there will be about 1500 kids from 9 Tulsa area schools, learning about Earth Day. After the brief discussion, Melissa Gray made a motion to approve John Beasley's (TACF Board Member) Earth Day Celebrate Community Event Sponsorship Request of \$250. Jana Black 2nd the motion. Nays: None. The motion carries.

H. Discussion and Possible Approval to attend A Grand Adventure: A stream and Lake Educator Workshop June 1-3, 2016

Gabriel said that Cheryl Cheadle gave her the information at the H&G Show and mentioned that she thought it would be good for someone from TCCD to attend. It is \$50.00 for all three days, minus food, travel, and lodging. Melissa Gray asked if she knew the relative cost involved. Gabriel said that she could find out. The board instructed Gabriel to find out what the actual cost would be, and present that at the next board meeting. The board decided to table until the next meeting.

I. Director Election Notice Published (FYI)

Gabriel said that the publication was published in Tulsa World on the 1st, and the second publication will be published tomorrow. She said that this was just an FYI and that no action needed to be taken.

J. TCCD/NRCS Phone Lines

Gabriel Parker said there has been an issue with people getting through when someone calls the TCCD phone number. Gabriel said that there may be a problem with the voice over IP call system. Since we have COX and NRCS has AT&T, phone system may be having problems recognizing the TCCD line. If all three lines are tied up, people will not be able to get through even to the automated system, nor the voicemail system. Gabriel also said that David from IT said that they are in the process of getting rid of the VOIP system and implementing 100% internet based phone system. She said that she did not know if the same problem, of not getting through, will happen when the new system is active. It may or may not.

Gabriel said that since a lot of districts are facing major budget issues, a lot of them are discontinuing the district line and just using the NRCS line. Gabriel said in the Pryor office, they do not have a district number. She said that the Mayes County CD have been without a district number for about three years. Cleon said they have encountered very few, if any problems with it. Zach Kilburn said that the agenda does not indicate that the board needed to approve or disapprove disconnecting the TCCD phone line. Gabriel said that if we wanted to get rid of the phone line that they could approve to do so at the next meeting. No further action needed to be taken at this time.

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Melissa Gray made a motion to enter into Executive Session with all staying, and Gabrielael Parker taking minutes. Jana Black 2nd the motion. Nays: None. The motion carries.

Entered into Executive Session at 6:10 PM

A. Return to open session and establishment of quorum. Take any action or entertain a motion related to executive session described above.

Exited out of Executive Session at 6:07 PM.

Jana Black made a motion to accept the conservation plan for A Third Place Community Foundation. Melissa Gray 2nd the motion. Nays: None. The motion carries.

9. Public Comments: None

10. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM

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CHECKLIST OF BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

BOARD ACTION ITEM		DATE	ACTION TAKEN
<p><i>After current program year guidelines are approved and distributed by OCC and prior to advertising the current program year locally your district board <u>must</u> discuss and vote on items 1-9 listed below. The action taken <u>must</u> be recorded in the board meeting minutes and on this form.</i></p>			
1	Is your district participating in the current program year? You do not need to send a letter to OCC, simply take action in your board meeting.	3/09/2016	
2	Are local board members allowed to make application in the local program? Complete the Director Participation form and return it to OCC. Any board member making application <u>must</u> immediately remove themselves from discussions and votes on program items at this time.	3/09/2016	No
3	Designate the authorized district representative. <u>Must</u> be a district board member. Any board member making application in the local program is <u>not</u> eligible to serve as the district representative.	3/09/2016	Zach Kilburn, TCCD Chairman
4	Designate the technical representative. <u>Must</u> meet the requirements stated in the Rules.	3/09/2016	Freddy Trujillo, NRCS Cleon Bradford, NRCS
5	Review the conservation practices listed in the Program Year Guidelines and approve practices your district will offer locally.	3/09/2016	All
6	Review and approve the average costs listed in the Program Year Guidelines for the practices your district will offer locally	3/09/2016	Use Average
7	Establish your district's local cost-share rate (percentage) and maximum cost-share payment amount. Your cost-share rate can't exceed 75% and the maximum cost-share payment amount can't exceed \$5,000 per participant.	3/09/2016	75% \$2,500.00 Max Payment
8	Establish specific local eligibility and selection criteria/priority system that will be used to select successful applicants.	3/09/2016	Defer until April 14, 2016 Board Meeting
9	Establish your district's application period and how the program will be advertised locally.	3/09/2016	Close 4/30/2016, word of mouth, NRCS, outreach events
<p>STOP STOP After the application period has closed your district can proceed to item 10. STOP STOP</p>			
10	Review, rank and approve applications using the eligibility and selection criteria/priority system approved under item 8 above. Board meeting minutes <u>must</u> include the following for <u>each</u> approved participant: agreement number, participant name, practice(s), completion date, cost-share rate, and maximum amount.		

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\ccrual Basis

Tulsa County Conservastion District
Profit & Loss
July 2015 through March 2016

	<u>Jul '15 - Mar 16</u>
Income	
Administrative Income	107.18
OCC Reimbursements	19,127.35
Total Income	<u>19,234.53</u>
Expense	
Aministrative Expense	802.22
Director Fees	445.00
Employee Benefits	1,129.75
Insurance	301.00
Office Supplies	125.45
Outreach Programs	238.07
Payroll	13,057.64
Payroll Tax	6,367.36
Postage	52.54
Professional Fees	530.00
Telephone and Internet	1,226.28
Travel	771.30
Total Expense	<u>25,046.61</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-5,812.08</u></u>

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Accrual Basis

Tulsa County Conservation District
Profit & Loss
March 2016

	<u>Mar 16</u>
Income	
Administrative Income	0.21
OCC Reimbursements	2,313.59
Total Income	<u>2,313.80</u>
Expense	
Administrative Expense	159.81
Director Fees	40.00
Employee Benefits	160.03
Insurance	301.00
Outreach Programs	238.07
Payroll	2,768.77
Payroll Tax	801.49
Telephone and Internet	122.68
Travel	102.33
Total Expense	<u>4,694.18</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-2,380.38</u></u>

**Tulsa County Conservation District
Profit & Loss Detail
March 2016**

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Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Income								
Administrative Income								
Deposit	3/31/2016		Arvest	Interest Pay...		Arvest Checki...	0.14	0.14
Deposit	3/31/2016		Arvest			Arvest Special...	0.07	0.21
Total Administrative Income							0.21	0.21
OCC Reimbursements								
Deposit	3/3/2016		OCC	Reimburse...		Arvest Checki...	2,313.59	2,313.59
Total OCC Reimbursements							2,313.59	2,313.59
Total Income							2,313.80	2,313.80
Expense								
Administrative Expense								
Check	3/7/2016	8455	Fuzzell's Copier	Quarter Copi...		Arvest Checki...	139.83	139.83
Check	3/9/2016		Wal-Mart	Board Meetin...		Arvest Checki...	19.98	159.81
Total Administrative Expense							159.81	159.81
Director Fees								
Check	3/2/2016	8444	Jana Black	2nd Quarter ...		Arvest Checki...	40.00	40.00
Total Director Fees							40.00	40.00
Employee Benefits								
Check	3/4/2016	8458	OCC	March 2016 ...		Arvest Checki...	160.03	160.03
Total Employee Benefits							160.03	160.03
Insurance								
Check	3/25/2016	8456	Arrow Group	2016-2019 B...		Arvest Checki...	301.00	301.00
Total Insurance							301.00	301.00
Outreach Programs								
Check	3/7/2016		4imprint.com	Purchase of ...		Arvest Checki...	233.10	233.10
Check	3/9/2016		Home Depot	Payee:POS ...		Arvest Checki...	4.97	238.07
Total Outreach Programs							238.07	238.07
Payroll								
Check	3/1/2016	8457	Gabriel S Parker	February 16-...		Arvest Checki...	849.26	849.26
Check	3/15/2016	8460	Gabriel S Parker	March 1-15th...		Arvest Checki...	849.29	1,698.55
Check	3/15/2016	8459	Gabriel S Parker	3-Year Longe...		Arvest Checki...	220.93	1,919.48
Check	3/31/2016	8462	Gabriel S Parker	March 16th ...		Arvest Checki...	849.29	2,768.77
Total Payroll							2,768.77	2,768.77
Payroll Tax								
Check	3/10/2016		IRS	941 Tax Pay...		Arvest Checki...	646.52	646.52
Check	3/15/2016		Oklahoma Tax Com...	February 201...		Arvest Checki...	85.00	731.52
Check	3/29/2016		Oklahoma Employ...	1st Quarter U...		Arvest Checki...	69.97	801.49
Total Payroll Tax							801.49	801.49

**Tulsa County Conservation District
Profit & Loss Detail
March 2016**

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Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Telephone and Internet Check	3/29/2016		COX Communicatio...	March 2016 ...		Arvest Checki...	122.68	122.68
Total Telephone and Internet							122.68	122.68
Travel Check	3/15/2016	8461	Gabriel S Parker	February 201...		Arvest Checki...	102.33	102.33
Total Travel							102.33	102.33
Total Expense							4,694.18	4,694.18
Net Income							-2,380.38	-2,380.38



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Statement Ending 03/31/2016

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Customer Number:

Managing Your Accounts

-  24-HOUR ACCOUNT INFO (800) 601-8655 LINE
-  CUSTOMER SERVICE (866) 952-9523
-  MAILING ADDRESS PO BOX 799 LOWELL AR 72745
-  WEBSITE www.arvest.com

Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING		\$1,327.69
Total Current Value		\$1,327.69

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NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING -

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
03/01/2016	Beginning Balance	\$3,708.14
	2 Credit(s) This Period	\$2,313.73
	16 Debit(s) This Period	\$4,694.18
03/31/2016	Ending Balance	\$1,327.69

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$0.14
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$0.44
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

DORMANCY: A MONTHLY FEE WILL BEGIN IF NO ACTIVITY FOR 12 MONTHS.

Electronic Credits

Date	Description	Amount
03/03/2016	VENDOR PAYMENTS MISC REIMB TULSA COUNTY CONSERVAT	\$2,313.59

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
03/31/2016	INTEREST PMT	\$0.14

Electronic Debits

Date	Description	Amount
03/07/2016	285623 POS PUR FROM CHK 4IMPRINT 877-4467746, WI 5969	-\$233.10



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NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING -

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Electronic Debits (continued)

Date	Description	Amount
03/09/2016	856174 POS PIN PUR FROM CHK THE HOME DEPOT 3903 TULSA, OK 5200	-\$4.97
03/09/2016	382167 POS PIN PUR FROM CHK WM SUPERCENTER # TULSA, OK 5411	-\$19.98
03/10/2016	IRS USATAXPYMT TULSA COUNTY CONSERVAT	-\$646.52
03/15/2016	TAX PAYMENTS OK TAX PMT	-\$85.00
03/29/2016	COX COMM TUL BANK DRAFT Tulsa County Conservat	-\$122.68
03/29/2016	EMPL SEC COMM EMPL SEC	-\$69.97

Checks Cleared

Check Nbr	Date	Amount	Check Nbr	Date	Amount	Check Nbr	Date	Amount
8444	03/02/2016	\$40.00	8457	03/01/2016	\$849.26	8460	03/15/2016	\$849.29
8455*	03/07/2016	\$139.83	8458	03/04/2016	\$160.03	8461	03/15/2016	\$102.33
8456	03/25/2016	\$301.00	8459	03/15/2016	\$220.93	8462	03/31/2016	\$849.29

* Indicates skipped check number

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount	Date	Amount
02/29/2016	\$3,708.14	03/04/2016	\$4,972.44	03/15/2016	\$2,670.49
03/01/2016	\$2,858.88	03/07/2016	\$4,599.51	03/25/2016	\$2,369.49
03/02/2016	\$2,818.88	03/09/2016	\$4,574.56	03/29/2016	\$2,176.84
03/03/2016	\$5,132.47	03/10/2016	\$3,928.04	03/31/2016	\$1,327.69



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Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING		\$1,600.34
Total Current Value		\$1,600.34

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NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
03/01/2016	Beginning Balance	\$1,600.27
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.07
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
03/31/2016	Ending Balance	\$1,600.34

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$0.07
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$0.20
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

DORMANCY: A MONTHLY FEE WILL BEGIN IF NO ACTIVITY FOR 12 MONTHS.

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
03/31/2016	INTEREST PMT	\$0.07

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
02/29/2016	\$1,600.27	03/31/2016	\$1,600.34



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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
BUSINESS MONEY MARKET		\$15,560.17
Total Current Value		\$15,560.17

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BUSINESS MONEY MARKET

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
02/01/2016	Beginning Balance	\$15,558.93
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$1.24
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
02/29/2016	Ending Balance	\$15,560.17

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$1.24
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$2.56
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

DORMANCY: A MONTHLY FEE WILL BEGIN IF NO ACTIVITY FOR 24 MONTHS.

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
02/29/2016	INTEREST PMT	\$1.24

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
01/31/2016	\$15,558.93	02/29/2016	\$15,560.17



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6660 S SHERIDAN RD STE 120
TULSA OK 74133-1768

Statement Ending 03/31/2016

TULSA AREA CONSERVATION

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Customer Number:

Managing Your Accounts

-  24-HOUR ACCOUNT INFO (800) 601-8655 LINE
-  CUSTOMER SERVICE (866) 952-9523
-  MAILING ADDRESS PO BOX 799 LOWELL AR 72745
-  WEBSITE www.arvest.com

Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
BUSINESS MONEY MARKET		\$15,561.49
Total Current Value		\$15,561.49

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BUSINESS MONEY MARKET -

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
03/01/2016	Beginning Balance	\$15,560.17
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$1.32
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
03/31/2016	Ending Balance	\$15,561.49

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$1.32
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$3.88
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

DORMANCY: A MONTHLY FEE WILL BEGIN IF NO ACTIVITY FOR 24 MONTHS.

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
03/31/2016	INTEREST PMT	\$1.32

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
02/29/2016	\$15,560.17	03/31/2016	\$15,561.49



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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING		\$6,140.20
Total Current Value		\$6,140.20

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NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING -

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
02/01/2016	Beginning Balance	\$6,139.96
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.24
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
02/29/2016	Ending Balance	\$6,140.20

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$0.24
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$0.50
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

DORMANCY: A MONTHLY FEE WILL BEGIN IF NO ACTIVITY FOR 12 MONTHS.

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
02/29/2016	INTEREST PMT	\$0.24

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
01/31/2016	\$6,139.96	02/29/2016	\$6,140.20



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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING		\$6,140.46
Total Current Value		\$6,140.46

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NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING -

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
03/01/2016	Beginning Balance	\$6,140.20
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.26
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
03/31/2016	Ending Balance	\$6,140.46

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$0.26
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$0.76
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

DORMANCY: A MONTHLY FEE WILL BEGIN IF NO ACTIVITY FOR 12 MONTHS.

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
03/31/2016	INTEREST PMT	\$0.26

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
02/29/2016	\$6,140.20	03/31/2016	\$6,140.46

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 Phone: 918-258-6681 Fax: 918-251-7893

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 Michelle Williams
 6660 S Sheridan Rd Ste 120
 Tulsa, OK 74133

INVOICE NO. 27168		Page 1
ACCOUNT NO.	OP	DATE
TULSA-2	AG	02/22/2016
Fidelity Supplement		
POLICY #	LOAN #	
COMPANY		
Ohio Casualty Insurance		
EFFECTIVE	EXPIRATION	BALANCE DUE ON
04/12/2016	04/12/2019	
AMOUNT PAID	AMOUNT DUE	
	\$301.00	

*** PLEASE RETURN TOP PORTION WITH REMITTANCE ***

Item #	Eff Date	Trm	Type	Loan #	Description	Amount
171137	04/12/16	REN	FS-S		16/19 FS Bond renewal	\$301.00
					Invoice Balance:	\$301.00

OK Paid
 3/10/16
 CK# 8456
 GP

Oklahoma Employment Security Commission
Online Payment Report

The Online Payment was processed successfully :

Payment Amount : \$69.97

Payment Submitted : 3/25/2016 9:38:09 AM

UserId: TulsaCCD918

Account No.	Qtr	Year	Employer	Amount	Status	Confirmation No.	Scheduled Date	Processed Date
	01	2016	TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION DIST	\$69.97	Processed	1601558642	3/25/2016 12:00:00 AM	3/25/2016 11:16:35 PM

1st Quarter 2016 January, February, March

Oklahoma Employment Security Commission

EMPLOYERS QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Cashier: P O Box 52004 Oklahoma City, Ok 73152-2004

our report has been received, DO NOT mail a copy of the Employers Quarterly Contribution Report with payment.

1. Employee SSN	Change Type	2. Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	3. Total Wages Paid	4. Taxable Wages Paid
					\$6,997.40	\$6,997.40
REPORT TOTAL					\$6,997.40	\$6,997.40

14. Monthly count of all full and part-time workers who worked or received pay subject to unemployment insurance for the payroll period that includes the 12th of the month.

Month 1 Month 2 Month 3

15. Oklahoma Account Number:
 16. Federal I.D. No:
 17. Qtr / Yr:
 18. Due Date:
 19. Employer Name / Address

TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION DIST
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5. TOTAL WAGES PAID.....	\$6,997.40
6. TAXABLE WAGES PAID.....	\$6,997.40
7. Contribution Rate for This Quarter.....	1%
8. Contributions Due.....	\$69.97
9. Interest Due.....	\$0.00
10. 10% Penalty Due + \$100.00 Penalty Due.....	\$0.00
11. Debit.....	\$0.00
12. AMOUNT DUE.....	\$69.97
13. Amount Paid.....	

I certify this report is correct and no contribution is paid by any employee

Contact Name:
 Title:
 Contact Phone:
 Date:

Confirmation No.: **BDC9E50137**

1st - 3rd Qrt Report January, February, & March

Performance Worksheet/Operational Tasks

Use this form July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

Tulsa County

Conservation District:

April-16

Month & Year

Day of Month

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Conservation Planning

Customer service toolkit data entry																													
Conservation plan maintenance																													
Assemble plan components																													
Conducts on-site inspections																													
Provide practice check out services																													
Development of plan and soil maps																													
Other																													

Outreach for Farm Bill Programs

News Article Development																													
Outreach Activities						X						X								X		X							
Assist with monthly outreach report												X								X		X							
Public presentations							X													X	X								
Success stories																				X	X								
Earth Team volunteer program																													
Assist with statewide media																													
Other						X						X							X		X								

Administrative Assistance for Farm Bill Programs

Filing	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
Updating General Manual and FOTG											X	X	X	X	X									X	X	X	X	X	X
Reception	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
General office correspondence	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
Record of meeting minutes				X							X		X					X		X				X					
Maintain office schedules																													
Maintain ledgers	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
Other	X						X												X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X

Farm Bill Contracting

Explain and promote farm bill programs							X													X									
Local work group coordination																													
Complete program applications																													
Program application rankings																													
Compile and file applications																					X								
Prepare and mail form letters																													
Plan and contract development																													
Provide technical assistance																													
Update and maintain LTP-003																													

Other Farm Bill Activities (add as needed)

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Estimated number of hours all district staff worked this month assisting with Farm Bill delivery: **30 Hours**

I certify that the above items as marked have been accomplished according to the terms of this agreement and meet with my full satisfaction

[Signature] 5/13/16
 Conservation District Board Representative (Signature & Date)

[Signature] 5/12/16
 NRCS District Conservationist (Signature & Date)

Water

Priority #

Ponds	
Fencing	
Pipeline	
Pumping Plant	
Watering Facility	
Water Well	
Heavy Use Area Protection	
Grassed Waterway	
Terrace	

Vegetation

Priority #

Brush Management	
Herbaceous Weed Control	
Prescribed Burning	
Cover Crop	
Critical Area Planting	
Fencing	
FireBreak	
Grade Stabilization Structure	
Grassed Waterway	
Forage and Biomass Planting	
Range Planting	
Integrated Pest Management	

TCCD Monthly Outreach Report March 2016

Meetings:

03/04/2016	Land Judging Contest Planning Meeting
03/07/2016	2016 Resource Management Planning Meeting
03/09/2016	TCCD Board Meeting
03/09/2016	Earth Day: Celebrate CommUNITY Meeting
03/07/2016	2016 Resource Management Planning Meeting
03/14/2016	2016 Resource Management Planning Meeting
03/21/2016	2016 Resource Management Planning Meeting
03/23/2016	2016 Conservation Day at the Capital
03/28/2016	2016 Resource Management Planning Meeting
03/30/2016	Earth Day: Celebrate CommUNITY Meeting

Special Events:

03/08-03/09	Home & Garden Show Set Up
03/10-03/13	Home & Garden Show

Up Coming Events:

04/15/2016	Land Judging Contest
04/20/2016	Enviro Expo
04/22/2016	Earth Day: Celebrate CommUNITY Event

Work Duties Performed:

- ❖ Assemble Agenda and Minutes for Meetings
- ❖ Answer phones
- ❖ Cost-Share Year 16 & 17 Assistance
- ❖ Publish District Director Election Notice
- ❖ Prepare Outreach Presentation
- ❖ Volunteer Coordination
- ❖ H&G Show Event Prep
- ❖ Assist with Aerial Photo Request
- ❖ RMC Registration Prep
- ❖ Website Updates
- ❖ Storage Room Organization
- ❖ Map Cabinet Reorganization
- ❖ Email Correspondences

March 3, 2016

This Week in Conservation



This is an internal newsletter intended for Conservation Commission and district staff, directors, and partners.

The 78th Annual State Meeting of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts was held February 29 through March 1, 2016 at the Reed Conference Center in Midwest City. There were more than 200 attendees including conservation districts, the Conservation Commission, NRCS, other partners and vendors. We will bring you highlights from the conference and spotlight some of the award winners in future editions of *TWIC*. See the full list of awardees on the last page.



Calendar of Events

- Mar 08 OK Irrigation Conference - Woodward
- Mar 10 GIS Day at the Capitol - OKC
- Mar 10 Soil Health & Cover Crop Demonstration Tour - Nowata
- Mar 23 Conservation Day at the Capitol - OKC
- Mar 28 Converting Kentucky 31 tall fescue - Welch
- Mar 29 OK Clean Lakes & Watersheds Association Conference - Stillwater
- Mar 30 Feral Hog Workshop - Luther



2016 District Director Elections

The term of office for District Director Elected Position #3 will **expire on June 30, 2016**. The election for this position is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 7, 2016**. There are deadlines and procedures that must be met regarding the election.

Please refer to Chapter 3 in the Conservation District Handbook, available online on the OCC website here:

<http://bit.ly/24C1ulm> for in depth guidelines, forms, and further information.

The first deadline is to list on your **March meeting agenda** an item to approve the dates of publication of filing period.

If you have any questions, contact Kim Tweed at 405-521-4826

Assessing Soil Health Trainings

The last of the **Assessing Soil Health** tool bucket trainings have been scheduled. If you haven't made it to one yet, get there!

- April 5 —N. Caddo CD
- April 19—Dewey CCD
- April 20—Woodward CCD
- TBD—LeFlore CCD



Project Learning Tree Spring 2016 Workshops

Pre K - 8th grade curriculum

- March 12 - Tulsa
- March 12 - Lawton
- April 9 - Broken Arrow
- April 22 - Broken Bow
- May 21 - OKC

www.forestry.ok.gov/workshop-schedule

SOIL: DEAD OR ALIVE?

CANCELED

The *Soil: Dead or Alive?* Workshop scheduled for March 10 in Elk City has been canceled due to low registration. That's too bad because the previous one was full and received glowing reviews!

Cover Crops Made the NY Times!

"Cover crops, a farming revolution with deep roots in the past"

— The New York Times

A **cover crop** is a plant that is used primarily to slow erosion, improve soil health, enhance water availability, smother weeds, help control pests and diseases, increase biodiversity and bring a host of other benefits to your farm.



Cover crops are coming back in many areas of the country. The practice of seeding fields between harvests not only keeps topsoil in place, it also adds carbon to the soil and helps the beneficial microbes, fungus, bacteria and worms in it thrive.



We also share information at these sites:

Website: Conservation.ok.gov

Facebook.com/ConservationOK

[Twitter.com/Conservation OK](https://Twitter.com/Conservation_OK)



Elk City Lake RCPP

Elk City Lake is impaired by water clarity issues (turbidity) and has had significant algae problems with at least one fish kill in recent years. Through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), the OCC's Water Quality Division has teamed up with NRCS and the **North Fork of the Red River CD** to address these issues. Project Coordinator, Monty Ramming, with the help of District personnel has established a Watershed Advisory Group (WAG) to set qualifying BMPs and the associated cost share rates.

A leading producer in the watershed who is already practicing no-till will have the first cost share contract. This will enable him to establish grid sampling, which sets the appropriate amount of fertilizer needed. He has wanted to do this for a long time, but could not previously afford to do so. He is eager to demonstrate that more conservation methods are available in an effort to improve the water quality.

Women in Ag

The 2016 Women in Agriculture Conference honored four women: Kathy Day, Noble County, Debbie Simunek, Kay County, Beckey Williams, Noble County, and Debbie North, Kay County. These women were recognized for their support of agriculture and their communities by sponsor Ryan Eckhardt of American Ag Credit. The conference was hosted by the **Kay and Noble County Conservation Districts**, NRCS and FSA Agencies and OSU Extension.



Rain Barrels Helping Lake Thunderbird

As OCC's Lake Thunderbird Watershed Project grant came to an end, remaining funds were used to purchase 260 50 gallon rain barrels with downspout and hose connections. 235 of these were handed out via the City of Norman and the **Cleveland CCD's** Water Wise Workshop.

From a 1" rainfall a 1,000 square foot roof generates 600 gallons of water. Rain barrels reduce stormwater runoff, helping to protect downstream water quality. The collected water can be used for non-potable activities such as irrigation, washing cars, bathing pets and filling bird baths.

Share Your Events, Activities, and Stories in TWIC!

Please send us event notices and your stories with pictures and we'll share them here. (We reserve the right to edit.)

Send to:
info@conservation.ok.gov



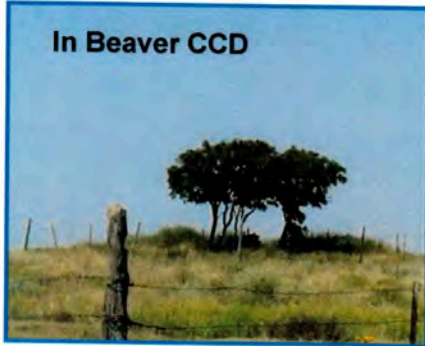


The Lorax Lives in Norman

OCC's neighborhood demonstration site in Norman is part of the Lake Thunderbird Watershed project, which was featured on OKC's KWTW Ch 9 on Feb 29 (<http://www.news9.com/story/31349288/norman-neighborhood-experiments-with-green-options>.) All the streets in the neighborhood are named for things in Dr. Seuss' book, *The Lorax*. On Red Fish Lane with the help of the developer, OCC created an experimental site using various low impact development (stormwater management) practices such as rain gardens, rain barrels, and pervious pavement. An adjacent street was developed in the conventional manner. Autosamplers at the ends of each street caught the runoff and OU students analyzed the differences.

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In Beaver CCD



River Cane Put to Work

Our only native bamboo, the grass known as River Cane, is important for riparian areas and to native peoples. OCC Water Quality staff member, Gina Levesque, recently volunteered with the Cherokee Nation River Cane Initiative Program to plant River Cane at the Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge near Vian. Gina hopes to incorporate this native plant into river restoration projects in Northeastern Oklahoma. Watch the segment here:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZ6Rf3XNQ5U>

Outdoor Classroom



Woodward CCD is working with Mooreland Elementary on a project called Bearcat Outdoor Classroom Revitalization. The Kindergarten classes and Ms. Ellison plant seeds for the garden.

Please print a copy of this TWIC for your monthly District board meeting.

Goodby from Darlene Pigg of Johnston CCD

Conservation Friends,

I guess this is goodbye, after 27 years of working with the conservation family. It has been a pleasure working with the staff from the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, Conservation Districts, District Board of Directors, NRCS and local landowners. The friendships that I have made will be remembered for a lifetime.

I have gained knowledge over the years about conservation programs and how they work, and helped get them implemented in the field. I know that these programs have benefited the county, state and country that we live in and I hope that the Conservation Commission will be able to remain in force to continue to carry out these programs. With the budget as it is now the employees and landowners need to work extra hard with their legislators to ensure future funding for conservation.

I will miss working with such a wonderful group of people, but I am ready to see what comes in the future.

Good Luck and God Bless each and every one of you.

Darlene Pigg
District Secretary

Spreading the Word to Public Officials

Conservation Day and the State Meeting legislative banquet are opportunities to share with public officials the important work you do in conservation everyday. With Conservation Day at the Capitol coming up March 23, this is a timely message from Jennifer at **Okmulgee County Conservation District** about making contact with your officials.

1st thing about keeping our water and soil healthy is getting our name out there and letting people know what the Okmulgee County Conservation District is all about. So that's exactly what I did this past Monday night. I attended the Oklahoma Association of Conservation District- Legislative Banquet that was held in Midwest City. I personally invited my Okmulgee County Senators and Representatives. The honorable Senator Roger Thompson attended the Banquet. It was great to get to know him as our Senator and what he is about. I got to visit with him and tell him what the Okmulgee County Conservation District is all about and what we are doing to help Okmulgee County be a better place. I see good things to come! I felt very privileged today to get a personal thank you card from Senator Thompson.—Jennifer Bailey, Okmulgee CCD

Jennifer

Thank you for inviting me
to the Legislative Evening
at the Oklahoma Association of
Conservation Districts.

It was a pleasure to
get to know you better and
also to learn more about
Conservation in Okmulgee
County.

Please feel free to call
on me if I can ever
help you or the district.

Roger



Senator Roger Thompson



ALLIANCE *for* GRASSLAND RENEWAL

Grassland Renewal 1-Day School

Co-hosted by Ottawa and Craig County Conservation Districts

When: March 28, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Cherokee Red Barn, Welch, OK

Cost: Advanced Registration: \$60 individual or \$110 couple

Late/Door Registration: \$75 individual or \$125 couple

Includes meal, refreshments and proceedings

<http://grasslandrenewal.org/education.htm>

Soil Health & Cover Crop *Demonstration Tour*

When: March 10, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.

Where: Nowata County Fair Grounds, 612 E Roxy, Nowata, OK

Please RSVP by March 4 by calling (918) 273-0333 ext. 3

Topics: Soil Health Management | Soil Fertility
| Soil Diversity | Weed Suppression | Extending
Grazing Season | No-Till Demonstration

Speakers: Steve Alspach, Oklahoma NRCS State
Soil Scientist | Dr. Jason Warren, Oklahoma State
University | Jake Boyett, Resource Soil Scientist

Lunch will be provided!



Feral Hog Workshop



MEETING DATE: March 30, 2016

TIME: 10 am—12 noon

LOCATION: Luther Community Bldg.
18120 Hogback Rd., Luther, OK

**SNACKS
PROVIDED**

SPEAKERS and TOPICS TO INCLUDE:

- Review Results of Feral Hog Survey
Dr. George Luker, Aquaculture Specialist, Langston University
- Discuss Biological Aspect, Disease Awareness, Movement Within Region, Wildlife Depredation
Jeff Pennington, Wildlife Department, Regional Supervisor
Tim Campbell, Oklahoma County Game Warden
- Trapping and Control Measures
Kevin Grant, USDA-APHIS, Director Wildlife Services
Dr. Becky Brewer, USDA-APHIS, Assistant District Director, Veterinary Services, Oklahoma & Arkansas

*For more information, please contact the Oklahoma County
Conservation District or USDA-NRCS at (405) 521-1332*



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Natural Resources Conservation Service



Church of
the Living
God

USDA, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, OCCD and Langston University offer their programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation
Service

Partnership Awards

Outstanding Conservation District

Employee

Anita Kaufman
Payne CCD

Outstanding Conservation District Director

Dale Jenkins
Hughes CCD

Outstanding Conservation Partner

OCC Watershed Technicians

Dennis Boney, Southeast Region
George Moore, West Region

Johnny Pelley, Northeast-Southcentral Region

Conservation District Watershed Aides

Chuck Pyka, Murray CCD
Greg Lyons, Garvin CD
Rusty Adams, Okfuskee CCD
Tony Harrison, Kiowa CCD
Trent Drennan, Grady CCD

Conservationist of the Year

John Dee Butchee
Jackson CCD

Oklahoma Conservation Commission
District Director Service Awards

20 Years

Raymon Fennell, Kiamichi CD
James Grego, Latimer CCD
Don Scott, Little River CD
Tommy Imgarten, Noble CCD
Robert Pinkston, Okmulgee CCD
Jim Chadick, Seminole CCD
Rusty Harris, Stephens CCD
Carlos Squires, West Caddo CD

25 Years

Rick Jeans, Kay CCD
Tim Taggart, Kingfisher CCD
Jerry Koelsch, Mayes CCD
Sandra Drummond, Osage CCD
Ronald Walzer, South Caddo CD

30 Years

Grant Dowler, Ellis CCD
Bob Willis, Nowata CCD

35 Years

Kenneth Burton, Cotton CCD
Marvin Novak, East Canadian CCD
Jerry Surber, Konawa CD
Thomas Shroyer, McIntosh CCD
Robert Lee Jr., Texas CCD

40 Years

John Paxton, Grady CCD
George Fraley, Rogers CCD

45 Years

Leo Demmer, East Canadian CCD

Oklahoma Conservation Commission
District Employee Service Awards

10 Years

Scott Hoar, Blaine CCD
Kristi Hill, Deer Creek CD
Donna Gilpatrick, Greer CCD
Andrew Qualls, Muskogee CCD
James Fox, Seminole CCD

15 Years

Jeremy Burrows, Grady CCD
Lisa Grey, LeFlore CCD
Paul Freundt, Logan CCD
Frank Lampe, Marshall CCD
Jean White, Rogers CCD

20 Years

David Kuntz, Comanche CCD
Tammy Curry, Murray CCD
Bradley Hamilton, Pittsburg CCD

30 Years

Christine Harper, Deer Creek CD
Candy Sexton, Okfuskee CCD

35 Years

Greg Robertson, Kiamichi CD



March 17, 2016

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Conservation Day at the Capitol March 23, 2016



Conservation Day - You're Needed to Fill the Rotunda!

Now is the time! It is more important than ever for everyone to come out in force and let your voices be heard in support of Conservation on **March 23rd** at **Conservation Day at the Capitol!** It is a day for conservation leaders to gather, and those conservation leaders are the district directors and employees. Please plan on attending and being a part of protecting our natural resource legacy.

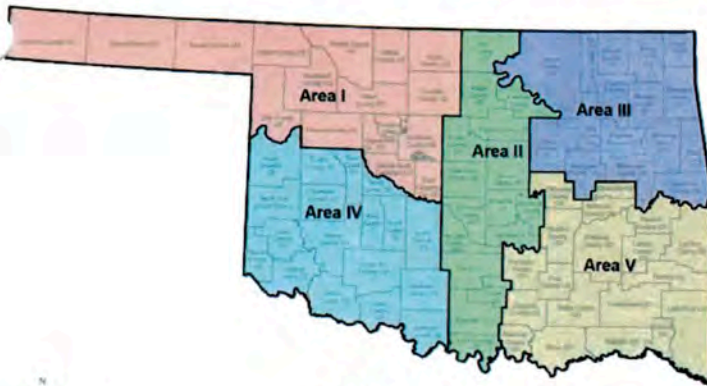
We need to have the 4th floor rotunda filled with booths and displays from conservation districts showing what you're doing locally to make a difference. Please let Sarah Blaney from OACD know you're planning on coming and bringing a display. You can email her at sarahblaney@okconservation.org.

Schedule

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Arrive and set up exhibits
9:00 am - 9:30 am	OACD Legislative Briefing – Room 535
9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Exhibits on display – 4 th Floor Capitol Rotunda
9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Legislative office visits - Multiple floors
10:00 am - 11:00 am	OACD Awards Presentation – Governor's Blue Room – 2 nd Floor
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Press Conference – Room 432 B, Oklahoma's Water Quality Success Stories

Informing all Oklahomans about the importance of voluntary locally led conservation is a vital role for conservation district directors and employees. Now is *not* the time to let revenue failures and budget cuts deter us from our mission of preserving, protecting and revitalizing Oklahoma's renewable natural resources for our children and grandchildren.

Map of Oklahoma's Conservation Districts



□ Area Boundaries
□ Conservation Districts

New Email Addresses for Commissioners

As directed by Governor Fallin's Executive Order, the **Conservation Commission** has established email addresses for each of our Commissioners. These email addresses should be used for all email correspondence with your Commissioner.

The Commissioners have indicated that they only receive district minutes from about 1/3 of the districts they represent. **All districts need to begin sending their minutes to these addresses immediately.**


The email addresses and phone numbers have also been published on the OCC website. If you need to contact your Commissioner you may do so using either their email or phone number listed below.

- Area 1 Karl Jett (580) 254-0934
Karl.Jett@conservation.ok.gov
- Area 2 Mike Rooker (405) 395-7486
Mike.Rooker@conservation.ok.gov
- Area 3 Scotty Herriman (620) 252-5387
Scotty.Herriman@conservation.ok.gov
- Area 4 Deanna LeGrand (580) 497-6679
Deanna.LeGrand@conservation.ok.gov
- Area 5 Bill Clark (580) 421-7996
Bill.Clark@conservation.ok.gov



There May be an App for That !

"Code for Tulsa" is joining the Crow Creek Community Project to find ways to involve watershed residents in connecting with Crow Creek. The computer specialist group is interested in creating an app that will allow citizens to download data "on the spot." The group joined **Blue Thumb** Director Cheryl Cheadle for a trip to the creek on a Saturday morning in March.

 RCPP Outreach Meeting Regional Conservation Partnership Project Middle & Lower Neosho River Basin	
Contact Info: Tashina Kirk or Jill Ashbrener -Delaware County Conservation District 918.253.4517 -Ottawa County Conservation District 918.547.4771 -Craig County Conservation District 918.256.5647	What: RCPP is a cost-share program for the Horse Creek, Little Horse Creek, Tar Creek, Russell Creek, and Elm Creek watersheds. Information about the program will be given at the meetings listed or you can contact your local conservation district. When: March 24 - OSU Community Annex, Miami, OK 2pm-4pm March 29 - Eubanks-Jorgenson Equipment, Welch, OK 2pm-4pm March 30 - Afton Vo-Tech, Afton, OK 2pm-4pm Who: Partnership between Oklahoma Conservation Commission and USDA—NRCS



Soil Health Demonstration Farm Tour Held in Nowata County

The Nowata County NRCS Field Office and **Nowata County Conservation District** held a soil health demonstration farm tour on March 10. The project is in partnership with OSU and the Conservation Commission with funding from a NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant. The NE region of Oklahoma is dominated by warm season perennial grass grazing systems. At this demo site, the use of cool season cover crops is being demonstrated in a corn/soybean rotation. Over-seeding of warm season pastures is also being demonstrated. The Haney Soil test is being used to analyze changes in soil during the project. For more information about the project call the conservation district or NRCS field office at 918.273.1100.

OACD Demonstration Farm Applications Available

May 1, 2016 deadline

Applications for demonstration farms in Area III and IV for a cool season planting are now being accepted. **OACD** is accepting applications through May 1, 2016 from individuals interested in establishing a demonstration farm. Selected producers will receive up to \$115 per acre for seed cost, fair rental rate compensation, technical assistance and testing/monitoring equipment. **Eligible producers must qualify for EQIP** as defined by the 2014 U.S. Farm Bill and submit a full Healthy Soils Project application to OACD by **May 1, 2016**.

[See Healthy Soils web page for application](#)

For questions, contact Jordan Shearer at jordanshearer@okconservation.org

Rainfall Simulator Training April 7, 2016

OACD and **Deer Creek CD** will be hosting a Rainfall Simulator Training in Weatherford for conservation district employees and directors on April 7, 2016. The simulator was purchased by the Nature Conservancy as part of a Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) project. Conservation districts will be able to check out the rainfall simulator for education and demonstrations after completing the training. The training will be taught by Greg Scott.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Jordan Shearer at jordanshearer@okconservation.org

Assessing Soil Health Trainings

The last of the **Assessing Soil Health** tool bucket trainings have been scheduled. If you haven't made it to one yet, get there!

- April 5 —N. Caddo CD
- April 19—Dewey CCD
- April 20—Woodward CCD
- May 18—LeFlore CCD



Oklahoma Soil Health on facebook

[Like](#) Oklahoma Soil Health on Facebook to keep up with events, questions, answers, articles, pictures, and more on soil health. The page is edited and liked by leaders in soil health in Oklahoma from producers, industry, academia, and agencies.

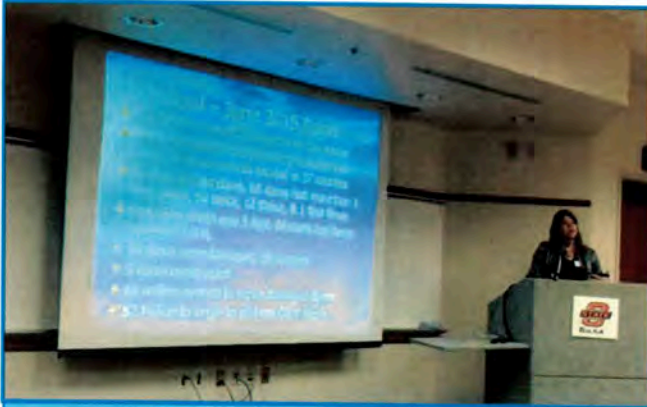
[Facebook.com/OKSoilHealth](https://www.facebook.com/OKSoilHealth)



Oklahoma Soil Health
Community

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Commission Staff Speak at Oil and Gas Workshop

Conservation Commission staff spoke recently at the SOER Conference (Sustaining Oklahoma's Energy Resources) to share information about natural resources in the state. Janet Stewart, general counsel for the **Conservation Commission**, spoke about small watershed flood control structures; Brooks Tramell informed the group of the benefits of Wetlands; and Jeri Fleming spoke about the negative impacts the oil and gas industry can have on water quality and how to minimize those impacts. The event was hosted by SOER, OWRB, the Conservation Commission, and the Oklahoma Bar Association's (OBA) Environmental Law Section.



Looking for Bugs

Blue Thumb staffer Jeri Fleming, volunteer George, and new volunteer Lorilei search the net for stream bugs to be collected. The species of bugs found can tell us a lot about the health of the water. They did note the Baron Fork's substrate has much more sand since the Christmas flood.

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<http://bit.ly/258CtOT>



Tall Fescue Renovation School Coming to Northeast Oklahoma March 28th

Tall fescue makes excellent perennial forage that can be used to fill the forage gap when warm-season grasses go dormant. Tall fescue is adapted to regions of greater rainfall such as eastern Oklahoma and the eastern states in the transition zone. Unfortunately, the dominant tall fescue (usually referred to as Kentucky 31) commonly used across the United States comes with one major problem: fescue toxicosis. Livestock grazing toxic tall fescue may have lowered animal production such as reduced weight gain, poor body condition, lowered reproductive rates and lowered milk production, and elevated body temperatures. One of the best ways to push back on toxic tall fescue is to replace it with a newer variety of fescue.

Grassland Renewal 1-Day School Co-hosted by Ottawa and Craig County CDs

When: March 28, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Cherokee Red Barn, Welch, OK

Cost: Advanced Registration: \$60 individual or \$110 couple

Late/Door Registration: \$75 individual or \$125 couple

Includes meal, refreshments and proceedings

<http://grasslandrenewal.org/education.htm>

Conservation Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Location	Contact
Mar 23	Conservation Day at the Capitol	OKC	405.521.2384
Mar 28	Converting Kentucky 31 to Tall Fescue	Welch	918.542.4576 x-3
Mar 28	Prescribed Burn Field Day	Kingfisher	405.375.3200
Mar 29	OK Clean Lakes & Watersheds Assoc Conf	Stillwater	405.522.4737
Mar 29	Soil Health Workshop	Elk City	580.732.0244
Mar 30	Feral Hog Workshop	Luther	405.521.1332
Mar 31	Soil Health & Cover Crop Conference	El Reno	405.699.2087
Apr 4	Conservation Commission Meeting	OKC	405.521.4826
Apr 5	Assessing Soil Health Tool Bucket Training	N. Caddo CD	405.542.3205
Apr 7	Rainfall Simulator Training for Conservation Districts	Deer Creek CD	405.612.2843
Apr 19	Assessing Soil Health Tool Bucket Training	Dewey CCD	580.328.5366
Apr 20	Assessing Soil Health Tool Bucket Training	Woodward CCD	580.256.5320 x-3
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May 18	Assessing Soil Health Tool Bucket Training	LeFlore CCD	918.647.3554 x-5



An Idea for Locally-Earned Funds

Cotton CCD received a complimentary 2016 Cotton County Plat Book from Visual Lease Services in Holdenville, OK. Districts can purchase books for their county for \$25 and maps for \$75. They hadn't had an updated plat book or map in their office since 1995 and these are SO much nicer than the older ones and the ones the courthouse sold 2 years ago! The District is selling 2016 Cotton County Plat Books for \$45 and Maps for \$100.

A lot of you may already be selling these in your districts, but if you haven't sold them in awhile, it's a quick, easy and effortless way to help make money for your district!

*If you sold 25 books that would be **\$500** profit for your district!!!*

— Mari'a Simpson, Cotton CCD

Districts: Please print a copy of this TWIC for your monthly board meeting.



Congratulations to the NRCS 2015 Partnership Award Winners

The awards recognize Oklahomans who are committed to natural resources conservation and who are vital to the mission of assisting private landowners in implementing voluntary conservation practices. Each winner received a letter from State Conservationist, Gary O'Neill.

Outstanding Conservation District Employee Anita Kaufman, Payne CCD

Excerpt from letter: *"The challenge of getting conservation on the ground is a task too great for any one person or entity, and it is exceptional employees such as yourself who make the work possible... People recognize your work ethic as a matter of fact, something anyone in the conservation partnership for any length of time has heard about."*



Outstanding Conservation District Director Dale Jenkins, Hughes CCD

Excerpt from letter: *"Your involvement in the creation of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation Natural Resources Conservation District has been described as the 'spark that started it all.' The level of partnership and coordination I know this effort required is remarkable. By bringing the cooperation of a Tribal government into our conservation partnership, your vision has exceeded that of the founders, and you have made your own mark on the history of conservation in this state."*



Conservationist of the Year John Dee Butchee, Jackson CCD

Excerpt from letter: *"It is my hope that other farmers and ranchers in Oklahoma will look to your commendable work as an example of how to successfully put good conservation on the ground, even during extreme weather conditions. Through your adoption of no-till and experimentation with cover crops, you're proving that it can work in every part of the state."*



Outstanding Conservation Partner

Oklahoma Conservation Commission Watershed Technicians:

George Moore, West Region
Dennis Boney, Southeast Region
Johnny Pelley, Northeast-Southcentral Region

Conservation District Watershed Aides:

Chuck Pyka, Murray CCD
Greg Lyons, Garvin CCD
Rusty Adams, Okfuskee CCD
Tony Harrison, Kiowa CCD
Trent Drennan, Grady CCD



Excerpt from letter: *"It is a demanding, sometimes dangerous task to which you set out upon each day, and for the important, though often unnoticed duties you perform throughout the year, Oklahoma owes you its gratitude... [during the floods of 2015 the] extraordinary task of conducting emergency inspections on over 600 flood control dams, often under severe weather conditions on rugged terrain, fell to you. I am proud to say you performed the task admirably."*

March 31, 2016

This Week in Conservation



This is an internal newsletter intended for Conservation Commission and conservation district staff, directors, and partners.

Conservation Day at the Capitol

Our Day to Shine! *They will know us by our good works!*

Below are winners from the OACD Conservation Awards and Excellence in Communication Awards announced at Conservation Day.



**Hughes
CCD
Outstanding
Conservation
District**



**Jimmy Emmons,
Dewey CCD
Outstanding
District Director**



**Grant Victor Outstanding Landowner / Cooperator,
Ottawa CCD**

Kay CCD Excellence in Communication



**Outstanding Support of Conservation by an OK
Press Association Member Newspaper Employee,
Tina Anderson, Blackwell Journal Tribune—
Kay CCD**



**Caney Valley CD Excellence in Innovative
Communications**



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Action for District Directors with Expiring Terms

Reminder to districts: If you haven't already taken action on your **Appointed Director Position** expiring June 30, 2016 you can add it to your April board meeting agenda for action. If you have questions, contact Kim Tweed at 405 521-4826.

Did You Know?

All appointed directors must attend 75% of board meetings to be in compliance with the District Director Handbook.

Your Burn Info Needed

Now that many people are burning this spring, be sure to log your burns at the OPBA website burn entry form



<http://www.ok-pba.org/burn-entry-form.html>. It doesn't matter if you are a PBA member or not, private landowner or agency. PBA wants to record your burns. No personal information is required.

District Director Responsibilities: A 10-Minute Guide Series

Guide No. 1—Oklahoma's Open Meeting Act

It is the responsibility of all **district directors** to be knowledgeable about the **Open Meeting Act** and the requirements that pertain to conservation district board meetings. Penalty for willful violations of the Act is a fine up to \$500 and/or imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year. [Read the full guide.](#)

The 10-Minute Guide Series is a series of informational topics designed to help conservation district directors become more informed and knowledgeable about their responsibilities. Directors are encouraged to review a guide before each board meeting, and then have a 10 minute discussion on it during the meeting. The series is available online via the link below.

<http://bit.ly/258CtOT>

Grant CCD Holds First Annual Locally Led Conservation Banquet

The **Grant County Conservation District** recently held its First Annual Locally Led Conservation Banquet on March 22nd, 2016. The banquet is an addition to their Annual Conservation Fair, which awards children for their participation in local contests held within the county. The purpose of the banquet is to thank area producers for their efforts in agriculture, and to award two deserving farmers for implementing conservation practices on their land. The evening kicked off with a welcome from Chairman Jay Elson, followed by a meal and live music. Greg Scott, OCC Soil Scientist was the guest speaker, followed by Karla Stephens, Grant County's DC, with information pertaining to the locally led meeting. A live auction of cherry pies turned out to be quite entertaining and tickets for door prizes were drawn throughout the night. About eighty five people were in attendance, including OCC Executive Director, Trey Lam.



Lee Roy Hudson Announces Retirement from Harmon CCD Board

Lee Roy Hudson has announced he's officially retiring from serving the **Harmon County Conservation District Board**. Lee Roy has served on the conservation district board since 1981 and the Harmon County Conservation District will host a retirement reception honoring Lee Roy for all his years of service to his conservation district and all his conservation efforts to promote conservation. His years of experience and knowledge will be missed. Go to the USDA Farm Building in Hollis on **Monday, April 11th from 2:00-4:00PM** for a come and go retirement reception to wish Lee Roy a Happy and joyous retirement.



That's Lee Roy on the left!



....Also at the Conservation Day Awards Ceremony, the **Conservation Commission** was presented with the "**Friend of Fire**" award by the Pawnee County Burn Association for continued efforts to use, promote, and raise awareness of prescribed fire use. **The Pawnee County Burn Association** won **Outstanding Prescribed Burn Association** Award for conducting the most burns on the most acres and for promoting fire throughout the community.

Happy 25th Anniversary OCLWA!

The **Oklahoma Clean Lakes and Watersheds Association (OCLWA)** held its 25th annual conference March 29-30 in Stillwater. *Valuing Water: Economics, Ecology & Culture* was this year's theme. The conference provides water professionals an opportunity to network with each other and attend informative sessions about current research on a variety of water topics, including:



- Lakes, Streams and other Limnological studies
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Management
- Watershed Science and Management
- Wetland Science and Management
- Water Quality Modeling
- Fisheries Science and Management
- State and Regional Water Quality Monitoring Programs
- Regional Water Quality Issues
- Invasive and Nuisance Aquatic Species
- Groundwater Science and Management

Learn more about OCLWA here: <http://oclwa.org/about.php>

Rainfall Simulator Training for Districts

Learn how to do a rainfall simulator demonstration to talk about soil health. Training includes how to select and collect samples, assemble & disassemble the simulator, fill and use the water tank, talking points for when you teach, and the procedure for checking out/in the trailer for use by your district. Hosted by OACD and Deer Creek CD. (NRCS, OCC staff also welcome)

Date: April 7, 2016
Invited: District employees & directors
Location: Deer Creek CD and Shane O'Daniel's property
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
(Meet at 9:30 am ; Depart for field sites at 10 am)
Lunch: 12:00 Deer Creek CD (provided)
Instructor: Greg Scott, OCC
RSVP: Deer Creek CD: 580-772-7670 or
Jordan Shearer, OACD: 405-612-2843



Oklahoma Soil Health on facebook

Like Oklahoma Soil Health on Facebook to keep up with events, questions, answers, articles, pictures, and more on soil health. The page is edited and liked by leaders in soil health in Oklahoma from producers, industry, academia, and agencies.

[Facebook.com/OKSoilHealth](https://www.facebook.com/OKSoilHealth)

We also share information here:

Conservation.ok.gov

[Facebook.com/ConservationOK](https://www.facebook.com/ConservationOK)

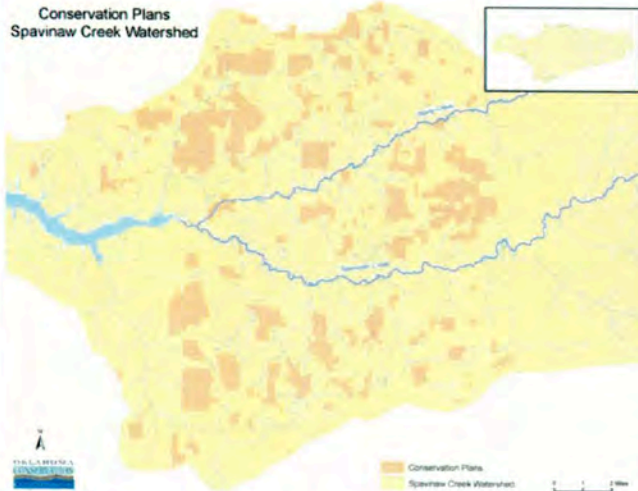
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[Facebook.com/OKSoilHealth](https://www.facebook.com/OKSoilHealth)

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What is GIS?

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) brings us usable maps, but it is about more than just creating pretty maps. GIS enables users to make decisions based on spatial data to analyze real-world issues. For example, the map below shows where conservation plans are in the



Spavinaw Creek Watershed relative to where the creek is.

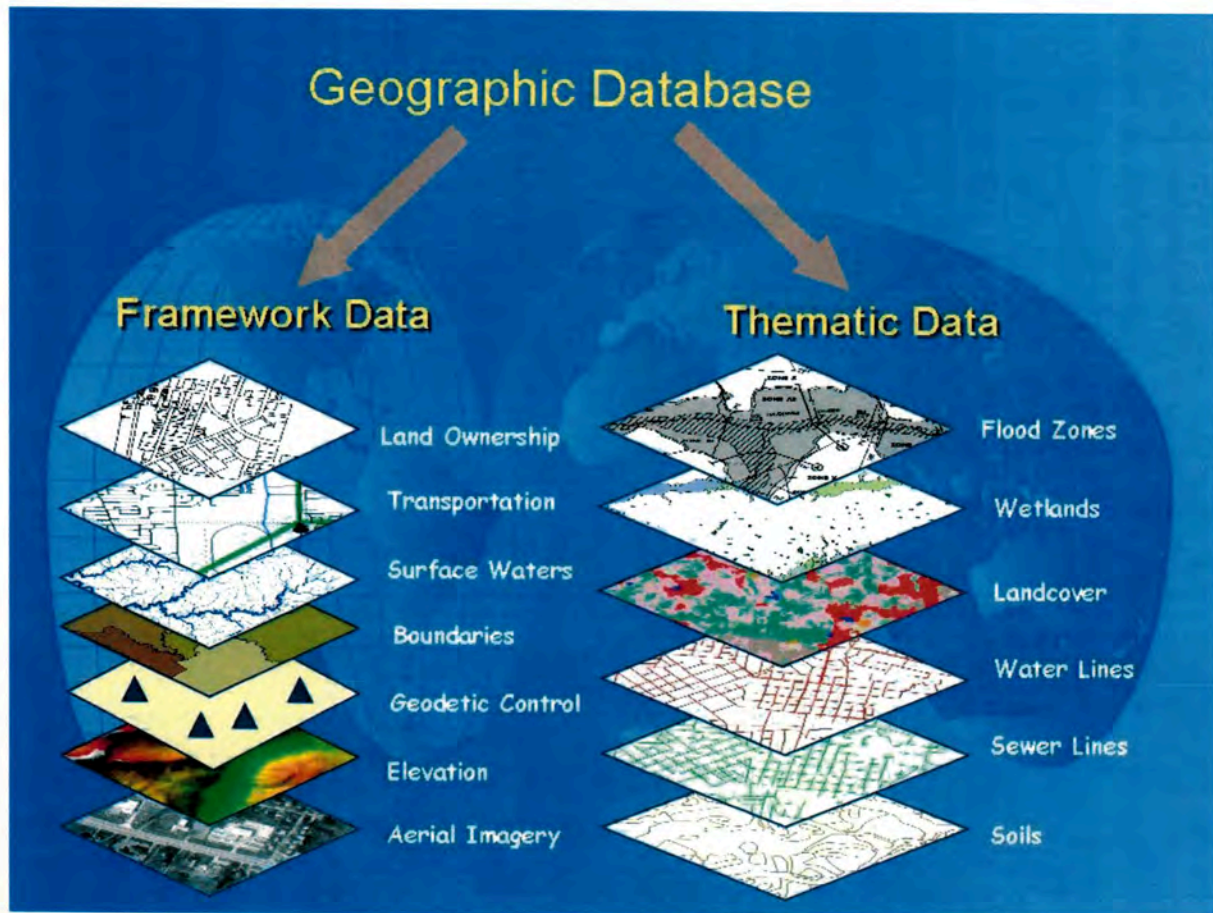


OCC' GIS Specialist, Shellie Willoughby, engages elected officials visiting the exhibits at GIS Day at the Capitol March 10.

OCC's two

person GIS Division is utilized by every division in the agency, as well as other agencies in the state. Dr. Mike Sharp has headed up the division for 12 years and Shellie Willoughby has been with the division for 17 years as GIS Specialist. As directed by the legislature, Mike is the State GIS Chair. In this capacity Mike and Shellie are called upon to assist with emer-

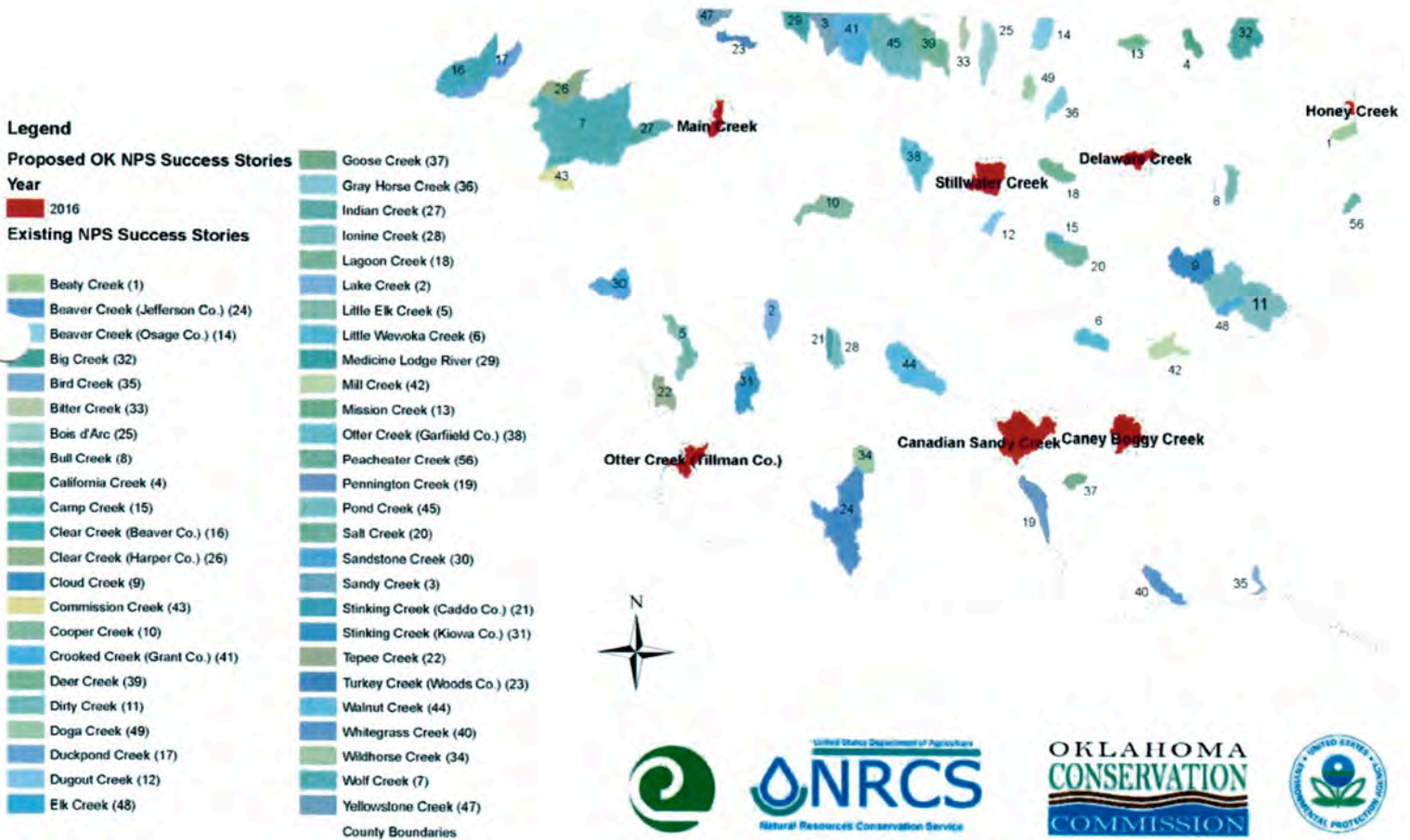
gencies in the state. Both were camped out in Moore for the better part of the week following the 2013 Moore tornados assisting response teams with location information because landmarks and signs no longer existed in neighborhoods. The same assistance was provided during the 2014 Guthrie fire.





A press conference was held at the capitol on Conservation Day to announce **Oklahoma's 2016 water quality success stories**. There are 7 streams proposed for de-listing from the state's impaired waters list (in red below). This makes a total of 55 de-listed streams, which drain over 3.9 million acres of land, which is 1.5 million acres more than any other state! Oklahoma is a leader in the nation for improving water quality through voluntary, non-regulatory programs thanks to the Conservation Partnership.
Shown at left: Shanon Phillips, OCC Water Quality Division director, is interviewed by Ron Hays and Sam Knipp.

2016 Proposed NPS Success Stories



Jimmy Emmons Talks No-Till, Cover Crops, Soil Health with Ron Hays

Listen to the interview on the [Oklahoma Farm Report website](#).

Soil Health is developing into a movement that many farmers across the country are buying into using practices like no-till, crop rotation, cover crops and more. And one of the leaders of this movement in Oklahoma is **Dewey County wheat and canola farmer Jimmy Emmons**.

Emmons, currently serving as the Vice President of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts, started incorporating no-till into his farming operation in 1995- and now has a complete no-till operation, defining that as "a complete no till operation is zero till- it would be no tillage, no vertical tillage and you would be just opening a small slot in the ground to place the seed in the residue and the dirt."



Farmers are Urged to Participate in CTIC, SARE and ASTA Cover Crop Survey



A nationwide survey of farmers on cover crop use is seeking insight from growers around the country — whether or not they plant cover crops.

"This survey provides us with a great perspective on why farmers do or do not plant cover crops, what they expect to gain from the practice, and what their concerns are," says Chad Watts, project director at the Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC) in West Lafayette, Indiana, which administers the survey. "Results from the survey help guide policy, research and education on cover crops. In recent years, data from cover crop surveys has been used in testimony on Capitol Hill, featured in the New York Times, and cited in academic journals. People are very eager to hear how farmers view cover crops."

The survey can be taken online at <http://tinyurl.com/ccsurvey2016> until May 1, 2016. All answers to the survey are anonymous, Watts points out. Participants who complete the survey — an easy process that takes no more than 15 minutes, and even less depending on your crop rotations and diversity — have the option of entering into a drawing for a \$100 gift card.

Anyone interested in seeing results from the 2013, 2014 or 2015 crop year surveys and other related projects, [click here](#). Also, please visit our website www.ctic.org.

About City of Tulsa Stormwater Quality

The City of Tulsa Stormwater Quality Program was established to help in the prevention of pollution to our stormwater runoff which affects our lakes, rivers, and streams. To do this, we have established programs to prevent this from happening. Our primary focus is education to stop pollution before it happens. This is done through extensive education to the public and industries, and inspections and enforcement for violators. The City of Tulsa has been a pioneer in the industry of implementing progressive programs to prevent stormwater pollution. We gladly share our knowledge and experience to help industries and other municipalities protect our most precious resource, our water.



About TCCD and TACF

The Tulsa County Conservation District (TCCD) provides many services to support conservation in the Tulsa area. TCCD programs include education activities for K-12 schools, stream cleanups, construction of pollutant controls for stormwater, and supporting conferences about conservation and pollution reduction. For TCCD or Tulsa Area Conservation Foundation (TACF) assistance, contact the TCCD office as shown on the registration form. Proceeds from the 2016 Resource Management Conference are used by the TACF to support the TCCD. TACF is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit entity and all sponsorships paid to TACF are tax deductible.

Conference Organizers

City of Tulsa

City of Broken Arrow

Tulsa County Conservation District

Tulsa Area Conservation Foundation

OK Dept. of Environmental Quality

Green Country Stormwater Alliance

Home Builders Association

of Greater Tulsa

About GCSA

INCOG's Green Country Stormwater Alliance was created in 2005 to help cities and counties in NE Oklahoma comply with new stormwater permit requirements. INCOG assists with many of their public education and community outreach efforts, and researches a variety of technical issues on their behalf. Contact www.stormwaterok.net

About HBA

As leaders in the housing industry since 1942, we are dedicated to protecting the industry while promoting ethical business practices and standards. We support our community through education, membership requirements, and philanthropic efforts. Contact www.tulsahba.com

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE



OKR10 Stormwater

Construction Permit



Home Builders Association
of Greater Tulsa

May 26, 2016

8:15 am - 4:00 pm

Mike Fretz Event Center at HBA
11545 E. 43 St.
Tulsa, Oklahoma





About the Resource Management Conference

This conference will provide training for industries that are involved in adhering to OKR10 Permit for Stormwater discharges for construction activities. Employee training and education help to prevent stormwater discharges. Municipalities covered by the OKR10 permit will also benefit by learning how to identify sources of stormwater pollution from construction activities, what BMPs should be implemented, and what action to take to eliminate these sources.

Attendees will earn continuing education credit for full participation in the Resource Management Conference.



Conference Agenda

Thursday, May 26, 2016

7:30 am	Registration and Check-in
8:15 am	Welcome and Introduction Craig Thurmond, Mayor of Broken Arrow CONFERENCE MODERATOR - Don Hinson, City of Tulsa
8:30 am	OKR10 Regulatory Compliance Michelle Chao, ODEQ
9:00 am	Construction Site Compliance Scott VanLoo, City of Tulsa
9:30 am	Site Stabilization Ken Schwab, City of Broken Arrow
10:00 am	Break
10:15 am	Low Impact Development Vernon Seaman, INCOG
10:45 am	Builder/Contractor Panel Discussion
11:30 am	Lunch
12:30 pm	Vendor Presentations Indoor and Outdoor (weather permitting)
3:30 pm	Door Prizes and Certificate Distribution
4:00 pm	Adjourn

Sponsorships

Tax-deductible donations to support Tulsa Area Conservation Foundation and conference costs are welcome. If your firm is interested in donating, please contact the TCCD office.

Sponsorship incentive rewards are

\$300—One (1) registration

\$500 and above—Two (2) registrations and one (1) vendor booth

Conference Registration Options for Attendees & Vendors

- ONLINE** at tulsaccd.org, choose *Upcoming Events*
Note: Credit card payment only *
- COMPLETE & RETURN REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT TO** Tulsa Area Conservation Foundation c/o Tulsa County Conservation District (see below)

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Company: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

Registration type: _____ Attendee or _____ Vendor

ATTENDEE REGISTRATION

Early Bird Registration (received by May 12, 2016)
\$65 includes lunch

Conference Registration (after May 12, 2016)
\$80 includes lunch

VENDOR REGISTRATION

Conference Registration
\$300 includes conference registration, table & chairs
 Subject to indoor or outdoor exhibition/presentation

PAYMENT TOTAL: _____


PAYMENT METHOD: _____
 Accepted payment methods include Cash, Check, Money Order, Purchase Order (PO), or Credit Card*
 Payable to: Tulsa Area Conservation Foundation

NOTE: Registration fees are non-refundable

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT OFFICE MAIL OR DELIVER PAYMENT TO THIS ADDRESS

Tulsa County Conservation District
 6660 S. Sheridan Road, Suite 120
 Tulsa, OK 74133

Phone: 918.280.1596, ext. 3
 Fax: 1.855.421.7632
 Email: tulsaccd@conservation.ok.gov



TULSA AREA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Earth Day Event

Beasley, John [jbeasley@cityoftulsa.org]

Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 9:51 AM

To: Tulsa County CD; West, Ray [RWest@cityoftulsa.org]; inertiaqueen@cox.net; Kevin Gustavson [kevin.gustavson@gmail.com]

Cc: Seaman, Vernon [vseaman@incog.org]; Zach Kilburn [zkilburn@gmail.com]; Dana Hamersley [dhamersley@sperry.k12.ok.us]; John Beasley [beasjo@yahoo.com]; VanLoo, Scott [SVanLoo@cityoftulsa.org]

I would like to submit for discussion a proposal to donate \$250 to the Earth Day Celebrate CommUnity program.

Starting in 2014, the Earth Day: Celebrate Community event has helped to increase awareness about the comprehensive issues that affect the health of our communities inclusive of these twelve areas: advocacy, education, climate change, conservation and biology, energy, food and agriculture, clean water and air, Green economy and schools, Recycling and waste reduction, sustainable development, and endangered animals.

The main event on Earth Day is coordinated through Lee Elementary parents and staff. Participants include TCCD, Blue Thumb, City of Tulsa Stormwater, Water, and Sewer and many others. There will be approximately 1800 elementary students from nine area schools.

John

**PROCESS FOR CONSIDERING REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO
AND FROM TCCD and TACF**

The following guidelines are intended to be followed by any entity or person seeking funds from TACF to support conservation projects. By following these steps and providing this information. Your request for support will be streamlined, and board members of both TCCD and TACF will be better able to evaluate your proposal.

Project Title	<i>Earth Day Community</i>
Initial Date of Request	<i>4/14/16</i>
Primary Contact Info	<i>Katherine Anderson katherine.anderson@</i>
Project Location	<i>University of Tulsa teta-hope.com</i>
Project Start & End Dates	<i>4/22/16</i>
Total Project Cost	<i>\$ 250.-</i>
TACF Funds Requested	<i>\$ 250.-</i>
Local Matching Funds	
Local Funds Not Yet Obtained	

Has the proposal been presented to the TCCD Board for consideration and a vote? If not, this step is required before

Project Description (Attachments if needed)	<i>Education outreach event for ~1800 elementary students</i>
Itemized Costs Requested from TACF	<i>\$ 250.- sponsorship</i>
Project Description (Attachments if needed)	<i>Education outreach</i>
Itemized Costs Requested from TACF	
Itemized Donations of Materials That Will be Received (Include estimated dollar value)	
Itemized Volunteer Labor Sources and Amounts (Include number of individuals & man hours)	
Anticipated Conservation and Education Benefits of the Project	
Describe How Project Will be Accessible to the Public Describe Plans for Long-Term Maintenance of Project's Physical Features	

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PROCESS FOR CONSIDERING REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM TCCD and TACF

The following guidelines are intended to be followed by any entity or person seeking funds from TACF to support conservation projects. By following these steps and providing this information, your request for support will be streamlined, and board members of both TCCD and TACF will be better able to evaluate your proposal.

Project Title	
Initial Date of Request	
Primary Contact Info	
Project Location	
Project Start & End Dates	
Total Project Cost	
TACF Funds Requested	
Local Matching Funds	
Local Funds not yet obtained	
Has the proposal been presented to the TCCD Board for consideration and a vote? If not, this step is required before TACF Board action can be taken to approve expenditure of TACF funds.	
Project Description (attachments if needed)	
Itemized Costs Requested from TACF	
Itemized Donations of Materials That Will be Received (Include estimated \$\$ value)	
Itemized Volunteer Labor Sources and Amounts (include number of individuals & manhours)	
Anticipated Conservation and Education Benefits of the Project	
Describe How Project Will be Accessible to the Public	
Describe Plans for Long-Term Maintenance of Project's Physical Features	
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Join Blue Thumb and the Grand River Dam Authority for
A Grand Adventure! A Stream and Lake Educator Workshop!

Join us as we tour and learn about the Grand Lake watershed, which starts in Kansas and encompasses parts of Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma before it flows into the Arkansas River. You will also learn what it takes to protect our water resources, and receive information and activities that you can take back to your classroom!

This workshop is modeled after a summer camp for children and you will enjoy many of the same activities they do including a ride on the GRDA Eco-lab boat and time spent in a creek discovering what lives there!

So join us from 9 - 3 on June 1 - 3, 2016 for A Grand Adventure!

Cost to attend is \$50 which includes lunch each day, a t-shirt and tools you can take back to your classroom.

To register online visit <https://grandadventureworkshop.eventbrite.com> or mail the attached form with your check payable to the Oklahoma Blue Thumb Association to Oklahoma Conservation Commission Attn: Jeri Fleming, 4545 N. Lincoln Blvd. Ste. 11A, Oklahoma City, OK 7105

For questions contact Jeri Fleming at jeri.fleming@conservation.ok.gov or 405-334-6343.

 Yes! I want to attend A Grand Adventure Stream and Lake Educator Workshop.

Name: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ T-shirt size: _____

Enclosed please find my check made out to Oklahoma Blue Thumb Association in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ registrations.

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**NOTICE OF FILING
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OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

**TO ALL PERSONS
INTERESTED:**

Notice is hereby given that any person who is a registered voter and a resident of the Tulsa County Conservation District and has entered into or will enter into a Cooperator Agreement with the Directors of said District, may have their name placed on the official ballot of the District Director Election of said District for Position Number 3 by filing a Notification and Declaration of Candidacy with said District located at 6660 S. Sheridan Rd., Suite 120 Tulsa, OK 74133 between the dates of May 2nd - 13th, 2016. Notification and Declaration of Candidacy forms may be obtained at the above location and must be returned to the same location before close of business on the last day of the filing period. The Election will be held on Tuesday, June 7 2016.

Zach Kilburn
Printed/Typed Name, Board
of Directors Representative

/s/Zach Kilburn
Signature, Board of Direc-
tors Representative.

/s/Gabriel Parker
ATTEST: District
representative