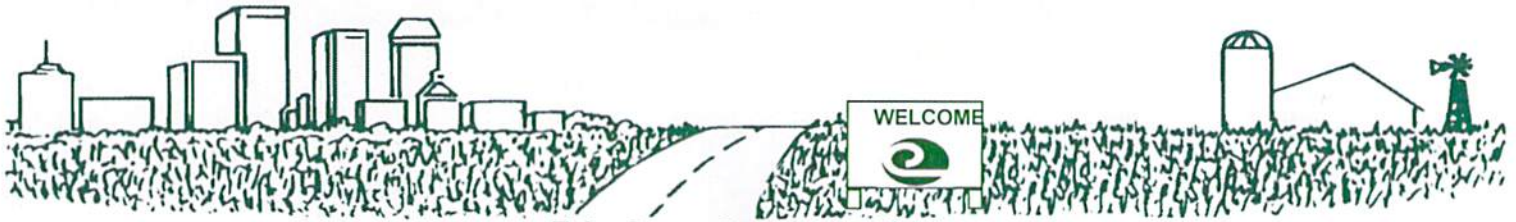


**AGENDA**  
**Board of Directors Special Meeting**  
**Tulsa County Conservation District**  
**6660 S. Sheridan Rd. Suite 120**  
**Tulsa, OK 74133**  
**December 18, 2019 - 4:00 PM**

1. Meeting called to order
2. Roll Call
3. Consider, Discuss, and Take possible action on the following agenda items:
  - A. Approval of Minutes from the November 14, 2019 Regular Meeting
  - B. Approval of Financial Statements & District Budget for Period Ending November 30, 2019
  - C. Review of TACF Financials for Periods from November 30, 2019
  - 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 November 2019
4. Consideration of and Possible Action on Items to be Removed Consent Agenda:
5. Cost Share Program Year 21
  - A. Discussion of Soil Health Initiative Work Group Meeting Minutes
  - B. Discussion of Soil Health Initiative Work Group Checklist
6. Discussion and/or Possible Action on the Following District Operation Items:
  - A. Discussion and Acceptance of District Conservationist Agency Report
  - B. Discussion and Approval of the NRCS Farm Bill Performance Worksheet
  - C. Discussion of the TCCD Monthly Activities and Outreach Report
  - D. Tom Tolbert 5 Year Service Recognition Award
  - E. Discussion and Approval of FY-2019 Audit
  - F. Discussion and Approval of FY – 2019 Annual Net Worth Statement
  - G. Discussion and Possible Approval of Sending AML Letters to State of Oklahoma Congressional Legislatures
  - H. Discussion and possible action to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service, \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation District and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.
  - I. Discussion and possible action to approve the Cooperative Agreement between USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service, \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation District and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.
  - J. Discussion of Resignation of Fred Storer
7. New Business:
8. Public Comments:
9. Adjourn:

Next regularly scheduled meeting is January 9, 2020 at the Tulsa County Conservation District  
Office: 6660 South Sheridan Rd, Suite 120 Tulsa, OK 74133

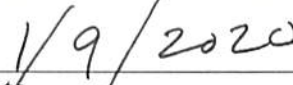


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918-877-9566 Fax: 1-855-421-7632 E-Mail: [Tulsaccd@conservation.ok.gov](mailto:Tulsaccd@conservation.ok.gov)

## STATEMENT OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I certify that the minutes of the meeting of the Tulsa County Conservation District Board of Directors held on **December 18, 2019** were approved as written by a vote in the **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Directors held **January 09, 2020**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Directors

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Attest:

  
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**Minutes  
Tulsa County Conservation District  
6660 S. Sheridan Rd., Suite 120 Tulsa, OK 74107  
Special Board Meeting**

Date: December 18, 2019

Time: 4:00 PM

Members Present: Jana Black, Vice Chairwoman/Treasure  
Tom Tolbert, Chairman  
Sherry Laskey, Member

Members Absent: Zach Kilburn, Member

Others Present: Gabriael Parker, District Secretary

**1. Meeting Called to Order:**

Vice Chairwoman, Jana Black called the meeting to order at 4:14 PM. She noted this was a regular meeting and 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 December 16, 2019 in the front window 6660 S. Sheridan Rd., Suite 120 Tulsa, OK 74133

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Consider, Discuss, and Take possible action on the following agenda items:**

**A. Approval of Minutes from the November 14, 2019 Regular Meeting**

After a review of the previous meeting minutes, Jana Black made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented. Sherry Laskey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Nays: None. The motion carries.

**B. Approval of Financial Statements & District Budget for Period  
Ending November 30, 2019**

After a brief discussion, Sherry Laskey made a motion to approve the financial statements & district budget for period ending November 30, 2019. Jana Black 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Nays: None. The motion carries.

**C. Review of TACF Financials for Periods from November 30, 2019**

Board reviewed the financial statements for the Tulsa Area Conservation Foundation. No further action needed to be taken at this time.

**D. Approval of District Reimbursement Claims and Payment of Bills Owed by the District**

After a review of the district reimbursement claims and payments, Jana Black made a motion to approve the reimbursement claims and bill payments as presented. Sherry Laskey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Nays: None. The motion carries.

**E. Approval of District Employee Timesheet & Leave Records for the Month of November 2019**

After a brief discussion, Sherry Laskey made a motion to approve the district timesheet and leave records as presented. Jana Black 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Nays: None. The motion carries.

**4. Consideration of and Possible Action on Items to be Removed Consent Agenda**  
None

**5. Cost Share Program Year 21**

**A. Discussion of Soil Health Initiative Work Group Meeting Minutes**

Gabriel Parker said she was not there for the October meeting, so she could not speak to specifically about that meeting. She was able to join the work group for the 2nd meeting. We just went over which conservation practices the group would like approved. Jana Black noticed Zach Kilburn's name was spelled incorrectly. Gabriel said she was not the minute taker for these meetings but would let Katie Wood know the correct spelling of his name. No further action needed to be taken at this time.

**B. Discussion of Soil Health Initiative Work Group Checklist**

Gabriel Parker said this is like what we fill out for the regular cost share program. Program year 21 is not a different program per say, but it is structured differently. The board reviewed the checklist as it was filled out. No further action needed to be taken at this time.

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

**A. Discussion and Acceptance of District Conservationist Agency Report**

After a brief discussion, the board decided to table this agenda item until next board meeting because Christopher best was not able to attend the board meeting. No further action needed to be taken at this time.

**B. Discussion and Approval of the NRCS Farm Bill Performance Worksheet**

After a brief discussion, the board decided to table this agenda item until next board meeting. No further action needed to be taken at this time.

**C. Discussion of the TCCD Monthly Activities and Outreach Report**

After a brief discussion, the board decided to table this agenda item until next board meeting. No further action needed to be taken at this time.

**D. Tom Tolbert 5 Year Service Recognition Award**



Gabriel Parker said she included this as an FYI to say we appreciate Tom Tolbert's service to the district. No further action needed to be taken at this time.

**E. Discussion and Approval of FY-2019 Audit**

Gabriel Parker said we received the compilation back from the auditor. She said there is nothing that stood out to her. It is like the format of previous years. The board agreed that there is nothing that is out of order. It is bleak like that last few years. Nothing has changed. Jana Black made a motion to approve the FY – 2019 Annual Compilation as presented. Sherry Laskey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Nays: None. The motion carries.

**F. Discussion and Approval of FY – 2019 Annual Net Worth Statement**

After a brief discussion, Jana Black made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Sherry Laskey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Nays: None. The motion carries.

**G. Discussion and Possible Approval of Sending AML Letters to State of Oklahoma Congressional Legislatures**

After a brief discussion, the board decided to table this agenda item until next board meeting. No further action needed to be taken at this time.

**H. Discussion and possible action to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service, \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation District and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.**

Gabriel Parker said she received an email from the Conservation Commission about this memorandum. The districts were told that the memorandum should be discussed and approved at the next board meeting. Unfortunately, she did not receive either document from the Commission for review or discussion. Gabriel said she would put it on January's agenda for discussion, if she receives the documents in time. No further action needed to be taken at this time.

**I. Discussion and possible action to approve the Cooperative Agreement between USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service, \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation District and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.**

As with the previous agenda item, Gabriel did not receive the Cooperative Agreement it time for discussion. She will put it on the agenda for discussion in January's meeting. No further action needed to be taken at this time.

**J. Discussion of Resignation of Fred Storer**

Gabriel Parker said that she did send the board Fred's email with his resignation letter attached, but she wanted to put it on the agenda and in the minutes as official record. No further action needed to be taken at this time.

**9. New Business:**

Gabriel Parker said she realized she was incorrect with the dates for the Home and Garden Show in March. She said she thought she had reviewed the correct dates for the show on the Home Builders Association's website, but she must have looked at something else. She mistakenly thought the dates were March 5th through March 8th, but when she checked again, she realized the actual show dates were March 12th through March 15th. This means that we need to move the March 12, 2020 board meeting to the following Thursday, which is March 19, 2020. The board did not see a problem with moving the March board meeting to the third Thursday. Sherry Laskey made a motion to reschedule the March 12, 2020 board meeting to Thursday March 19, 2020 Jana Black 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Nays: None. The motion carries.

**10. Public Comments:**

None

**11. Adjourn:**

Meeting Adjourned at 5:03 PM

Next regularly scheduled meeting is January 09, 2020 at the Tulsa County Conservation District Office: 6660 South Sheridan Rd, Suite 120 Tulsa, OK 74133.

11:35 AM  
12/03/19  
Accrual Basis

**Tulsa County Conservation District**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**July through November 2019**

	<u>Jul - Nov 19</u>
<b>Income</b>	
Interest Income	1.31
OCC Cost-Share Reimbursements	3,207.60
OCC General Exp Reimbursements	1,081.67
OCC Salary Reimbursements	<u>11,650.75</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,941.33</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Administrative Expense	323.22
Advertising and Promotion	51.66
Cost-Share Payments	3,207.60
Employee Benefits	1,368.12
Internet	471.09
Outreach Programs	25.00
Payroll	10,498.80
Payroll Tax	3,936.00
Travel	<u>143.80</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>20,025.29</u></b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u><u>-4,083.96</u></u></b>

11:34 AM  
12/03/19  
Accrual Basis

**Tulsa County Conservation District**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**November 2019**

	<u>Nov 19</u>
<b>Income</b>	
Interest Income	<u>0.11</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>0.11</u>
<b>Expense</b>	
Administrative Expense	119.88
Employee Benefits	229.03
Internet	82.25
Payroll Tax	<u>120.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>551.16</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-551.05</u></u>



11:37 AM

12/03/19

Accrual Basis

**Tulsa County Conservastion District**  
**Profit & Loss Detail**  
November 2019

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
<b>Income</b>								
Interest Income								
Deposit	11/29/2019		Arvest	Interesst Pay...		Arvest Checki...	0.09	0.09
Deposit	11/29/2019		Arvest	Interest Pay...		Arvest Special...	0.02	0.11
Total Interest Income							0.11	0.11
Total Income							0.11	0.11
<b>Expense</b>								
Administrative Expense								
Check	11/27/2019		Go Daddy Web Hos...	Website Host...		Arvest Checki...	119.88	119.88
Total Administrative Expense							119.88	119.88
Employee Benefits								
Check	11/19/2019	8701	OCC	November 20...		Arvest Checki...	229.03	229.03
Total Employee Benefits							229.03	229.03
Internet								
Check	11/29/2019		COX Communicatio...	November 20...		Arvest Checki...	82.25	82.25
Total Internet							82.25	82.25
Payroll Tax								
Check	11/15/2019		Oklahoma Tax Com...	October 2019...		Arvest Checki...	120.00	120.00
Total Payroll Tax							120.00	120.00
Total Expense							551.16	551.16
Net Income							-551.05	-551.05



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WEBSITE [www.arvest.com](http://www.arvest.com)

### Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING		\$178.04
Total Current Value		\$178.04

### NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING

#### Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
11/01/2019	Beginning Balance	\$729.11
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.09
	4 Debit(s) This Period	\$551.16
11/30/2019	Ending Balance	\$178.04

#### Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$0.09
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$3.53
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

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

#### Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
11/30/2019	INTEREST PMT	\$0.09

#### Electronic Debits

Date	Description	Amount
11/15/2019	TAX PAYMENTS OK TAX PMT	-\$120.00
11/27/2019	GO DADDY WEB ORDER Secretary	-\$119.88
11/29/2019	COX COMM TUL BANK DRAFT Tulsa County Conservat	-\$82.25

#### Checks Cleared

Check Nbr	Date	Amount
8701	11/19/2019	\$229.03

\* Indicates skipped check number



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### NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING

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#### Daily Balances

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10/31/2019	\$729.11	11/19/2019	\$380.08	11/29/2019	\$178.04
11/15/2019	\$609.11	11/27/2019	\$260.20		



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Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING		\$88.80
Total Current Value		\$88.80

### NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING

#### Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
11/01/2019	Beginning Balance	\$88.78
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.02
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
11/30/2019	Ending Balance	\$88.80

#### Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$0.02
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$0.23
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

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

#### Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
11/30/2019	INTEREST PMT	\$0.02

#### Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
10/31/2019	\$88.78	11/29/2019	\$88.80





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### Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING		\$1,026.70
Total Current Value		\$1,026.70

### NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING

#### Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
11/01/2019	Beginning Balance	\$1,026.53
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.17
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
11/30/2019	Ending Balance	\$1,026.70

#### Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$0.17
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$3.17
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

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

#### Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
11/30/2019	INTEREST PMT	\$0.17

#### Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
10/31/2019	\$1,026.53	11/29/2019	\$1,026.70



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### Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
BUSINESS MONEY MARKET		\$2,986.94
Total Current Value		\$2,986.94

### BUSINESS MONEY MARKET

#### Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
11/01/2019	Beginning Balance	\$2,985.68
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$1.26
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
11/30/2019	Ending Balance	\$2,986.94

#### Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$1.26
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$67.99
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

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

#### Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
11/30/2019	INTEREST PMT	\$1.26

#### Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
10/31/2019	\$2,985.68	11/29/2019	\$2,986.94

**SOIL HEALTH INITIATIVE WORKGROUP (SHIWG)**

**TEAM 17**

**Wagoner, Oklahoma**

**MINUTES**

**DATE: October 31, 2019**

**TIME: 1:30 pm**

**GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT:** David McCullough-Mayes County  
Katie Wood-Muskogee County  
Ben Harmon-Wagoner County

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Zach Wilburn-Tulsa County  
Robert Gibbs-Rogers County

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cleaon Bradford-NRCS  
Chris Best-NRCS District Conservationist

After introductions were made, we begin to talk about the duties and roles of the group leader and recorder. David McCullough agreed to be the group leader and Katie Wood agreed to be the recorder.

Cleaon, along with Chris began to help the group have a better understanding of all 10 practices that are being offered in this cost share program. Chris shared with the workgroup NRCS job sheets for all practices. As the group went through the practices in detail, Cleaon and Chris were both available to answer any questions and there were lots! The workgroup member briefly discussed which practice would be the #1 need in accordance to their respective counties. We then decided to take our knowledge back to our county board and ask our fellow board members which practice we feel is best for our county. We tabled this decision until the next meeting.

We then begin to discuss date/times for the next meeting, settling on November 19, 2019, 9:30am at Wagoner County Conservation District, which is housed with NRCS and FSA.

**SOIL HEALTH INITIATIVE WORKGROUP (SHIWG)**

**TEAM 17**

**Wagoner, Oklahoma**

**MINUTES**

**DATE:** November 19, 2019

**TIME:** 9:30 pm

**GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT:** David McCullough-Mayes County  
Katie Wood-Muskogee County  
Ben Harmon-Wagoner County

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Zach Wilburn-Tulsa County  
Robert Gibbs-Rogers County

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cleaon Bradford-NRCS  
Gabrielle Parker-Tulsa County by phone

Cleaon called Gabrielle Parker and put her on speaker phone. After, we all had introductions, Gabrielle informed us that Zach Wilburn is stepping down from the board. Gabrielle is sitting in on this meeting so she can keep her board members informed. Gabrielle is trying to recruit someone else to be on this workgroup. She will know more after her next board meeting.

Cleaon, David, Ben and Katie discussed the newest practice Forage & Biomass as well as looked over the NRCS job sheet. We went around the table giving our #1 practice we want for our county. We decided to offer these six practices: Cover crop, Prescribed grazing, Prescribed burning, Nutrient Management, Conservation Cover & Forage and Biomass.

We then consulted our SHIWG checklist to discuss our maximum cost-share program payment amount. After doing some calculations regarding different practices, we discussed whether we wanted to lower the max amount of \$5,000. We talked out if we lowered it whether it would be worth the producers' time, of course, depending on what practice they have chosen. We ultimately agreed to keep the maximum payment amount of \$5,000, in hopes of reaching enticing more producers to participate.

We had discussion with Cleaon about the NRCS ranking system and how that applies to this program. We all agreed our main focus will be soil health. Cleaon agreed to come to the next meeting with a rough draft of our ranking system for us to look over.

David suggested that the application period starts today 11/19/19 and ends 12/31/2019. We are all understand that we have the time to extend this period if we feel producers need more time to apply because of the holidays or our lack of advertisement. David stated that we push this through our county boards to get the word out. Each county board is in charge of getting the work out to our respective counties.

After we all looked over our schedules we decided to meet on January 7, 2020, 9:30 am at the Wagoner County Conservation District office.



## CHECKLIST OF BOARD / SOIL HEALTH INITIATIVE WORK GROUP REQUIRED ACTION ITEMS

### BOARD ACTION ITEM

- 1 Is your district participating in the current Soil Health Initiative (SHI) Program? You do not need to send a letter to OCC, simply take action in your board meeting.

DATE                      ACTION TAKEN

9/17/2019	Board voted to participate in the Soil Health Initiative.
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- 2 Each participating district must designate a Soil Health Initiative Work Group (SHIWG) member. This individual is authorized to make decisions on behalf of the district and sign SHI Program documents. This person can be a district board member or district employee.

DATE                      ACTION TAKEN

9/17/2019	Board designated Zach Kilburn as the Soil Health Work Group Member.
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- 3 Are district board members allowed to make application in the SHI Program? Complete the ***Director Participation*** form and email it to OCC. Board members serving on the SHIWG cannot make application in the SHI Program.

DATE                      ACTION TAKEN

9/17/2019	Board voted against allowing board members participating in the SHI program.
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**SHIWG members contact other SHIWG members in your NRCS team.**



### SOIL HEALTH INITIATIVE WORK GROUP ACTION ITEM

- 4 Within 60 calendar days of the SHI Program Year start date your SHIWG must meet and select a work group leader and recorder. The leader will be responsible for conducting SHIWG meetings and communications. The recorder will be responsible for recording, distributing and maintaining the minutes of SHIWG meetings.

DATE                      ACTION TAKEN

10/31/2019	David McCullough agreed to be the group leader and Katie Wood agreed to be the recorder
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- 5 Working with your NRCS team district conservationist designate a SHIWG technical representative.

DATE                      ACTION TAKEN

	Not sure who this is right now.
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- 6 Review the conservation practices listed in the SHI Program Year Guidelines. Approve practices and associated average costs that your SHIWG will offer.

DATE                      ACTION TAKEN

11/19/2019	SHIWG decided on Conservation Cover, Prescribed Grazing, Nutrient Management, Prescribed Burning, Cover Crop and Forage and Biomass Planting
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- 7 OCC set a cost-share rate of 85% for all SHI conservation practices. Your SHIWG must establish a maximum cost-share payment amount not to exceed \$5,000 per participant.

DATE                      ACTION TAKEN

11/19/2019	SHIWG decided to approve the maximum cost-share rate of 85% and maximum payment of \$5,000.
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- 8 Your SHIWG must establish specific eligibility and selection criteria/priority system that will be used to select successful applicants.

DATE                      ACTION TAKEN

N/A	Will finalize ranking criteria 1/7/2020
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- 9 Establish your SHIWG's application period and how the program will be advertised.

DATE                      ACTION TAKEN

11/19/2019	Application period will be from November 18-December 31, 2019
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**SHIWG can proceed to item 10 after application period is closed.**



- 10 Review and rank all applications using the eligibility and selection criteria/priority system approved under item 8 above.

DATE                      ACTION TAKEN

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- 11 SHIWG meeting minutes must include the following for each approved and funded participant: agreement number, participant name, practice(s), completion date, cost-share rate, and maximum amount. Alternate participants approved on the condition that funding is available, must be listed separately and include the following: agreement number, participant name, practice(s), cost-share rate, and maximum amount.

DATE                      ACTION TAKEN

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**Mayes, Rogers, Wagoner, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Tulsa County  
Conservation District Board Meeting  
December 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 2019  
District Conservationist Report**

**CTA -** Continue with CTA planning as requested / Receipt of service

**EQIP / WHIP/ CSP –** Continue to work on implementation of existing contracts, applied practices and new conservation plans.

**EQIP** **FY 2020**  
- Ranking 91 new applications  
there is no sign-up deadline at this time  
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**CSP –** **FY 2020**  
  
- We have roughly 262 active CSP contracts were obtaining documentation from for FY-19 payments  
- We have 46 active GCI contracts were obtaining documentation from for FY-19 payments  
- We have 22 new GCI applications-Deadline for obligation pending

**State Cost Share Program –** **Soil Health Applications**  
6 practices approved  
85% up to \$5000  
Dec. 31 sign-up deadline  
Next meeting Jan. 7, 2020 @ Wagoner

**Other –**  
  
- Dec. 18 all zone employees meeting in Kiamichi Technology Center, McAlester Campus  
- Dec. 25 offices are closed



## Tulsa County

Conservation District:

December-19

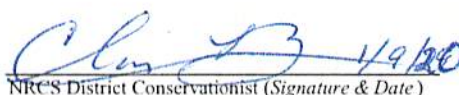
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Conservation Planning																																	
Customer service toolkit data entry																																	
Conservation plan maintenance																																	
Assemble plan components																																	
Conducts on-site inspections																																	
Provide practice check out services																																	
Development of plan and soil maps																																	
Other: NRCS Flie maintenance, update conf6			X	X	X	X	X				X	X																					
Outreach for Farm Bill Programs																																	
News Article Development																																	
Outreach Activities																																	
Assist with monthly outreach report																																	
Public presentations																																	
Success stories																																	
Earth Team volunteer program																																	
Assist with statewide media																																	
Other: Asst w/ Farm Show													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	
Updating General Manual and FOTG																																	
Receptionist		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X				X	F	F		X				X	X	
General office correspondence		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X				X	F	F		X				X	X	
Record of meeting minutes																			X														
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Maintain ledgers		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X				X	E	E		X				X	X	
Other: Website rebuild, File org.																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																																	
Prepare and mail form letters																																	
Plan and contract development																																	
Provide technical assistance																																	
Update and maintain LTP-003																																	
Other Farm Bill Activities:																																	
NRCS Scanning/Mail/Lables/Contract Maint		X	X	X	X	X																											

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:

 1/9/20

Conservation District Board Representative (Signature &amp; Date)

 1/9/20

NRCS District Conservationist (Signature &amp; Date)



# TCCD Monthly Outreach and Activities Report

## December 2019



### Meetings:

12/05/2019	Sustainable Tulsa Meeting
12/12/2019	TCCD Board Meeting Cancelled
12/18/2019	Rescheduled TCCD Board Meeting

### Special Events:

12/12-12/14	2019 Tulsa Farm Show
12/13/2019	Team 17 Team Outing

### Holidays:

12/24/2019	Christmas Eve – TCCD Office Closed, NRCS Office Open
12/25/2019	Christmas Day – TCCD/NRCS Office Closed

### Upcoming Meetings

01/02/2020	Sustainable Tulsa Meeting
01/07/2020	SHIWG Meeting (Rescheduled)
01/07/2020	Team 17 Staff Meeting
01/09/2020	TCCD Board Meeting
01/15/2020	Crow Creek Watershed Base Plan Meeting

### Up Coming Events:

01/10 – 01/11/2020	Horticulture Industries Show in Owasso
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### Upcoming NRCS Deadlines:

01/28/2020	GCI Obligation Deadline
02/28/2020	Final CSP Payments Submitted for 2019

### Upcoming Holidays:

01/01/2020	New Year's Day – TCCD/NRCS Office Closed
01/20/2020	Martin Luther King Day – TCCD/NRCS Office Closed

### Side Notes:

1/27 – 02/13	Gabriel out on honeymoon in the Philippines
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### Work Duties Performed:

- ❖ Assemble Agenda and Minutes for Meetings
- ❖ Answer phones
- ❖ Email Correspondences
- ❖ Bill Pay/Financials
- ❖ TCCD File Organization
- ❖ NRCS File Organization
- ❖ NRCS Folder Maintenance
- ❖ NRCS Mail
- ❖ NRCS Document/Payment Scanning
- ❖ Office Mail
- ❖ Office Recycle
- ❖ Meeting Organization and Coordination
- ❖ Office Scanning
- ❖ Meeting Minutes
- ❖ State Cost Share Program Year 21
- ❖ Work the Farm Show
- ❖ 2019/2020 Taxes - Cost Share & Payroll
- ❖ Website Rebuild



# Award of Recognition

Presented to

*Tom Tolbert*  
*Tulsa County Conservation District*

For unselfish devotion to the cause of conservation  
demonstrated by 5 years of service in conservation work.

November 21, 2019



*Larry Wright*

Larry Wright, President  
Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts



*Trey Lam*

Trey Lam, Executive Director  
Oklahoma Conservation Commission

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Tulsa County Conservation District  
6660 S Sheridan Rd, Ste. 120  
Tulsa, OK 74133

November 15, 2019

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Compilation for the year  
ended June 30, 2019:

\$ 595.00

Thank You!

TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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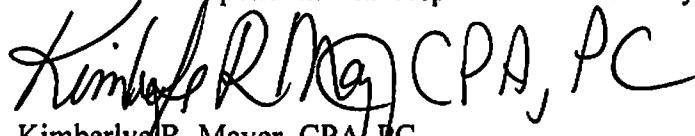
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## Board of Directors Tulsa County Conservation District

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the Tulsa County Conservation District which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities and net position as of June 30, 2019 and the related statement of revenues and expenses and changes in net position for the year then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting and the related notes to the financial statements. Management is responsible to determine that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy and completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are not independent with respect to Tulsa County Conservation District.

 CPA, PC  
Kimberlye R. Mayer, CPA, PC  
Blackwell, Oklahoma  
November 14, 2019

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND

NOTES

TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET POSITION  
CASH BASIS  
JUNE 30, 2019

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Operating account	\$ 881
Special projects account	<u>89</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>970</u>
 Total Assets	 <u><u>\$ 970</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

Current Liabilities:

Net Position:

Net investment in capital assets	
Unrestricted	<u>970</u>
 Total Net Position	 <u>970</u>
 Total Liabilities and Net Position	 <u><u>\$ 970</u></u>

See accountant's notes and compilation report.

TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
CASH BASIS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

Revenues:	
OCC reimbursements	\$ 29,744
Cost share received	17,824
Administrative income	7,730
Donations and grants	
Other income	
Total Operating Revenues	<u>55,298</u>
Expenses:	
Payroll	30,911
Payroll taxes and employee benefits	2,128
Advertising and promotion	76
Telephone and internet	822
Office supplies and postage	877
Meetings and travel	746
Professional fees	570
Programs, projects and education	113
Bond insurance	301
Cost share paid	17,824
Total Operating Expenses	<u>54,368</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	930
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):	
Interest income	<u>10</u>
Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)	<u>10</u>
Changes in net position	940
Net position at beginning of year	<u>30</u>
Net position at end of year	<u><u>\$ 970</u></u>

See accountant's notes and compilation report.

TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Organization

The Tulsa County Conservation District was created under Title 27A, sections 3-1-101 through 3-3-410, of the Oklahoma Statutes, as amended. The purpose of the District is to provide for the conservation of the renewable natural resources in the area for which the District is responsible.

Basis of Accounting

The District prepares its financial statements using the cash basis of accounting. This basis recognizes assets, liabilities, net position, revenues, and expenses when they result from cash transactions. This basis is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As a result of the use of the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

Net Position

Net position presents the difference between assets and liabilities in the statement of net position. Net investment in capital assets are reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are legal limitations imposed on their use by District legislation or external restrictions by creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governments.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:

Bank balances and certificates of deposit are covered by FDIC insurance. All deposits are fully insured.

NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS:

The State of Oklahoma allows governmental entities to invest in the following: direct obligations of the United State Government, its agencies or instrumentalities; collateralized or insured certificates of deposit; insured savings accounts or savings certificates; or county, municipal or school district direct debt.

**TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

**NOTE 4 - OCC REIMBURSEMENTS:**

The District is reimbursed by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission for salaries, payroll taxes, mileage, telephone charges, office supplies, and certain other office expenses. When received, such reimbursements are recognized as revenues.

**NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT PLAN:**

Oklahoma public employees who work 1,599 hours or more per year were enrolled in the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System. On salaries paid from reimbursable funds from the Oklahoma Conservation commission the employers 16½% share of retirement was paid directly by the Commission. The employees' share of the retirement contribution was 3½% of locally earned wages and 3½% of state reimbursable wages.

**NOTE 6 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:**

The District considers all checking accounts and deposits with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**NOTE 7 – RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The OCC and the District manage this risk through the purchase of commercial insurance policies. The District does not purchase commercial property insurance to cover any of the risks associated with the property.

**NOTE 8 – CONTINGENCIES:**

As of June 30, 2019, the District did not have any pending litigation or potential non-disclosed liabilities that management believes would have a material effect on the financial statements.

**NOTE 9 – EVALUATION OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:**

The District has evaluated subsequent events through November 14, 2019, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

## ANNUAL NET WORTH STATEMENT

Conservation District		TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	
Address	6660 S SHERIDAN RD, STE 120	TULSA, OK	74135
<b>FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, <u>2018</u>, TO JUNE 30, <u>2019</u></b> <b>FOR FISCAL YEAR <u>2019</u></b>			
<b>1. LIQUID ASSETS</b>			
(Checking Account, Savings Account, Certificate of Deposit, Petty Cash, Etc.)		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ <u>970</u>
<b>2. WORKING ASSETS</b>			
Building	\$ _____	<b>TOTAL WORKING ASSETS</b>	\$ _____
Equipment	\$ _____		
Other (Seed, Etc.)	\$ _____		
<b>3. RECEIPTS</b>			
(from Annual Audit)	\$ <u>55,308</u>		
<b>4. DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
	\$ <u>54,368</u>		
<b>5. NET WORTH OF DISTRICT</b>			
(Lines 1+2)		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ <u>970</u>

I, _____, the undersigned hereby certify the above to be true and correct.	
Signature (Chair, Board of Directors) _____	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.	
Notary Public _____	
My Commission Expires _____	

**DUE IN OCC OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR**



## FILING OF ANNUAL AUDIT

Conservation District <b>Tulsa County</b>	
County <b>Tulsa</b>	Date <b>December 12, 2019</b>
County Clerk <b>Tulsa County</b>	County <b>Tulsa</b>
<p>An Annual Audit was accepted and filed by the above-named Conservation District.</p> <p>Signature County Clerk _____ County _____</p> <p>Signature Chair, Board of Directors _____</p> <p>Conservation District <b>Tulsa County</b> _____</p>	

<p>Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.</p> <p>Notary Public _____</p> <p>My Commission Expires _____</p>
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**DUE IN OCC OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR**

KEVIN STITT  
GOVERNOR

MATT PINNELL  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



TREY LAM  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LISA KNAUF OWEN  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

## **Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program**

1. The mission of the Oklahoma Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program is to protect lives, repair scarred land and improve the environment. Twenty-six known deaths have occurred at Oklahoma AML sites.
2. The AML Reclamation Program is funded at no cost to the State of Oklahoma by fees assessed on historic and current coal production. Since the beginning of the Program, Oklahoma has received grants totaling over \$52 million.
3. The State receives multiple economic benefits from the annual AML grant in the form of disposable income and the purchase of goods and services. Grant funding expended translates into jobs in areas such as construction, labor, equipment and other services. For every AML dollar spent for construction, \$1.59 is returned to the local economy.
4. Despite remarkable achievements, more than \$120 million in un-reclaimed health and safety coal-related abandoned sites remain in Oklahoma's inventory. Reauthorizing fee collection in Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (P.L. 95-87) is sorely needed for Oklahoma to continue to protect lives, repair scarred land and improve the environment for Oklahoma citizens.



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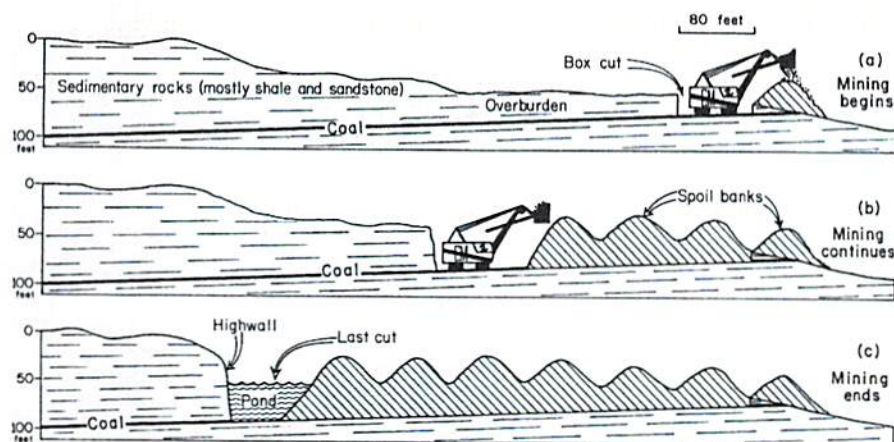
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 Counties with Abandoned Mine Land

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Schematic cross-section showing stages of surface mining for coal. *Oklahoma Geological Survey*

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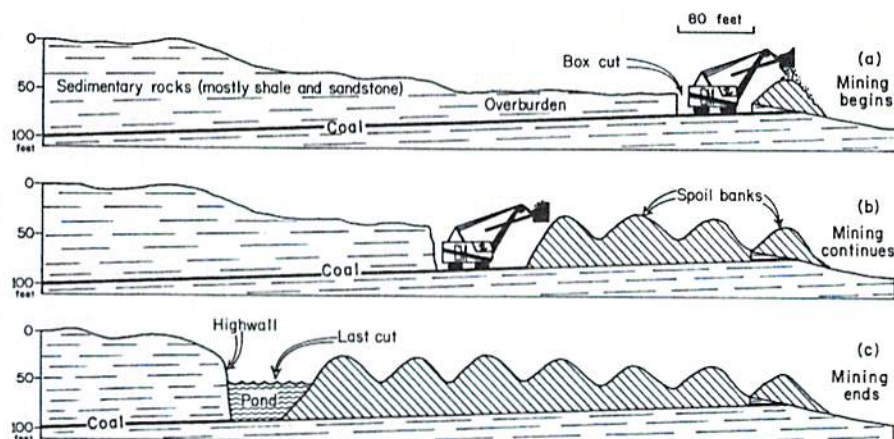
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# SMCRA Title IV AML Program Fact Sheet

## Interstate Mining Compact Commission

The AML program is a key source of support for coalfield communities  
Funding for this critical program is set to expire in 2021

### What is the Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Program?

The AML program's mission is to restore lands and waters impacted by historic coal mining and to protect communities that live nearby

Prior to 1977, coal mining was conducted without federal regulation, which left behind hundreds of thousands of acres of abandoned, unreclaimed mine sites

The SMCRA Title IV AML program was established to enable the states and tribes to protect their citizens from the dangerous and costly impacts of these abandoned mines

An "AML fee" is assessed on coal production, and the funding generated is distributed as grants to state and tribal AML programs

State and tribal AML programs use AML funding to conduct reclamation projects, which restore impacted land and water resources to a safer, more natural, and more productive state

The SMCRA AML programs are typically the only source of help available for AML impacts

### How Big a Problem are Abandoned Mines?

AML sites are a significant source of damage to public health, the environment, and economic well-being in the communities they impact, and they exist in every region of the country

AML sites continue to be discovered, and known sites continue to become worse as time goes on

800,000 acres of AML sites remain unreclaimed, representing **over \$10 billion in remaining costs**

### The AML Program is Important for...

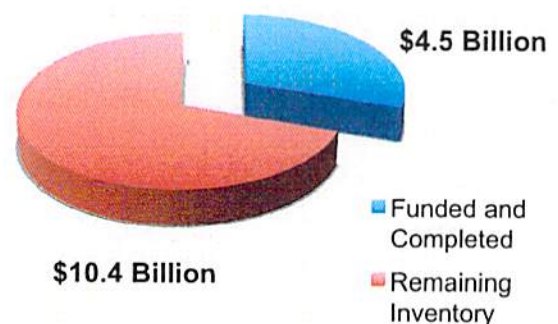
**Safety and Health** – AML hazards continue to injure and kill local citizens each year. The AML programs have eliminated over 46,000 open mine portals and over 1,000 miles of high-walls

**Emergencies** – Coalfield communities live in constant worry of sudden, devastating AML-related emergency events like landslides, subsidence, and coal refuse fires. 7.2 million people nationwide have been protected from AML hazards by the AML programs

**Water Resources** - AML programs treat water polluted by AML sites, known as acid mine drainage or "AMD". AMD affects public drinking supplies as well as the health of nearby lakes and streams. For every mile of stream improved \$80,000 is gained by local economies

**The Economy** – AML sites cause extensive property and infrastructure damage and suppress economic growth. AML work is a fundamental part of revitalizing economies and restoring a healthy, prosperous way of life for coalfield citizens. Every dollar spent on AML construction returns \$1.59 to local economies

**National AML Inventory**  
September 30, 2017





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800,000 acres of AML sites remain unreclaimed, representing **over \$10 billion in remaining costs**

### The AML Program is Important for...

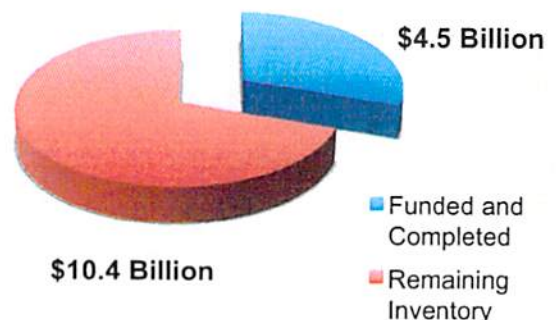
**Safety and Health** – AML hazards continue to injure and kill local citizens each year. The AML programs have eliminated over 46,000 open mine portals and over 1,000 miles of high-walls

**Emergencies** – Coalfield communities live in constant worry of sudden, devastating AML-related emergency events like landslides, subsidence, and coal refuse fires. 7.2 million people nationwide have been protected from AML hazards by the AML programs

**Water Resources** - AML programs treat water polluted by AML sites, known as acid mine drainage or "AMD". AMD affects public drinking supplies as well as the health of nearby lakes and streams. For every mile of stream improved \$80,000 is gained by local economies

**The Economy** – AML sites cause extensive property and infrastructure damage and suppress economic growth. AML work is a fundamental part of revitalizing economies and restoring a healthy, prosperous way of life for coalfield citizens. Every dollar spent on AML construction returns \$1.59 to local economies

**National AML Inventory**  
September 30, 2017



116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4248

To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to allow the Secretary of the Interior to delegate certain emergency reclamation activities to the States and Tribes, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. RYAN, and Mr. MEUSER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Surface Mining Con-  
5 trol and Reclamation Act Amendments of 2019”.



1           (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, including  
2           through reimbursement to a State or Tribal Govern-  
3           ment described in subsection (c),” after “moneys”;  
4           and

5           (2) by adding at the end the following:

6           “(c) STATE OR TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—A State or  
7           Tribal Government is eligible to receive reimbursement  
8           from the Secretary under subsection (a) if such State or  
9           Tribal Government has submitted, and the Secretary has  
10          approved, an Abandoned Mine Land Emergency Program  
11          as part of an approved State or Tribal Reclamation Plan  
12          under section 405.”.

13       **SEC. 4. RECLAMATION FEE.**

14          (a) DURATION.—Effective 90 days after the date of  
15          enactment of this Act, section 402(b) of the Surface Min-  
16          ing Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C.  
17          1232(b)) is amended by striking “September 30, 2021”  
18          and inserting “September 30, 2036”.

19          (b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Effective September  
20          30, 2019, section 402(g) of the Surface Mining Control  
21          and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1232(g)) is  
22          amended—

23               (1) in paragraph (6)(A), by striking “para-  
24               graphs (1) and (5)” inserting “paragraphs (1), (5),  
25               and (8)”;

(CONSERVATION DISTRICT LETTERHEAD)

Honorable Markwayne Mullin  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2421 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Mullin;

Thank you for cosponsoring H.R. 4248, The Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act Amendments of 2019. H.R. 4248 will provide continued funding for \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation District to address the ongoing public health and safety problems associated with abandoned coal mines. Funding for future abandoned mine land (AML) work in Oklahoma (which totals over \$120 million) is dependent on the reclamation fee paid by coal operators on every ton of coal that is mined. The authority to collect this fee will expire in September of 2021, hence the importance and time sensitivity of passing legislation now to ensure ongoing funding for this vital work.

Enclosed are national and state fact sheets about the AML Program. For additional information, please consider reviewing the following website to understand the need for reauthorization of fee collection authority: [www.ourworksnotdone.org](http://www.ourworksnotdone.org).

Should you have any questions or need more information, please contact Trey Lam, Oklahoma Conservation Commission Executive Director at [Trey.Lam@conservation.ok.gov](mailto:Trey.Lam@conservation.ok.gov) or Robert Toole, OCC-AML Program Director at [Robert.Toole@conservation.ok.gov](mailto:Robert.Toole@conservation.ok.gov).

Thank you again for cosponsoring H.R. 4248 and your support of Oklahoma's Abandoned Land Mine Reclamation Program.

Respectfully,

\_\_\_\_\_, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_, Conservation District

Encl: Oklahoma AML Program Fact Sheet  
IMCC SMCRA Title IV AML Program Fact Sheet

NOTE NO COPY  
OF H.R. 4248  
ONLY FACT SHEETS

(CONSERVATION DISTRICT LETTERHEAD)

Honorable Kevin Hern  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1019 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Hern;

We are writing to ask your support and co-sponsorship for H.R. 4248, The Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act Amendments of 2019 which has been cosponsored by Congressman Markwayne Mullin. H.R. 4248 would provide continued funding for \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation District to address the ongoing public health and safety problems associated with abandoned coal mines. Funding for future abandoned mine land (AML) work in Oklahoma (which totals over \$120 million) is dependent on the reclamation fee paid by coal operators on every ton of coal that is mined. The authority to collect this fee will expire in September of 2021, hence the importance and time sensitivity of passing legislation now to ensure ongoing funding for this vital work.

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Respectfully,

\_\_\_\_\_, Chair

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## **Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program**

1. The mission of the Oklahoma Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program is to protect lives, repair scarred land and improve the environment. Twenty-six known deaths have occurred at Oklahoma AML sites.
2. The AML Reclamation Program is funded at no cost to the State of Oklahoma by fees assessed on historic and current coal production. Since the beginning of the Program, Oklahoma has received grants totaling over \$52 million.
3. The State receives multiple economic benefits from the annual AML grant in the form of disposable income and the purchase of goods and services. Grant funding expended translates into jobs in areas such as construction, labor, equipment and other services. For every AML dollar spent for construction, \$1.59 is returned to the local economy.
4. Despite remarkable achievements, more than \$120 million in un-reclaimed health and safety coal-related abandoned sites remain in Oklahoma's inventory. Reauthorizing fee collection in Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (P.L. 95-87) is sorely needed for Oklahoma to continue to protect lives, repair scarred land and improve the environment for Oklahoma citizens.

116TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1193

To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to extend the period during which certain reclamation fees are required to be paid.

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Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. WARNER, Mr. Kaine, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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(CONSERVATION DISTRICT LETTER HEAD)

Honorable James M. Inhofe  
U.S. Senate  
205 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-3603

Dear Senator Inhofe;

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Respectfully,

\_\_\_\_\_, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_, Conservation District

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(CONSERVATION DISTRICT LETTER HEAD)

Honorable James Lankford  
U.S. Senate  
316 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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Respectfully,

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November 21, 2019

Board of Directors  
Tulsa County Conservation District  
6660 S. Sheridan Rd. Suite 120  
Tulsa, OK 74145-7522

C/O Ms. Gabriael Parker

Dear Board Members,

Please accept my resignation from the Board of Directors effective immediately.

I am unable to devote quality time and effort to participation in the Board's business which it deserves.

I appreciate the opportunity afforded me to participate and learn about the Board's work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Storer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "F" and "S".

Fred Storer  
420 S. Main, #205  
Tulsa, OK 74103  
ffstorer@gmail.com