

AGENDA
Board of Directors Special Meeting
Tulsa County Conservation District
Wednesday, June 24, 2026-5:30 PM
6660 S. Sheridan Rd., Suite 120, Tulsa, OK 74133

1. Meeting called to order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comments:
4. Discussion of Board Meeting Agenda Language with Stephanie Acquario
5. Discussion of Resource Management Conference
6. Discussion of Urban Conservation Area
 - A. Discussion of Trails and Maintenance
7. Discussion and Possible Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2026, Regular Meeting and June 3, 2026 Special Meeting
8. Discussion and Possible Approval of Financial Statements, District Reports, Reimbursement Claims, Preclaims, and District Payroll Forms for Period Ending May 31, 2026
9. Discussion and Possible Approval of Staff Timesheet and Leave Forms for May 31, 2026
10. Review of TACF Financials for Period Ending May 31, 2026
11. Discussion of Adding Second TCCD Board Member to TACF Board of Directors
12. Discussion and Possible Approval of Scheduling a Joint Board Meeting with TACF
13. Discussion and Possible Approval FY – 2028 Budget Request
14. Discussion and Possible Approval of FY – 2027 OCC/TCCD Intergovernmental Agreement for Farm Bill Specialist
15. Discussion and Possible Approval of Reposting Farm Bill Specialist Position
16. Discussion and Possible Approval of Paying for Reposting Farm Bill Specialist Position
17. Discussion and Possible Approval of Closing Date for Farm Bill Specialist Position
18. Discussion and Possible Approval of Mike Spradling for Appointment to the Tulsa County Board of Directors
19. Discussion and Possible Approval of FY – 2027 Joint Plan of Operations
20. Discussion of FY – 2027 Financial Position Summary Policy - Form & Guidance
21. Reports:
 - A. Directors
 - B. District Manager
 - Monthly Activities and Outreach Report June 2026
 - C. NRCS
22. Correspondence: May 2026
 - A. NACD
 - B. OACD
 - C. OCC
 - Discussion and Possible Approval of District Services Update June 2026
23. Cost Share Drought Program
 - A. Approval of Drought Application Reviews
 - a. Three Ridge Ranch Top Ranch LLC
 - b. Victoria Ice
 - B. Drought Inspections and Reimbursement Claims
 - a. Three Ridge Ranch Top Ranch LLC

24. Cost Share Program Year 28

A. Approval of the Following Cooperator Agreements:

1. Tilda Hensley

B. Approval of the Following Applications:

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| a. Bill Wiginton | e. Tilda Hensley |
| b. Ryan K Jones/Flying R Ranch | f. Mark and DeAnn Jeppson |
| c. Greg Daubney | g. Patrick McCarty |
| d. Mark DeMoss | h. Post Oak LLC – Steven Buckman |
| | i. Mitt Chinsethagid |

25. Discussion of District Teams Training Takeaways – Claims: The OCC Process

26. Proposed executive session: Possible discussion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. §307(B)(1) to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee. Pursuant to this provision, the District proposes to hold an executive session for the purpose of discussing the annual performance review for the District Manager.

27. Adjourn:

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The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 6660 S. Sheridan Rd., Suite 120, Tulsa, OK 74133

This is a scheduled **Special** meeting 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 [June 23, 2026](#) in the following location:

6660 S. Sheridan Rd., Suite 120

Tulsa, OK 74133

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In the event of an emergency, only that business for which the meeting was called can be conducted. An emergency meeting may be held without the public notice which is normally required. However, the district shall give as much advance public notice to the County Clerk as is reasonable and possible under the circumstances existing, in person or by telephonic or electronic means. An agenda should be prepared and posted as soon as possible; the agenda should identify all items of business to be discussed and provide the reason for declaring the emergency meeting.

The written minutes of an emergency meeting must contain the nature of the emergency and the proceedings which occur at the meeting, including reasons for declaring the emergency meeting.

Continued or Reconvened Meeting

A continued or reconvened meeting is one which is assembled for the purpose of finishing business appearing on an agenda of a previous meeting. Public notice including date, time, and place of the continued or reconvened meeting shall be given by announcement at the original meeting. Notice giving the time and place of the continued or reconvened meeting should be posted with the agenda. Only matters appearing on the agenda of the original meeting may be discussed at the continued or reconvened meeting.

Board Meeting Agenda

The purpose of an agenda is to ensure orderly transaction of business and to give notice to the public regarding what will transpire at the meeting. Under the Open Meeting Act, the agenda becomes an extremely important document, since only those items listed on the agenda can be considered at the meeting, except for those items qualifying as new business.

Developing the Agenda

All public meetings (regular, continued, or reconvened, special, or emergency) require an agenda. The agenda must list the date, time, and place of the meeting and all items to be considered at the meeting. To ensure that nothing requiring board action is overlooked throughout the month, district staff should retain a file of all incoming and outgoing correspondence and notes on any other topics the board needs to consider at the meeting. The Chair of the board should work with the district staff to develop a list of all topics to be placed on the agenda. The items of business on the agenda may be numbered for efficiency, but numbering is not required. The information contained in the agenda must be reasonably detailed to inform the public of the business to be considered at the meeting.

Any decision or act that results in expenditure of funds, establishes or changes policy, represents district opinion or approval, or causes an obligation of any kind on the part of the district, requires official action of the board of directors in an open meeting.

Due to a 2021 Oklahoma Supreme Court Case, *Fraternal Order of Police v. City of Norman*, Case no. 119296, the following suggested language should be placed at the bottom of every conservation district agenda:

“All items on this agenda, including but not limited to any agenda item concerning the adoption or approval of any resolution, contract, agreement, or any other item of business, are subject to revision or amendment, including additions and/or deletions, without exception. Any revision or

change or "complete" an action. A mistake in the minutes can be corrected by action of the board at the next meeting.

Minutes that have not been approved are considered draft and may be corrected. Minutes that have been approved must be amended.

Corrections to Draft Minutes

The correction should be included in the motion such as "C. Drake moved to correct the minutes to show that the motion to accept the bid of Pro-Lawn Spraying Service was made by R. Smith, rather than A. Bentley, and to approve the minutes of the (meeting date) meeting as corrected."

Amendments to Approved Minutes

The amendment should be included in the motion, such as, "C. Drake moved to amend the minutes of the - meeting to show that the motion to accept the bid of Pro-Lawn Spraying Service was made by R. Smith, rather than A. Bentley, and to approve the (meeting date) meeting minutes as amended." Amend the minutes by adding "As Amended" in the minutes heading and making the needed correction(s). The chair should verify the amendment has been made as directed and sign the amended minutes. The amended minutes should be added to the official minutes packet with the originally approved meeting minutes; they should also be included in the official meeting packet of the meeting when the amendment was approved.

Financial Statement

A detailed financial statement of all bank accounts and petty cash, including bank statements, and the allocation ledger, should be reviewed at each board meeting and made a part of the minutes.

In order to effectively review financial statements each month, the previous month's financial and bank statements should be presented along with the current month's financial and bank statements.

In reviewing the Financial Statement, the directors should consider the following:

- Compare statements to be sure that the last amount on the previous month's statement is the same as the first amount on the current month's statement.
- Compare deposits with accounts received report.
- Compare disbursements. The amount paid to employees for salaries should be approximately the same from one month to the next unless they are on actual hours worked or have received one-time pay increases. Many other bills paid will be the same or nearly so as well. Question any major differences.
- Every month look for the draw showing taxes paid. The district should pay federal 941 employment taxes monthly; state withholding taxes may be paid monthly or quarterly. The list of disbursements should contain a draw from the IRS for the 941 taxes every month.
- Be sure every check is accounted for. The last check on the previous month's Financial Statement should be the number that immediately precedes the first check number on the current Financial Statement.
- Voided checks should be listed with disbursements and the actual check shown to the directors at the board meeting.

- Petty cash must be accounted for with receipts and a running balance sheet. Checks written to establish or replenish petty cash should be shown on the financial statement. A copy of the petty cash balance sheet showing to whom the money was paid, the purpose, and the amount should be attached to the financial statement for approval by the directors with the financial statement.

Bills and Claims

The bills and claims must be approved by official action of the board in a board meeting. In reviewing the bills to be paid, the directors should not hesitate to question an unusual bill or one that seems higher than usual. "Bills" to be paid include salary. The amount of salary noted as paid in the Financial Statement listing of disbursements should match the amount of salary listed under "Bills to be Approved" from the previous month's Financial Statement. (In February, disbursements will include the salary approved to be paid in January.)

Claims for reimbursement must also be approved by the board of directors. Generally, a district will have no more than two or three claims per month. All items to be claimed from the district's salary and operating expense allocation should be placed on one claim. However, a separate claim must be filed when claiming items that do not come from the district's salary and operating expense allocation, including claims for cost-share, special projects, election expenses, and watershed operation and maintenance.

Review/Approval of Daily Activity Timesheet and Leave Record for Each Employee

The directors should review all leave, the nature of work that has been performed during the month, the number of hours worked, and any overtime/compensatory time being carried forward by an employee. Remember, sick leave and annual leave cannot be used in advance of accrual. Accrued amounts are not available for use until the first day of the following month. Boards may set policy to allow employees to use accrued compensatory time immediately after accrual rather than waiting until the following month.

New Business

The Open Meeting Act prohibits consideration of anything that was not on the agenda at the time it was posted unless it can be considered as new business. The Open Meeting Act defines "new business" as business that was not known about or could not have been known about prior to posting of the agenda. To ensure that no question ever arises over the legality of the board's action, a copy of the agenda should be retained with the minutes of that meeting. If new business does come up, any evidence that the business was not known about prior to posting the agenda should be explained in the text of the minutes, or if the new business arises from dated correspondence, a copy of the correspondence should be attached to the minutes as an exhibit. New business may not be considered during special or emergency meetings.

Public Comments

Public comment during a public meeting is not required under the Open Meeting Act; however, it is required during a public hearing.

If the board wishes to allow public comment during public meetings, consideration should be given to establishing public comment general rules, including:

RMC Agenda Revision
September 14th 8:00am-4:00pm
Home Builders Association of Greater Tulsa

6:30-7:30-Arrival and set-up

7:30-8:15-Registration

8:15-8:30- Welcome by Moderator_____, Title unknown, of _____

8:30-9:30- Overview of OKRO5 _____, Name of Presenter, of _____

9:30-10:00- Industrial permit requiriements, ODEQ

10:00-10:15- Break

10:15-11:00- Best Management Practices for industrial pretreatment, _____, Someone,
From Somewhere

11:00-11:30- SWP3s, Dr. Carrie Evenson, Assistant Public Works Director, Midwest City

11:30-12:30- Lunch Billy Sims, Michael Patton, Sentiments on Sediment, Director Land Legacy

12:30-1:00- Fats Oils and Grease, Damon Morris (Hopefully), Industrial Pretreatment, City of
Tulsa

1:00-1:30- Vendor presentations

1:30-2:00- Education Everywhere, Juie Monnot, Stormwater Administrator, City of Sand Springs

2:00-2:15- Break

2:15-2:30- Stormwater Municipal Enforcement, Holly Brown, Stormwater Manager, Sand
Springs

2:30-3:00- Why it's important to protect water resources, Cheryl Cheadle, Volunteer
Coordinator, Blue Thumb I would like to keep this as a closing motivational point to adhere to
laws

3:00-3:30- Panel Discussion with Pretreatment Professionals. Damon Morris, Abigale Wright.....

3:30-4:00- Door Prizes Adjourn



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STATEMENT OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I certify that the minutes of the meeting of the Tulsa County Conservation District Board of Directors held on **June 24, 2026** were approved as written by a vote in the **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Directors held **July 14, 2026**


Chair, Board of Directors


Date

Attest:



Minutes
Tulsa County Conservation District
Wednesday, June 24, 2026 – 5:30 PM
6660 S. Sheridan Rd., Suite 120, Tulsa, OK 74133
Regular Special Meeting

Date: June 24, 2026
Time: 5:30 PM

Member's Present: Tom Tolbert, Chair
Kathryn Perdue, Member
Julie Monnot, Vice-Chair

Members Absent: Chrissy Parker, Treasurer
Janna Colaizzi, Member

Staff Present: Gabriael Parker, District Manager

Others Present: Cambra Fields, NRCS Team 20 Leader
Stephanie Acquario, Assistant General Counsel,
Oklahoma Conservation Commission

1. Meeting Called to Order:

Chairman Tom Tolbert called the meeting to order at 5:43 PM. He noted that 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 Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at the front window of 6660 S. Sheridan Rd., Suite 120, Tulsa, OK 74133, and tulsaccd.org.

2. Roll Call

Tom Tolbert
Gabriael Parker
Kathryn Perdue
Julie Monnot
Cambra Fields
Stephanie Acquario

3. Public Comments

None

4. Discussion of Board Meeting Agenda Language with Stephanie Acquario

Stephanie Acquario said Gabriel Parker came to her after the last board meeting with a question about whether or not the board can Conservation District Board Members change the language on the agenda from “discussion and possible action” on Conservation District financial statements, which include expenditures and receipt of funds, to say “receive and file?”

Stephanie said, based on the District Handbook and the Open Meetings Act, Conservation District Directors must take official board action on Conservation District financial statements, which include District receipt of funds and expenditures, at board meetings. In addition, District Directors are strongly encouraged to thoroughly vet Conservation District financial statements to prevent mismanagement of public funds granted to the Conservation District by the State of Oklahoma, as well as other privately granted funds. Therefore, language listed on the Board Meeting agenda must reflect the need for action to be taken on the statements when there are incoming and outflowing funds.

She can provide documentation for directors to help them better understand what they can and cannot do regarding the district's financials under the Open Meetings Act. Please see attached appendix A.

5. Discussion of the Resource Management Conference

Julie Monnot said we need to find topics that will bring people in as well as provide the necessary fundraising we need. Continuing education credits for stormwater permits have worked well in the past, but many organizations are now holding their own conferences. We will continue to hold brainstorming sessions in the meantime. No further action is needed at this time.

6. Discussion of Urban Conservation Area

a. Discussion of Trails and Maintenance Plan

The board decided to table this agenda item until a later date. No further action is needed at this time.

7. Discussion and Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2026, Regular Meeting and June 3, 2026, Special Meeting

After a brief discussion, Kathryn Perdue made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2026, Regular Meeting and June 3, 2026, Special Meeting with the correction of removing Mike Spradling's name on June 3, 2026, minutes. Janna Colaizzi 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue. Nays: None. The motion carries.

8. Discussion and Approval of Financial Statements, District Reports, Reimbursement Claims, Preclaims, and District Payroll Forms for Period Ending May 31, 2026

After a brief discussion, Kathryn Perdue made a motion to approve the financial statements, district reports, reimbursement claims, and district payroll forms for the period ending May 31, 2026. Julie Monnot 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue. Nays: None. The motion carries.

9. Discussion and Approval of Staff Timesheet and Leave Forms for May 2026

After a brief discussion, Kathryn Perdue made a motion to approve the staff timesheet and leave forms for May 2026. Julie Monnot 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue. Nays: None. The motion carries.

10. Review of TACF Financials for Period Ending May 31, 2026

The board reviewed the TACF Financials for the Period Ending May 31, 2026. No further action is needed to be taken at this time.

11. Discussion of Adding Second TCCD Board Member to TACF Board of Directors

After a brief discussion, the board decided to wait and talk to Mike Spradling to see if he might be interested in joining the TACF Board when he is officially sworn in to the District Board. No further action needs to be taken at this time.

12. Discussion and Possible Approval of Scheduling a Joint Board Meeting with TACF

Kathryn Perdue made a motion to approve scheduling a joint board meeting with TACF in either July or August. Julie Monnot 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue. Nays: None. The motion carries.

13. Discussion and Possible Approval FY – 2028 Budget Request

After a brief discussion, Kathryn Perdue made a motion to approve the FY – 2028 Budget Request as presented. Julie Monnot 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue. Nays: None. The motion carries.

14. Discussion and Possible Approval of FY – 2027 OCC/TCCD Intergovernmental Agreement for Farm Bill Specialist

After a brief discussion, Kathryn Perdue made a motion to approve the FY – 2027 OCC/TCCD Intergovernmental Agreement for Farm Bill Specialist. Julie Monnot 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue. Nays: None. The motion carries.

15. Discussion and Possible Approval of Reposting Farm Bill Specialist Position

After a brief discussion, Julie Monnot made a motion to approve reposting the Farm Bill Specialist on Indeed.com. Kathryn Perdue 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue. Nays: None. The motion carries.

16. Discussion and Possible Approval of Paying for Reposting Farm Bill Specialist Position

After a brief discussion, Julie Monnot made a motion to approve paying to repost the Farm Bill Specialist on Indeed.com. Kathryn Perdue 2nd the motion. Ayes: None. Nays: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue. The motion does not carry.

17. Discussion and Possible Approval of Closing Date for Farm Bill Specialist Position

After a brief discussion, Julie Monnot made a motion to approve posting the Farm Bill Specialist position from June 26, 2026, to July 10, 2026. Kathryn Perdue 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue. Nays: None. The motion carries.

18. Discussion and Possible Approval of Recommending Mike Spradling for Appointment to the Tulsa County Board of Directors

After a brief discussion, Julie Monnot made a motion to approve Mike Spradling's recommendation for appointment to the Tulsa County Board of Directors. Kathryn Perdue 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue. Nays: None. The motion carries.

19. Discussion and Possible Approval of FY – 2027 Joint Plan of Operations

After a brief discussion, Kathryn Perdue made a motion to approve the FY – 2027 Joint Plan of Operations. Julie Monnot 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue. Nays: None. The motion carries.

20. Discussion of FY – 2027 Financial Position Summary Policy - Form & Guidance

Gabriel Parker said this is one of the latest items we must include in our board packets and send to the Commission starting July 1, 2026. She said she wanted to let the board know so they can review the new report and ask any questions. No further action needs to be taken at this time.

21. Reports:

A. Directors

None

B. District Manager

a. Monthly Activities and Outreach Report June 2026

June Meetings:

06/04/2026	TACF Board Meeting
06/16/2026	District Teams Training - Effective Employee Evaluations (Session 1)
06/17/2026	District Teams Training - Effective Employee Evaluations (Session 2)
06/17/2026	TCCD Board Meeting
06/18/2026	Monarch's on the Mountain Meeting

June Events:

06/16/2026	Crow Creek MeadowFest Event
06/29/2026	Fred Creek Bug Collection

Deadlines:

06/05/2026	PO drafts due
06/17/2026	Director Appointments due for July OCC meeting
06/30/2026	JPOs due
07/01/2026	Fiscal Year 27 begins, FY27 allocations provided to districts following Commission Meeting
07/15/2026	FY28 Budget Requests due
08/01/2026	Notice of New Officers due

July Meetings:

07/15/2026	TCCD Board Meeting
07/06/2026	Teams Training, July Session 1, Topic: FY27 Allocations
07/07/2026	Teams Training, July Session 2, Topic: FY27 Allocations

Holidays:

06/19/2026	Juneteenth – NRCS Office Closed
07/03/2026	Observed: Independence Day - Office Closed

Notes:

Work Duties Performed:

❖ Email	❖ CSPY – 27, 28, Drought, Prescribe Burn
❖ Correspondences	❖ Check/Paperwork Signatures
❖ Bill Pay/Financials	❖ Blue Thumb Monitoring Activities
❖ Scanning	❖ Payroll
❖ Shredding	❖ Event Prep
❖ TCCD Payroll	❖ OCC Trainings
❖ TCCD Financials	❖ Joint Plan of Operation
❖ Website Updates	❖ TACF Board Meeting & Prep
❖ TCCD Board Meetings	❖ Farm Bill Specialist Interviews

The board reviewed the Monthly Activities and Outreach Report for June 2026. No further action is required currently.

C. NRCS

Cambra Fields said the team is currently plugging away on field visits and rankings for EQIP and CSP. No further action is needed at this time.

22. Correspondence:

a. NACD

The board reviewed all correspondence provided by NACD for May 2026. No further action is needed to be taken at this time.

b. OACD

The board reviewed all correspondence provided by OACD for May 2026. No further action is needed to be taken at this time.

c. OCC

▪ Discussion of District Services Update June 2026

The board reviewed the District Services Update for June 2026. No further action is needed at this time.

23. Cost Share Drought Program

A. Approval of Drought Application Reviews

- a. Three Ridge Top Ranch LLC
- b. Victoria Ice

After a brief discussion, Julie Monnot made a motion to approve the drought application reviews for Three Ridge Top Ranch LLC and Victoria Ice. Kathryn Perdue 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue. Nays: None. The motion carries.

B. Discussion and Approval of Drought Inspections and Reimbursement Claims

a. Three Ridge Top Ranch LLC

After a brief discussion, Kathryn Perdue made a motion to approve the drought inspections and reimbursement claims for Three Ridge Top Ranch LLC. Julie Monnot 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue. Nays: None. The motion carries.

24. Cost-Share Program Year 28

A. Approval of the Following Cooperator Agreements:

- a. Tilda Hensley

After a brief discussion, Julie Monnot made a motion to approve the Cooperator Agreement for Tilda Hensley. Kathryn Perdue 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue. Nays: None. The motion carries.

B. Approval of the Following Applications:

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| a. Bill Wiginton | f. Mark and DeAnn Jeppson |
| b. Ryan K Jones/Flying R Ranch | g. Patrick McCarty |
| c. Greg Daubney | h. Post Oak LLC – Steven Buckman |
| d. Mark DeMoss | i. Mitt Chinsethagid |
| e. Tilda Hensley | |

After a brief discussion, Kathryn Perdue made a motion to approve all applications above for CSPY – 28. Julie Monnot 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue. Nays: None. The motion carries.

25. Discussion of District Teams Training Takeaways – Claims: The OCC Process

The board reviewed the District Teams Training Takeaways – Claims: The OCC Process. No further action is needed at this time.

26. Proposed executive session: Possible discussion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. §307(B)(1) to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee. Pursuant to this provision, the district proposes holding an executive session to discuss the annual performance review for the District Manager.

Tom Tolbert said as authorized by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act in Section 307(B)(1) of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, an executive session may be held for the purpose of discussing employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee. Pursuant to this provision, the district proposes holding an executive session for the purpose of discussing the annual performance review for the District Manager.

Tom Tolbert said, based on the information proposed for discussion in executive session, do I have any motions to enter an executive session? Kathryn Perdue made a motion to enter executive session, with all members present excluding Gabriel Parker and Cambra Fields. Julie Monnot 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue. Nays: None. The motion carries.

Cambra Fields Exited the Meeting at 7:27 PM

The district now enters Executive Session at 7:28 PM on Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

The board exited executive session at 7:38 PM on Wednesday, June 24, 2026. No action needs to be taken at this time.

27. Adjourn:

Kathryn Perdue made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Julie Monnot 2nd the motion. Ayes: Tom Tolbert, Julie Monnot, Kathryn Perdue. Nays: None. The motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

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**The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 5:30 PM.
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Appendix A.

Proposed Question:

- Can Conservation District Board Members change the language on the agenda from “discussion and possible action” on Conservation District financial statements, which include expenditures and receipt of funds, to say “receive and file?”
- Must Conservation District Directors take official board action on Conservation District financial statements?

Resources Addressing Question:

District Handbook:

- All decisions or acts that result in expenditure of funds, establishes or changes policy, represents district opinion or approval, or causes an obligation of any kind on the part of the district requires official action of the board of directors in an open meeting (pg 41)
- The Secretary-Treasurer of the board should work with district staff in preparing the financial statement for the month[.] At the board meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer should be called on to present the financial statement and answer any questions. (pg 46)
- A detailed financial statement of all bank accounts and petty cash, including bank statements, and the allocation ledger should be reviewed at each board meeting and made part of the minutes. In order to effectively review financial statements each month, the previous month’s financial and bank statements should be presented along with the current month’s financial and bank statements. (pg 47). See pg 47 for a suggested list of considerations when reviewing financial statements.
- Bills and claims must be approved by official action of the board in a board meeting. Claims for reimbursement must also be approved by the board of directors. (pg 48)
- The directors should review all leave, the nature of the work that has been performed during the month, the number of hours worked, and any overtime/compensatory time being carried forward by an employee. (pg 48)

By Statute:

- A Conservation District and the directors shall have the power and duty to accept donations, gifts and contributions, in money, services, materials or otherwise, from this state or any of its agencies, or from any other source, and use or expend such

moneys, services, materials or other contributions in carrying out the purposes of the Conservation District Act. 27A O.S. Section 3-3-105(A)(9)(a-b).

- The Oklahoma Conservation Commission is statutorily authorized to instruct district directors on the subjects of district finances and their duties and responsibilities as directors. 27A O.S. § 3-2-106 (A)(18).
- The Oklahoma Open Meetings Act (“OMA”) comes into play whenever a public body holds a meeting. “Public body” is defined in §304(1) of Title 25 and includes all governing bodies of all municipalities as well as all boards, commissions, authorities and public trusts. Essentially, any public body charged with the responsibility of expending public funds or administering public property is included within the reach of the OMA. This encompasses city councils or commissions, planning commissions, boards of adjustment and other municipal bodies with decision-making authority, bodies supported in whole or part by public funds and those entrusted with expending public funds.

<https://www.okbar.org/barjournal/november-2022/lombardi/>

Case Law:

- Section 311(B) of the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act requires that the agenda contain sufficient information for the public to identify the items of business to be discussed and resolved.
- In *Haworth Bd. of Ed. v. Havens*,¹² the court stated, “Agendas must be worded in plain language, directly stating the purpose ... The language used should be simple, direct, and comprehensible to a person of ordinary education and intelligence.” Simply stated, a public body cannot discuss an item or take action upon it if the item is not on the agenda.
- Items must be sufficiently detailed to give a reasonable person information regarding what specifically will be discussed and voted upon at the meeting.
- Descriptors such as “Fire Chief Report” are likely insufficient and require additional details describing what information will be covered in the report. While a citizen might be uninterested in the fire department’s latest response statistics, the same citizen may very much care that a new fire station has been proposed for construction and may wish to attend the meeting where the item is discussed.

<https://www.okbar.org/barjournal/november-2022/lombardi/>

Answer

Conservation District Directors must take official board action on Conservation District financial statements, which include District receipt of funds and expenditures, at board meetings. In addition, District Directors are strongly encouraged to thoroughly vet Conservation District financial statements to prevent mismanagement of public funds, granted to the Conservation District by the State of Oklahoma, and other privately granted funds. Therefore, language listed on the Board Meeting agenda must reflect the need for action to be taken on the statements when there are incoming and outflowing funds.

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7/15/26
Fiscal Basis

Tulsa County Conservation District
Profit & Loss
July 2025 through May 2026

	<u>Jul '25 - May 26</u>
Income	
Grant Income	250.00
Interest Income	5.40
OCC Cost-Share Reimbursements	54,287.21
OCC General Exp Reimbursements	4,048.40
OCC Salary Reimbursements	41,748.82
Total Income	100,339.83
Expense	
Administrative Expense	2,142.57
Advertising and Promotion	81.46
Cost-Share Payments	39,773.17
Employee Benefits	5,241.55
Office Supplies	81.41
Outreach Programs	455.88
Payroll	30,574.28
Payroll Tax	11,578.25
Phone	22.56
Postage	156.00
Professional Fees	699.14
Registration Fees	45.00
Telephone and Internet	39.76
Travel	715.09
Total Expense	91,606.12
Net Income	8,733.71

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06/15/26
Accrual Basis

Tulsa County Conservation District
Profit & Loss
May 2026

	<u>May 26</u>
Income	
Interest Income	0.63
OCC Cost-Share Reimbursements	<u>19,769.60</u>
Total Income	19,770.23
Expense	
Administrative Expense	129.99
Payroll	2,557.84
Payroll Tax	<u>2,160.80</u>
Total Expense	<u>4,848.63</u>
Net Income	<u><u>14,921.60</u></u>

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06/15/26

Accrual Basis

Tulsa County Conservation District
General Ledger
As of May 31, 2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
Arvest Checking 6407							13,889.56
Operating Acct - 6407							0.00
Total Operating Acct - 6407							0.00
Arvest Checking 6407 - Other							13,889.56
Check	5/4/2026	ACH	Microsoft Corp	Renewal of Microsoft 360 for ...	Administrative Expe...	-129.99	13,759.57
Check	5/11/2026	9184	Gabriel S Parker	February 1-15th 2026 Pay Per...	Payroll	-1,278.92	12,480.65
Check	5/11/2026	9185	Gabriel S Parker	February 16-28th 2026 Pay P...	Payroll	-1,278.92	11,201.73
Deposit	5/22/2026	ACH	OCC	Cost-Share Year 27 Reimburs...	OCC Cost-Share Rei...	5,000.00	16,201.73
Check	5/28/2026	ACH	IRS	941 Tax Payment for June 2025	Payroll Tax	-952.06	15,249.67
Deposit	5/29/2026	ACH	OCC	Cost-Share Year EDAP 4 Rei...	OCC Cost-Share Rei...	7,494.40	22,744.07
Deposit	5/29/2026	ACH	OCC	Cost-Share Year EDAP 4 Rei...	OCC Cost-Share Rei...	7,275.20	30,019.27
Check	5/29/2026	ACH	IRS	941 Tax Payment for March 2...	Payroll Tax	-1,208.74	28,810.53
Deposit	5/30/2026	ACH	Arvest	Interest Income	Interest Income	0.63	28,811.16
Total Arvest Checking 6407 - Other						14,921.60	28,811.16
Total Arvest Checking 6407						14,921.60	28,811.16
Arvest Money Market 6423							0.00
Total Arvest Money Market 6423							0.00
Arvest Special Projects 6410							345.86
Total Arvest Special Projects 6410							345.86
Payroll Liabilities							0.00
Total Payroll Liabilities							0.00
Opening Balance Equity							-10,307.75
Total Opening Balance Equity							-10,307.75
Retained Earnings							-10,115.56
Total Retained Earnings							-10,115.56
Administrative Income							0.00
Total Administrative Income							0.00
Aerials and Maps							0.00
Total Aerials and Maps							0.00
Arvest Bank							0.00
Total Arvest Bank							0.00
Director Election							0.00
Total Director Election							0.00
Grant Income							-250.00
Total Grant Income							-250.00
Interest Income							-4.77
Deposit	5/30/2026	ACH	Arvest	Interest Income	Arvest Checking 6407	-0.63	-5.40
Total Interest Income						-0.63	-5.40
OCC Cost-Share Reimbursements							-34,517.61
Deposit	5/22/2026	ACH	OCC	Cost-Share Year 27 Reimburs...	Arvest Checking 6407	-5,000.00	-39,517.61
Deposit	5/29/2026	ACH	OCC	Cost-Share Year EDAP 4 Rei...	Arvest Checking 6407	-7,494.40	-47,012.01
Deposit	5/29/2026	ACH	OCC	Cost-Share Year EDAP 4 Rei...	Arvest Checking 6407	-7,275.20	-54,287.21
Total OCC Cost-Share Reimbursements						-19,769.60	-54,287.21
OCC Director Election Reimburse							0.00
Total OCC Director Election Reimburse							0.00
OCC Director Exp Reimbursements							0.00
Total OCC Director Exp Reimbursements							0.00
OCC General Exp Reimbursements							-4,048.40
Total OCC General Exp Reimbursements							-4,048.40

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Accrual Basis

Tulsa County Conservation District
General Ledger
As of May 31, 2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
OCC Salary Reimbursements							-41,748.82
Total OCC Salary Reimbursements							-41,748.82
Program Income							0.00
Total Program Income							0.00
TACF Gen Expense Reimbursements							0.00
Total TACF Gen Expense Reimbursements							0.00
TACF Salary Reimbursements							0.00
Total TACF Salary Reimbursements							0.00
Uncategorized Income							0.00
Total Uncategorized Income							0.00
Administrative Expense							2,012.58
Check	5/4/2026	ACH	Microsoft Corp	Renewal of Microsoft 360 for ...	Arvest Checking 6407	129.99	2,142.57
Total Administrative Expense						129.99	2,142.57
Advertising and Promotion							81.46
Total Advertising and Promotion							81.46
Cost-Share Payments							39,773.17
Total Cost-Share Payments							39,773.17
Director Fees							0.00
Total Director Fees							0.00
Employee Benefits							5,241.55
Total Employee Benefits							5,241.55
Grant Expenses							0.00
Total Grant Expenses							0.00
Insurance							0.00
Total Insurance							0.00
Internet							0.00
Total Internet							0.00
Membership Fees							0.00
Total Membership Fees							0.00
Office Supplies							81.41
Total Office Supplies							81.41
Outreach Programs							455.88
Total Outreach Programs							455.88
Payroll							28,016.44
Check	5/11/2026	9184	Gabriel S Parker	February 1-15th 2026 Pay Per...	Arvest Checking 6407	1,278.92	29,295.36
Check	5/11/2026	9185	Gabriel S Parker	February 16-28th 2026 Pay P...	Arvest Checking 6407	1,278.92	30,574.28
Total Payroll						2,557.84	30,574.28
Payroll Tax							9,417.45
Check	5/28/2026	ACH	IRS	941 Tax Payment for June 2025	Arvest Checking 6407	952.06	10,369.51
Check	5/29/2026	ACH	IRS	941 Tax Payment for March 2...	Arvest Checking 6407	1,208.74	11,578.25
Total Payroll Tax						2,160.80	11,578.25
Phone							22.56
Total Phone							22.56
Postage							156.00
Total Postage							156.00

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06/15/26

Accrual Basis

Tulsa County Conservation District
General Ledger
As of May 31, 2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Split	Amount	Balance
Professional Fees							699.14
Total Professional Fees							699.14
Reconciliation Discrepancies							0.00
Total Reconciliation Discrepancies							0.00
Registration Fees							45.00
Total Registration Fees							45.00
Telephone and Internet							39.76
Total Telephone and Internet							39.76
Travel							715.09
Total Travel							715.09
Uncategorized Expenses							0.00
Total Uncategorized Expenses							0.00
No acct							0.00
Total no acct							0.00
TOTAL						0.00	0.00



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LOWELL AR 72745

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
6660 S SHERIDAN RD STE 120
TULSA OK 74133-1768

Statement Ending 05/31/2026

TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION

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Customer Number: 07

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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		\$28,811.16
Total Current Value		\$28,811.16

NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING - 07

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
05/01/2026	Beginning Balance	\$13,889.56
	3 Credit(s) This Period	\$19,770.23
	5 Debit(s) This Period	\$4,848.63
05/31/2026	Ending Balance	\$28,811.16

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$0.63
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$2.34
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

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

Electronic Credits

Date	Description	Amount
05/22/2026	VENDOR PAYMENTS MISC REIMB TULSA COUNTY CONSERVAT	\$5,000.00
05/29/2026	VENDOR PAYMENTS MISC REIMB TULSA COUNTY CONSERVAT	\$14,769.60

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
05/31/2026	INTEREST PMT	\$0.63

Electronic Debits

Date	Description	Amount
05/04/2026	MICROSOFT* MICROSOFT 36 DDA PIN POS PUR CD5315 REDMOND #050263319752	-\$129.99
05/28/2026	IRS USATAXPYMT TULSA COUNTY CONSERVAT	-\$952.06
05/29/2026	IRS USATAXPYMT TULSA COUNTY CONSERVAT	-\$1,208.74

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TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION

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NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING - 07 (continued)**Checks Cleared**

Check Nbr	Date	Amount	Check Nbr	Date	Amount
9184	05/11/2026	\$1,278.92	9185	05/11/2026	\$1,278.92

* Indicates skipped check number

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount	Date	Amount
04/30/2026	\$13,889.56	05/11/2026	\$11,201.73	05/28/2026	\$15,249.67
05/04/2026	\$13,759.57	05/22/2026	\$16,201.73	05/29/2026	\$28,811.16

TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION SYSTEM		3154
TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION SYSTEM		3154
March 18, 2026		
Gabriel Parker		
One Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Eight		72.13
February 16-18th 2016 Pay Period		

#9184

05/11/2026

\$1,278.92

TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION SYSTEM		3155
TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION SYSTEM		3155
March 18, 2026		
Gabriel Parker		
One Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Eight		72.13
February 16-18th 2016 Pay Period		

#9185

05/11/2026

\$1,278.92



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TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
6660 S SHERIDAN RD STE 120
TULSA OK 74133-1768

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TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION

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LINE



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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		\$345.90
Total Current Value		\$345.90

NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING - 10

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
05/01/2026	Beginning Balance	\$345.89
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.01
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
05/31/2026	Ending Balance	\$345.90

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$0.01
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$0.04
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

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

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
05/31/2026	INTEREST PMT	\$0.01

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
04/30/2026	\$345.89	05/29/2026	\$345.90



Tulsa County Conservation District
6660 S. Sheridan Road, Suite 120 * Tulsa, Oklahoma 74133
918-877-9559 Fax: 1-855-421-7632 E-Mail: Tulsacd@conservation.ok.gov

Acknowledgement of Receipt

I John 3:16 Mission certify that I received a Cost-Share payment in the amount of \$5,000.00, check number 9203, from the Tulsa County Conservation District .


John 3:16 Mission
Participant

6-9-2026
Date



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LOWELL AR 72745

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

TULSA AREA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
6660 S SHERIDAN RD
TULSA OK 74133-1730

Statement Ending 05/31/2026

TULSA AREA CONSERVATION

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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING		\$7,130.26
Total Current Value		\$7,130.26

NON-PROFIT INTEREST CHECKING - 92

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
05/01/2026	Beginning Balance	\$7,137.51
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.30
	1 Debit(s) This Period	\$7.55
05/31/2026	Ending Balance	\$7,130.26
	Service Charges	\$7.55

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$0.30
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$1.46
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

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

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
05/31/2026	INTEREST PMT	\$0.30

Other Debits

Date	Description	Amount
05/31/2026	SERVICE CHARGE	-\$7.55

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
04/30/2026	\$7,137.51	05/29/2026	\$7,130.26



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6660 S SHERIDAN RD
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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
BUSINESS MONEY MARKET		\$7,845.69
Total Current Value		\$7,845.69

BUSINESS MONEY MARKET - 02

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
05/01/2026	Beginning Balance	\$7,836.11
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$9.58
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
05/31/2026	Ending Balance	\$7,845.69

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.00%
Interest Days	0
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Interest Paid This Period	\$9.58
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$46.57
Interest Withheld Year-to-Date	\$0.00

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

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
05/31/2026	INTEREST PMT	\$9.58

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
04/30/2026	\$7,836.11	05/29/2026	\$7,845.69

Conservation District Budget Request Fiscal Year 2027

Conservation District Tulsa County

New Funding Request for Personnel

Request for Changes to Current Salary Allocations

Current Staff	Increase in Monthly (FT) or Hourly (PT) Rate	If FT Monthly, enter "12.00" If PT enter the number of allocated hours or requested increase in hours	Total Increase in Salary
District Manager No Increase in salary			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
Total Request for Changes to Current Salary Allocations			\$ -

Request for New Positions

Position Title	Full-time or Part-time	Monthly or Hourly Rate	# of Hours Requested (Enter "12.00" if full-time monthly)	Total for Employee
Conservation Program Specialist		\$ 2,595.00	12	\$ 31,140.00
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
Total Request for New Positions				\$ 31,140.00

New Funding Request for Programs & Operations

<u>Program Requests</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Operations Requests</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Locally Led Cost Share	\$ 45,000.00	Director Mtg. Expense	\$ 1,500.00
Watershed O&M		Audit	\$ 1,500.00
Watershed Rehabilitation		Bonds	
Roadside Erosion		Dues	\$ 500.00
Water Quality Programs	\$ 4,000.00	Insurance	
Education Programs	\$ 5,000.00	Office Supplies	\$ 300.00
Vehicle		Phone / Internet	
Equipment (list below)		Postage	\$ 250.00
Stream Monitoring Equip	\$ 1,000.00	Travel / Mileage	\$ 5,000.00
		Vehicle Expense / Fuel	
		Meetings Expense / Registration	\$ 5,000.00
		Other (list below)	
Other (list below)			
Total Programs	\$ 55,000.00	Total Operations	\$ 14,050.00
Total New Funding Request for Programs & Operations		\$ 69,050.00	
Total FY 2027 Budget Request		\$ 100,190.00	

Approved by board of directors on _____
Date

Signature - Chair

Estimated Local Funds Expended
Fiscal Year 2025

Conservation District Tulsa County

OCC recognizes that it takes more funding to operate a Conservation District than is provided by the allocation from the agency. How much more did your district spend, over and above the district's allocation, to operate the district? Below please estimate the amount of local funds used to operate your district during the most recent fiscal year.

Estimated Local Funds Expended in Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

Salaries (i.e. local salary, retirement, taxes; one-time pay increases)	
District Operations (i.e. meeting expenses, dues, mileage, insurance)	\$ 2,000.00
Programs (i.e. watershed O&M, contests, scholarships, education)	\$ 3,500.00
Equipment (i.e. purchases, maintenance and repairs)	
Building Expenses (utilities, insurance, maintenance and repairs)	
Total Estimated Local Funds Expended in FY 2025	\$ 5,500.00

How Does the Conservation District Earn Local Funds?

Using your mouse, check the box next to the projects/programs that the district participates in to generate local funds. If your district earns funds from something not on the list; please add it under "other".

- ☐ Building Rent
- ☐ Equipment Rental
- ☐ Custom Work
- ☐ Seed Sales
- ☐ Tree Sales
- ☐ Plat Book Sales
- ☒ Grants
- ☐ Donations

Other: (list below)

Conservation District Budget Request Fiscal Year 2028

Conservation District Tulsa County

New Funding Request for Personnel

Request for Changes to Current Salary Allocations

Current Staff	Increase in Monthly (FT) or Hourly (PT) Rate	If FT Monthly, enter "12.00" If PT enter the number of allocated hours or requested increase in hours	Total Increase in Salary
District Manager No Increase in salary			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
Total Request for Changes to Current Salary Allocations			\$ -

Request for New Positions

Position Title	Full-time or Part-time	Monthly or Hourly Rate	# of Hours Requested (Enter "12.00" if full-time monthly)	Total for Employee
Conservation Program Specialist		\$ 2,595.00	12	\$ 31,140.00
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
Total Request for New Positions				\$ 31,140.00

New Funding Request for Programs & Operations

Program Requests	Amount	Operations Requests	Amount
Locally Led Cost Share	\$ 45,000.00	Director Mtg. Expense	\$ 1,500.00
Watershed O&M		Audit	\$ 1,500.00
Watershed Rehabilitation		Bonds	
Roadside Erosion		Dues	\$ 500.00
Water Quality Programs	\$ 4,000.00	Insurance	
Education Programs	\$ 5,000.00	Office Supplies	\$ 500.00
Vehicle		Phone / Internet	
Equipment (list below)		Postage	\$ 300.00
Stream Monitoring Equip	\$ 1,000.00	Travel / Mileage	\$ 5,000.00
		Vehicle Expense / Fuel	
		Meetings Expense / Registration	\$ 5,000.00
		Other (list below)	
Other (list below)			
Total Programs	\$ 55,000.00	Total Operations	\$ 14,300.00
Total New Funding Request for Programs & Operations		\$ 69,300.00	
		Total FY 2028 Budget Request	\$ 100,440.00

Approved by board of directors on _____
Date

Signature - Chair

Estimated Local Funds Expended
Fiscal Year 2026

Conservation District Tulsa County

OCC recognizes that it takes more funding to operate a Conservation District than is provided by the allocation from the agency. How much more did your district spend, over and above the district's allocation, to operate the district? Below please estimate the amount of local funds used to operate your district during the most recent fiscal year.

Estimated Local Funds Expended in Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)

Salaries (i.e. local salary, retirement, taxes; one-time pay increases)	
District Operations (i.e. meeting expenses, dues, mileage, insurance)	\$ 5,000.00
Programs (i.e. watershed O&M, contests, scholarships, education)	\$ 1,200.00
Equipment (i.e. purchases, maintenance and repairs)	
Building Expenses (utilities, insurance, maintenance and repairs)	
Total Estimated Local Funds Expended in FY 2026	\$ 6,200.00

How Does the Conservation District Earn Local Funds?

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☐ Building Rent	Other: (list below)
☐ Equipment Rental	Resource Management Conferences
☐ Custom Work	Should be held annually. Has not happened
☐ Seed Sales	in a few years.
☐ Tree Sales	
☐ Plat Book Sales	
☒ Grants	
☐ Donations	

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
and
TULSA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

This intergovernmental agreement made and entered into by and between the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, 2800 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 200, Oklahoma City OK 73105-4210, hereinafter referred to as "Commission", the ***Tulsa County Conservation District, 6660 S. Sheridan, Suite 120, Tulsa, OK 74133***, hereinafter referred to as "District".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Commission is an agency of the State of Oklahoma and is created and established pursuant to the provisions of Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 3-1-101 and following, and is authorized under the provisions of those statutes along with 74 O.S. § 581 to enter into this agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the District is a governmental subdivision of the State of Oklahoma and a body corporate and politic as set out in Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 3-1-101 and following, and is authorized under the provisions of those statutes along with 74 O.S. § 581 to enter into this agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission is involved in the conservation of natural resources, to include the providing of funds and facilitating arrangements under which the conservation districts may provide technical assistance and cooperation to federal, state and local agencies effectively and efficiently; and,

WHEREAS, monies from the Commission are necessary to provide funding to the District so that they may in turn use the funding to enhance operations for the conservation of renewable natural resources and assist in the delivery of Farm Bill Programs in cooperations with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and provisions herein set forth, the parties to this agreement hereby mutually agree and understand as follows:

1. SCOPE OF OBLIGATION OF COMMISSION. Commission agrees to:

- Provide funds for a full-time employee (FTE) to include salary plus benefits. Funds will be allocated for this employee beginning ***July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027***, at a salary rate of ***\$2854.50 per month*** that averages at approximately ***\$16.50 per hour***. The job title of this position will be Farm Bill Specialist and the position description (attached) will be that of Farm Bill Specialist, as prescribed by the Commission and agreed to by the District board.
- Provide funds not to exceed ***One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)*** to the District for their administrative assistance for this position for the duration of this agreement not to exceed a 12-month period. This includes but is not limited to payroll, taxes, etc. The funds shall be paid to the District upon the submission of a claim form tendered in the final month of this agreement. If the District did not provide administrative assistance for this position for an entire 12 month period then the amount may be prorated.
- Submit all reports and requests in a timely manner to NRCS.
- Provide training and support to the District and the Farm Bill Specialist as deemed necessary in cooperation with NRCS, contingent on the availability of funds.

2. SCOPE OF OBLIGATION OF DISTRICT. District agrees to:

- Use the above-mentioned monies for the Farm Bill Specialist payroll expenses and other related expenses.
- Submit claims to the Commission as required for the procurement of funds.
- The assigned duty station for this employee is the District office. Work area will be identified by NRCS, including across multiple NRCS Teams and in multiple locations within the NRCS zone.
- ***One hundred percent (100%)*** of this employee's time shall be dedicated to Farm Bill Specialist duties.
- Actively participate in the supervision of the Farm Bill Specialist, including but not limited to, appointing one director as a day-to-day contact, participating in meetings with the employee and NRCS staff as needed to remain aware of and to evaluate Farm Bill Specialist's activities and performance.
- In coordination with NRCS, annually evaluate the Farm Bill Specialist's performance.
- Provide adequate office space for the Farm Bill Specialist in coordination with NRCS.

- Provide the Farm Bill Specialist with access to district owned equipment, office supplies, and files when necessary and in cooperation with NRCS.
- Cooperate with NRCS to provide assistance to the Farm Bill Specialist as needed.
- Require the Farm Bill Specialist to:
 - Work with NRCS to provide Farm Bill program support and perform administrative functions
 - Provide a monthly progress report to the District for inclusion in their Board packets.
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 - Maintain the task sheet daily, documenting tasks performed; complete and email the task sheet to the Commission by the **15th of the month following the end of a quarter.**
- Coordinate with NRCS to allow the Farm Bill Specialist to participate in relevant meetings, seminars, and workshops.
- Upon any termination of this agreement for whatever reason, the district shall deliver to the Commission and/or NRCS all vehicles, equipment, monies, or other property belonging to the Commission and/or NRCS.

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5. AMENDMENT. The parties mutually agree that, subject to and with the mutual written consent and approval of both parties, this agreement may be amended or modified at any time.

6. AUDITS. It is further understood and agreed that any books, records, documents, accounting procedures, practices, or any other items of the District relevant to this agreement are subject to examination and copying by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission and the Oklahoma State Auditor and Inspector.

APPROVED AND AGREED TO by and between the parties hereto the day and year first above appearing.

Date

Chair, Board of Directors
Tulsa County Conservation District

Date

Trey Lam, Executive Director
Oklahoma Conservation Commission

Attachments

Farm Bill Specialist Position Description

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(District Name) Conservation District

Farm Bill Specialist

Position Description

The Farm Bill Specialist is responsible for performing administrative functions for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The person in this position dedicates 100% of their time toward completing tasks for NRCS but is employed by the (District Name) Conservation District and is supervised by the Conservation District board of directors and the NRCS Team Leader. The NRCS Team Leader and one district director will be designated as the day-to-day contact for the employee. The Farm Bill Specialist performs administrative duties for NRCS and keeps the board of directors and NRCS supervisor informed of activities. Performance evaluations will be based upon standards of performance for each major job duty listed below. Additional duties not specifically listed here may be assigned on an as needed basis. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission (OCC) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) have basic work requirements; this job description is written specifically for, and is a policy of, the (District Name) Conservation District and incorporates those basic work requirements along with specific work requirements for NRCS.

The NRCS Team Leader will determine the general scope of work to be completed. The district board and NRCS Team Leader must jointly approve and sign off on timesheets and leave requests. The NRCS Team Leader will provide day-to-day guidance and supervision in making assignments by indicating the specific activities to be completed. An NRCS Program Liaison (PL) will be assigned to the employee and provide initial training on job duties. Follow-up training will be provided by the PL and NRCS Farm Bill Specialists. Daily assignments will come from either the Team Leader or PL with clear instructions and identified completion dates. Completed work is reviewed by the NRCS Team Leader and/or PL for accuracy. Performance reviews will be conducted by the NRCS Team Leader and the district board jointly.

Work Location: Work will be completed within an assigned area as identified by NRCS, including across multiple NRCS Teams and in multiple locations within the NRCS zone. The Conservation District office will serve as the position's home office and team. Regular travel to locations other than the home office/team will be required; a government vehicle will be made available for official use as needed.

Clerical Support:

Job Duties and Responsibilities

- Answer the phone and email messages and route them to the appropriate personnel
- Prepare correspondence as needed
- Maintain paper and digital files of all important documents
- Effectively use and provide basic technical support for computers, printers, copy machines, phones, and other office equipment
- Organize and maintain filing system of official material and records, including disposal of documentation in accordance with procedures to meet regulatory compliance

Performance Standards

- The Farm Bill Specialist performs the clerical duties as defined above. Assistance is provided to customers over the phone, via email, and in the office; treating them with courtesy, respect and in a professional manner.
- Correspondence is prepared in the correct format, in a timely manner, free of misspelled words, and with no or minimal mistakes

- Assist with ordering supplies and equipment for the NRCS Field Office, reporting delivery and invoices to purchasing officer.

Contract and Administrative Support:

Job Duties and Responsibilities

- Assist NRCS staff by providing administrative support and technical services
- Assist NRCS staff with accepting applications for federal cost-share programs, entering applications received into the proper program and maintaining the applications in the format as determined by NRCS. Pull farm records and maps for any associated applications.
- Assist with contract coordination and management utilizing required software (i.e. Programs Portal & DMS). This includes obligating and managing contracts by uploading required documents, verifying eligibility, completing land control determinations, and any other contract management processes that are assigned.
- Communicate changes, updates, and current status of applications and contracts to Team Lead/District Conservationist
- Accept, assist with uploading to protracts contract items and completed USDA forms as needed (ex: 1199a).
- Log contact with producers and other necessary documentation on form CPA-6 assistance notes and file along with other paperwork in producers' 6-part folder
- Complete contract review as determined by District Conservationist prior to contract approval
- Prepare and send all letters and correspondence, including pending, intent to proceed, approved, ineligible, deferred, practice reminder, CSP annual payments, etc. Track certified mail.
- Manage disposition of applications and contracts; retain permanent documents in existing files and/or create new files as necessary
- Assist with contract payment process according to the protocols set by District Conservationist and NRCS Financial Management
- Maintain an accurate record of duties and complete the Quarterly NRCS Task Sheet
- Maintain work schedules for NRCS field office staff; verify and maintain required files for vehicle fleet management

Performance Standards

- Utilizes NRCS software for conservation plans, contracts, and all other digital documentation and contractual needs; plans, maps, and contracts are prepared correctly and with minimal assistance from other NRCS staff.
- Hard copies of all documents, including CPA-6 notes are filed in 6-part folders; filing is done in a timely manner and according to the standards set by the NRCS Team Leader.
- contract reviews (review application package prior to contract being approved) are performed and documented as needed.
- NRCS field office work schedules and vehicle files are kept up to date and submitted as required.

GENERAL

Job Duties and Responsibilities

- Must be able to work independently, but also work as a team with co-workers, board members, and staff from other agencies to carry out farm bill administration.
- Cooperate with other agencies to help producers have relevant information about other

assistance opportunities

- Successfully complete USDA information technology security awareness training and AG Learn courses as assigned
- Have general knowledge of all products and services offered by NRCS and conservation district
- Must have and maintain a valid driver's license

Performance Standards

- Work is done independently in an effective and efficient manner, with tasks and activities prioritized and NRCS requirements met.
- Advises producers of assistance available from USDA and other agencies.
- Interactions the employee has with the public, contractors, and coworkers are in a respectful, courteous, and engaging manner.
- Treats all customers, tenants, and contractors fairly and ensures all programs and activities are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, marital status, physical disability, or other factors.

We acknowledge the duties and performance standards contained within this position description and accept that this document is subject to change in the event that revisions are required by the OCC, the NRCS, or by board action of the (DISTRICT NAME) Conservation District Directors; additional duties not specifically listed may be assigned on an as needed basis by the employee's supervisor.

Date	Employee Printed Name	Employee Signature
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Date	NRCS Supervisor Printed Name	NRCS Supervisor Signature
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Date	Director Printed Name	Director Signature
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(District Name) Conservation District
Farm Bill Specialist Performance Review

DATE:	EVALUATION PERIOD			TO
PERFORMANCE LEVEL:	DOES NOT MEET STANDARDS	MEETS STANDARDS	EXCEEDS STANDARDS	NOT APPLICABLE
<u>Major Job Duties</u>				
Clerical:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Contract Development:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Contract Administration:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Contract Payments:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Contract Review:	☐	☐	☐	☐
:	☐	☐	☐	☐
:	☐	☐	☐	☐
<u>Other Work Components</u>				
Job Knowledge:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Technical Skills:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Productivity:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Work Quality:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Attendance:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Dependability:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Initiative:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Commitment:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Teamwork:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Problem Solving:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Work Attitude:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Communication Skills:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Customer Service:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Decision Making:	☐	☐	☐	☐
<i>Comments, continue on back of this page or attach additional sheets if needed:</i>				
<i>Plan for Changes or Improvements (as discussed and agreed upon by employee and board), continue on back of this page or attach additional sheets if needed:</i>				
<i>Employee Signature:</i>				
<i>NRCS Supervisor Signature:</i>				
<i>District Board Signature:</i>				

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OR REAPPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR

During a board meeting held on June 24, 2026 Directors of the
Tulsa County Conservation District took action for:

Reappointment of: _____

Name of Incumbent Director

OR

New Appointment of: Mike Spradling

Name of Recommended Individual

Due to: ☐ Resignation ☒ Expiration of Term ☐ Death

of: Janna Colaizzi

Name of Outgoing Director

For reappointment, the incumbent director attended _____ of _____ regular scheduled meetings during the immediate past term. ***The immediate past term is all regular scheduled board meetings since the director's last appointment.***

*If director did not attend 75% of regular scheduled meetings during the immediate past term, please attach a letter from the board outlining why the recommendation is being made. _____%

☒ Copy of Cooperator Agreement or Application is Attached

I have verified with the Tulsa County Election Board that the recommended person(s) is a registered voter within the boundaries of said conservation district.



District Representative

May 28, 2026

Date

Board of Directors

Date

OCC Use Only

Term ID No: _____ Agenda/Action Date: _____ Director ID No: _____ District No: _____

TO BE FILLED OUT BY APPLICANT:

(Please print legibly, all fields required)

Full Name as it appears on voter registration: <i>Michael Lewis Spradling</i>	
Preferred Name, if different from above: <i>Mike Spradling</i>	
Date of Birth:	
Mailing Address (street/city/zip): <i>SAND SPRINGS, OK 74063</i>	
Primary Phone:	Cell Phone: ☒ Alternate Phone: Cell Phone: ☐
E-mail Address: <i>Mike Spradling. Spr @ 9 mail. Com</i>	
Conservation District: <i>Tulsa County</i>	
Have you previously served on this or any other Conservation District Board? <i>NO</i>	
If yes, list district name and dates served or date began serving if no break in service:	

Signature: <i>Mike Spradling</i>	Date: <i>May 12, 2026</i>
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A COPY OF YOUR COOPERATOR AGREEMENT OR APPLICATION FOR COOPERATOR AGREEMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM.

Financial Position Summary - Form & Guidance

From Clancy Green <Clancy.Green@Conservation.ok.gov>

Date Thu 6/11/2026 16:08

 3 attachments (185 KB)

2026.06_FPSEExplanation.pdf; 2026.06.02_FinancialPositionSummaryLOCKED_7accounts.xlsx;
2026.06.02_FinancialPositionSummary_Example.xlsx;

Good afternoon,

Many of our conservation districts have agreements with OCC for funding for expenses related to Land Management Techs, Watershed Aides, Unpaved Roads, and other programs or staff positions. These agreements designate a specific purpose for the funds, i.e., the funds are considered restricted. Restricted funds are not eligible for use by the district for any purpose other than what is designated in the agreement¹. Your district may also have restricted funds that are received from other sources, potentially through OACD or other types of grants.

The attached Financial Position Summary (FPS) has been created to provide clarity on what funds, whether restricted or not, are held by the district. Additionally, the FPS provides a monthly change of position to provide an at-a-glance financial position update for directors.

Beginning July 1, 2026, this document will be a required component of each district's monthly financial statements and must be included in the board meeting financial reviews. The document must be signed and dated by a representative of the board and be included in the district's meeting packet submissions. Every district should complete the FPS each month, even if no restricted funds are in the district's accounts. The District Minutes Submission Checklist has been updated to include the Financial Position Summary as part of the financials to be approved and included in the meeting packet. The updated checklist is available on the OCC website on the District Forms page. Beginning with the August 2026 minutes packets, those submitted without the FPS form will be returned by your ADC for amendment.

A short explanation of the document is attached to this email along with a copy of the form that allows up to 7 accounts to be entered. The form is also available on the OCC website in 2 versions - one that has space for up to 7 accounts, one that has space for up to 12 accounts. The forms are located on the district forms page under the "General Forms" accordion. If your district needs to list 8 or more accounts, be sure to download the 12 account version from the website before starting. If your district needs to list 13 or more accounts, please reach out to your ADC for assistance. The form includes an "instructions" tab that should be reviewed before any data is entered.

I would encourage you to review the form and begin testing how to populate the information for your accounts. For FY27, the balances to enter on the "Opening Balances" tab will be the reconciled account balances as of June 30, 2026. An example of how the form should be completed is also attached to this

email. We will review the example in the July Teams training sessions, if time allows, to discuss how to read the form and understand the information it provides.

Include an item on your next board meeting agenda to share the attached explanation document and the FPS with your board members. Take time at this initial board meeting to talk through what information will be input into the form and what information can be gleaned from it. Then, going forward, discuss and review the form each month when the financials are reviewed so everyone will have a better understanding of the district's financial standing.

If you have questions or concerns, please let me or your ADC know. Thank you,

Clancy Green

Certified Public Manager • Certified Procurement Officer I

District Services Director

Oklahoma Conservation Commission

2800 N. Lincoln Blvd. STE 200. Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Office: 405.522.2111

Cell: 405.227.8769

Email: clancy.green@conservation.ok.gov



Joint Plan of Operations (July 2026 to September 2027)

Tulsa County Conservation District

In Cooperation With

Tulsa NRCS Field Office

For More Information Contact: **Gabriel Parker, (918) 877-9559, tulsaccd@conservation.ok.gov**



Board of Directors

The governing body of a conservation district consists of five (5) district directors. Directors are public officials responsible for setting priorities for conservation work within the district and have legal and ethical responsibilities to the district and the local people. Associate directors may be selected and appointed by the district board to assist, advise, and learn about a specific program or the overall district program, but have no voting authority.

Each district board is comprised of three elected directors who serve three-year terms and two appointed directors who serve two-year terms. One elected term and one appointed term expire each year on June 30th. Officers of the board are elected at the July board meeting each year with newly elected officers assuming the responsibilities of their new position at the close of the July board meeting.

Director Name (May also list associates)	Position Title (Chair, Vice Chair, etc.)	Position Type (Appointed or Elected)	Date Began Serving	Term Expiration
Tom Tolbert	Chair	Appointed	07/01/2016	06/30/2028
Julie Monnot	Vice-Chair	Elected	12/09/2021	06/30/2028 ⁺
Chrissy Parker	Treasurer	Elected	07/01/2021	06/30/2027
Kathryn Perdue	Member	Elected	09/10/2026 ^S	06/30/2029 ^S
Vacant	Member	Appointed	07/1/2025	06/30/2027

Conservation District Staff

Staff Member Name	Position Title	Hire Date	Years of Service
Gabriel Parker	District Manager	03/20/2013	14 Years

NRCS Staff

Staff Member Name	Position Title	Office Location
Jack Titchener	Shared OCC-NRCS Tulsa Urban Soil Conservationist	Tulsa
Josh Vasquez	NRCS Soil Conservationist	Tulsa
Clay Davis	Soil Technician	Tulsa
Cambra Fields	Acting District Conservationist	Mayes (Mayes, Tulsa, Rogers)

Priority Natural Resource Concerns within the Conservation District:

- Nutrient Management
- Land Management
- Litter Abatement to improve water quality
- Carbon Sequestration
- Pollinator Habitat.

Priority Education, Information, & District Operation Concerns within the Conservation District:

The Tulsa County Conservation District has identified several education, information, and district operation concerns. Although there are many more, the five major concerns are:

- Youth in Conservation and Environmental Stewardship
- Developer, Municipality, and Industry Stormwater Education
- Natural Outdoor Pest Control
- Water Quality Education
- Native Vegetation Workshop Program

Current Year Goals for Identified Priority Natural Resource Concerns

Natural Resource Concern Priority #1:

Nutrient Management - Reduce the amount of non-point pollution from entering the waterways due to overuse of fertilizers, insecticides, and herbicides from lawn, gardening, and agricultural activities.

Current Goal

By the end of fiscal year 2027, the district will design a plan to complete three acres of riparian areas in Tulsa County.

Objective 1:	Conduct a site visit with NRCS to develop a riparian are conservation plan.
Estimated Budget:	Estimated budget of \$300
Source of Funding:	Grants Tulsa Area Conservation Foundation (TACF) OCC NRCS
Timeline:	July 31, 2026 – May 31, 2027
Responsible Parties:	District Staff District Board Members NRCS Staff
Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:	
Objective 2:	Organize four workdays with at least fifteen volunteers to plant three acres of a riparian area.
Estimated Budget:	Estimated budget of \$3000
Source of Funding:	Grants Tulsa Area Conservation Foundation (TACF)

Timeline: OCC
To be completed by August 31, 2027
Responsible Parties: District Staff
District Board Members
Volunteers

Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:

Natural Resource Concern Priority #2:

Land Management - Demonstrate how better land management can increase land production and help soil health and water quality.

Current Goal:

The district will complete fifteen acres of brush management practices in Tulsa County by the end of fiscal year 2027.

Objective 1: Provide three producers with technical assistance and conservation plans to implement brush management practices.
Estimated Budget: Estimated budget of \$250

Source of Funding: OCC
NRCS
Timeline: To be completed by December 31, 2026
Responsible Parties: District Staff
District Board Members
NRCS

Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:

Objective 2: Approve three State Cost Share contracts for at least fifteen acres of brush management practices.
Estimated Budget: Estimated budget of \$10,000

Source of Funding: OCC
Timeline: To be completed by August 31, 2026
Responsible Parties: District Staff
District Board Members
NRCS

Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:

Natural Resource Concern Priority #3:

Litter Abatement – To reduce the amount of garbage found in Tulsa Area creeks to improve water quality.

Current Goal:

The district will collect two hundred pounds of litter on roadways and waterways by the end of fiscal year 2027.

Objective 1: Locate a creek to organize a cleanup on in Jenks.

Estimated Budget: Estimated budget of \$150

Source of Funding: Tulsa Area Conservation Foundation (TACF)
City of Jenks
OCC

Timeline: To be completed by January 31, 2027

Responsible Parties: District Staff
District Board Members
City of Jenks

Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:

Objective 2: Organize a creek cleanup on selected creek in Jenks with at least ten volunteers.

Estimated Budget: Estimated budget of \$450

Source of Funding: Tulsa Area Conservation Foundation (TACF)
City of Jenks,
OCC

Timeline: Grant Supplies, possibly provided by Keep Oklahoma Beautiful
To be completed by May 31, 2027

Responsible Parties: District Staff
District Board Members
City of Jenks

Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:

Natural Resource Concern Priority #4:

Carbon Sequestration – To reduce the amount of excess carbon dioxide in the atmosphere that causes warming and climate change.

Current Goal:

By the end of fiscal year 2027, the district will increase carbon sequestration by fifteen tons.

Objective 1: Collaborate with NRCS to identify three projects to implement a carbon sequestration project on.

Estimated Budget: Estimated budget of \$200

Source of Funding: OCC

Funding: NRCS

Timeline: To be completed by March 15, 2027

Responsible Parties: District Staff

District Board Members

NRCS

Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:

Objective 2: Provide three producers with technical assistance to implement a carbon sequestration project.

Estimated Budget: Estimated budget of \$7,500

Source of Funding: OCC

Funding: NRCS

Timeline: To be completed by August 31, 2027

Responsible Parties: District Staff

District Board Members

NRCS

Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:

Natural Resource Concern Priority #5:

Pollinator Habitat - To provide native flowering plants and trees that sustain pollinators with nutrient-rich nectar and pollen.

Current Goal:

By the end of fiscal year 2027, the district will increase pollinator habitats by three acres.

Objective 1: Identify an area of land and purchase a minimum of three acres of pollinator seed mix to install three acres of pollinator habitat.

Estimated Budget: Estimated budget of \$100

Source of Funding: TACF

Funding: OCC

Timeline: To be completed by November 30, 2026

Responsible Parties: District Staff
District Board Members

Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:

Objective 2: Plant pollinator seed mix on three acres of land in Tulsa County.

Estimated Budget: Estimated budget of \$1,500

Source of Funding: TACF

Timeline: OCC

Responsible Parties: To be completed by August 31, 2027

District Staff

District Board Members

Volunteers

Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:

Current Year Goals for Identified Priority Education, Information, & District Operation Concerns This is where we need to talk about goals for 2026

Education, Information, & District Operation Priority #1:

Youth in Conservation and Environmental Stewardship

Current Goal:

By the end of fiscal year 2027, Host three conservation stewardship field days to increase youth participation by one hundred.

Objective 1:	Plan and host two of three conservation field days for a minimum of sixty students.
Estimated Budget:	Estimated budget of \$500
Source of Funding:	TACF OCC City of Broken Arrow City of Sand Springs
Timeline:	To be completed by April 30, 2027
Responsible Parties:	District Staff District Board Members
Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:	
Objective 2:	Host third conservation field day for a minimum of forty students.
Estimated Budget:	Estimated budget of \$300
Source of Funding:	TACF OCC City of Broken Arrow City of Sand Springs City of Jenks City of Owasso
Timeline:	To be completed by August 31, 2027
Responsible Parties:	District Staff District Board Members
Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:	

Education, Information, & District Operation Priority #2:

Developer, Municipality, and Industry Stormwater Education

Current Goal:

By the end of fiscal year 2027, the district will have planned and hosted a Resource Management Conference to provide 50 Continuing Education credits for municipal stormwater permitting.

Objective 1: Hold six resource management planning committee meetings.

Estimated Budget: Estimated budget of \$250

Source of Funding: OCC

Timeline: To be completed by November 30, 2026

Responsible Parties: District Staff
District Board Members
TACF Board Members

Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:

Objective 2: Through a Resource Management Conference, issue at least fifty stormwater permitting continuing education credits.

Estimated Budget: Estimated budget of \$4500

Source of Funding: TACF
Community Donations & Sponsorships

Timeline: To be completed by August 15, 2027

Responsible Parties: District Staff
District Board Members
TACF Board Members

Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:

Education, Information, & District Operation Priority #3:

Natural Pest Control

Current Goal:

By the end of fiscal year 2027, the district will increase awareness, and participation in natural ways to keep a pest free yard by forty people by hosting two build it yourself Swallows workshop.

Objective 1: Purchase forty Do-It-Yourself Build-a-Nesting Box for Swallows kits for two natural pest control workshops.

Estimated Budget: Estimated budget of \$2000

Source of Funding: TACF
OCC

Timeline: To be completed by December 31, 2026

Responsible Parties: District Staff
District Board Members
NRCS Staff

Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:

Objective 2: With the Do-It-Yourself Build-a- Nesting Box kits, host two build-a-Nesting Box workshops with twenty participants at each workshop.

Estimated Budget: Estimated budget of \$250

Source of Funding: TACF
OCC
Donations

Timeline: To be completed by July 31, 2027

Responsible Parties: District Staff
District Board Members
Blue Thumb

Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:

Education, Information, & District Operation Priority #4:

Water Quality Education

Current Goal:

By the end of fiscal year 2027, the district will host two creek cleanups in Tulsa County

Objective 1: Work with Blue Thumb and other community partners to plan two creek cleanups.

Estimated Budget: Estimated budget of \$100

Source of Funding: OCC

Timeline: To be completed by December 31, 2026

Responsible Parties: District Staff
District Board Members
Blue Thumb

Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:

Objective 2: Host and sponsor two creek cleanups within two months of each cleanup event in Tulsa County

Estimated Budget: Estimated budget of \$500

Timeline: To be completed by June 30, 2027

Source of Funding:	TACF Donations Blue Thumb
Responsible Parties:	District Staff District Board Members Blue Thumb
Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:	

Education, Information, & District Operation Priority #5:

Native Vegetation Workshop Program

Current Goal: By the end of fiscal year 2027, the district will host a Native to Table Workshop.

Objective 1:	Organize six planning meetings with a minimum of three local farmers to partner with a farm to table workshop.
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Estimated Budget:	Estimated budget of \$200
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Source of Funding:	OCC TACF
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Timeline:	To be completed by February 28, 2027
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Responsible Parties:	District Staff District Board Members NRCS
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Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:

Objective 2:	Register a maximum of twenty-five adult participants for the native to table workshop
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Estimated Budget:	Estimated budget of \$700
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Source of Funding:	TACF OCC
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Timeline:	Donations and grants To be completed by June 30, 2027
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Responsible Parties:	District Staff District Board Members Local Farmers and Ranchers NRCS
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Actions Taken and Progress Toward Completion:

Calendar of Activities

January

- Home and Garden Show Planning Activities
- Tulsa Watershed Collaborative Planning Activities
- Blue Thumb Monitoring Activities
- Tulsa Area Conservation Foundation Planning Activities

February

- Tulsa Watershed Collaborative Planning Activities
- Resource Management Conference Planning Activities
- Blue Thumb Monitoring Activities

March

- Home and Garden Show
- Resource Management Conference Planning Activities
- Tulsa Area Conservation Foundation Planning Activities
- Tulsa Watershed Collaborative Planning Activities
- Blue Thumb Monitoring Activities
- H2Oklahoma
- World Water Day Activities

April

- SpringFest Activities
- Monarchs on the Mountain Planning Activities
- Tulsa Watershed Collaborative Planning Activities
- Various Earth Day Activities
- Enviro Expo
- Resource Management Conference Planning Activities
- Blue Thumb Monitoring Activities
- Various Countywide Creek Cleanups
- Philbrook Plant Sale and Family Activities Day
- Emergency Drought Field Visits
- Creek Cleanups

May

- Resource Management Conference Planning Activities
- Tulsa Watershed Collaborative Planning Activities
- Blue Thumb Monitoring Activities
- Emergency Drought Field Visits
- Creek Cleanups
- Native to Table Workshops

June

- Resource Management Conference Planning Activities
- Blue Thumb Monitoring Activities
- Tulsa Driller's Game Activities
- Emergency Drought Field Visits
- Tulsa Watershed Collaborative Planning Activities
- Monarch's on the Mountain Planning Activities
- Swallow Nesting Box Workshop

July

- Tulsa Watershed Collaborative Planning Activities
- Monarchs on the Mountain Planning Activities
- Tulsa Driller's Game Activities
- Swallow Nesting Box Workshop

August

- Tulsa Watershed Collaborative Planning Activities
- Thumb Bug Collection Activities
- Blue Thumb Monitoring Activities

September

- Tulsa Watershed Collaborative Planning Activities
- Blue Thumb Monitoring Activities
- Monarchs on the Mountain Event
- Broken Arrow Rose Festival

October

- Blue Thumb Monitoring Activities
- Halloween Events and Fall Workshops
- Blue Thumb Big Picking Activities
- Rose Festival Event
- Creek Cleanup Event

November

- Resource Management Conference Event
- OACD Area Meeting

December

- Home & Garden Show Planning Activities

Memorandums of Understanding/Agreements

- Okmulgee County Conservation District
- Rogers County Conservation District

Primary Partners

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| ▪ City of Broken Arrow | ▪ The Tulsa Garden Center |
| ▪ City of Tulsa | ▪ The Philbrook Museum |
| ▪ City of Sand Springs | ▪ Okies for Monarchs |
| ▪ Crow Creek Community/Tulsa Watershed Coalition | ▪ OneOK |
| ▪ Metropolitan Environmental Trust | ▪ River Parks Authority |
| ▪ Monarch Initiative of Tulsa | ▪ The Sustainability Alliance |
| ▪ Natural Resources Conservation Service | ▪ Tulsa Audubon Society |
| ▪ Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts | ▪ Tulsa County Parks |
| ▪ Oklahoma Blue Thumb | ▪ Tulsa Urban Wilderness Coalition |
| ▪ Oklahoma Conservation Commission | ▪ Tulsa Zoo |
| ▪ Oxley Nature Center | ▪ Up With Trees |
| ▪ Public Service Company of Oklahoma | ▪ Wild Birds Unlimited |
| ▪ Oklahoma Natural Gas | ▪ A New Leaf |
| ▪ The Nature Conservancy | ▪ Keep Oklahoma Beautiful |
| | ▪ Keep Broken Arrow Beautiful |

Financial Position Summary Explanation

The Financial Position Summary (FPS) document is a supplement to, not a replacement for, the district's normal financial statements. This document provides directors, as well as the OCC, with an overview of the district's financials, helps to prevent unauthorized use of restricted funds, and provides consistent financial documentation across all 84 conservation districts.

This document is a required component of the district's monthly financial statements and must be included in the board meeting financial reviews. The document must be signed and dated by a representative of the board and be included in the district's meeting packet submissions. As with all of the district's board meeting information (except executive sessions), this document is part of the official district records that are required to be retained in the district office and is subject to Open Records.

The FPS is set up on the fiscal year, with each month from July through June listed as a separate tab. Each financial account should be entered as a line on the report with columns reflecting different information about the account's holdings.

The opening balances for each financial account (all bank accounts, CDs, and petty cash) are entered first, then those amounts carry forward to populate the "Previous Month" balance column on the July tab. The workbook is set up so each month's "Current Month" balance column rolls over into the next month as the "Previous Month" balance. District staff will enter the current account balances and any Restricted Fund amounts as of month's end.

Restricted Funds are any amounts obligated for a specific purpose as designated by the funder (OCC, OACD, etc.) and cannot be used for general district operational expenses. Examples of Restricted Funds are: Land Management Expenses that will be used for supplies purchased by Techs (LM), funds from the OCC Conservation Programs Division that will be used for Watershed Operation and Maintenance (O&M), Unpaved Roads Funds that will be distributed to contractors or county commissioners when roadwork is done (UPR), and potentially grants from the OACD (or other sources – such as the DIG program through OCC) for specific conservation practices or programs.

As information is entered, the document will deduct "Restricted Funds" from the "Current Month" balance column to provide the actual balance for local "District Funds" that are available for use at the discretion of the district board for district operations that meet the conservation mission. The overall Change of Position in the District's finances is also calculated each month.

Financial Position Summary Instructions

This document is a required component of the District's financial statements. It must be included in your board meeting financial reviews. The document must be approved by the board and included in the monthly District's meeting packet submission each month.

This summary is a supplement to, not a replacement for, your normal financial statements. This document will provide your directors, as well as the OCC, an overview of the district's financials, and prevent unauthorized use of restricted funds. Some data is set up to cascade from month to month. DO NOT DELETE any lines, columns, etc. from this template. There is enough space for 7 different accounts- *if you need additional space or help with set-up, please contact your ADC.* Do not overwrite formulas.

Each month, the document must be reviewed and **approved** as part of the district's financials.

The document must be **dated** and **signed** by a director.

Save the template in the following format:

SampleCD_FinancialSummary_FY26

If you need additional space, have blank lines, or need other help with set-up, please contact your ADC.

On July 1st of a new fiscal year, complete the following; this also applies to new accounts established during the year:

In the Opening Balances Tab (green tab at the bottom of the page)

Enter your district name in the top left corner.

Enter the last day of the most recently ended fiscal year (i.e. June 30, 20XX) in the "For the month ending" cell

This will trigger the month-end dates on all the monthly tabs to update.

In the Account Balances column (Column A):

Enter a description for every account that your district has, each line is a separate account.

List all accounts at all financial institutions, as well as petty cash.

Financial Institution

Type of Account (Petty Cash, Checking, Savings, CD, etc.)

Last 4 of each Account Number

*** ALL ACCOUNTS MUST BE LISTED!!!* You can change/delete text, but DO NOT DELETE unused lines.**

In the Current Month column (Column E):

Enter the reconciled account balances as of June 30.

These are the beginning balances for the new fiscal year.

In column G (Restricted Funds)

Restricted Funds are any amounts obligated for a specific purpose as designated by the funder (OCC, OACD, etc.)

and cannot be used for general district operational expenses **(NOTE: this may not apply to all districts).**

Enter the obligated dollar amount as of June 30th.

Enter a brief description of the designated use or special project.

i.e. Unpaved Roads, Watershed O&M, Expenditure Advance Payments, etc.

You can abbreviate, but be consistent and make sure that the source/purpose is clear.

***If more than one type of restricted funds are held in the same account, list the amount and description for all. Example: \$5000-O&M, \$4000-UPR.**

The Total line and District Funds column will automatically calculate. *Do not override the formulas.*

Going forward, each month, do the following:

In each account you've set up, the ending account balance from the previous month will roll to be the beginning balances for the current month in each tab as you move through the year. *Do not override the formulas in column C.*

Each month when you prepare the financials for the board meeting, you will need to go to the appropriate monthly tab and enter the correct data for the last day of the month.

 In the Current Month column (column E), enter the ending reconciled account balance.

 In the Restricted Funds column (column G), enter the balance of the restricted funds.

The amounts in the far left column will auto-calculate and are the funds Available to the District in each account that can be spent at the discretion of the district directors for district operational items. *Do not override the formulas in column K .*

The Change of Position line shows the net change (increase or decrease) from the previous month.

Redbud Conservation District

Financial Position Summary

Opening Balances as of:

June 30, 2026

Account Balances	Current Month	Restricted Funds	Designated Use	District Funds
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1st Bank Checking 1234	\$23,841.93	\$11,812.44	O&M 7948.55 UPR 3863.89	\$12,029.49
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1st Bank Savings 5678	\$1,124.97	\$0.00		\$1,124.97
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2nd Bank Money Market 0123	\$6,157.23	\$0.00		\$6,157.23
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2nd Bank CD 9876	\$1,213.14	\$0.00		\$1,213.14
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Petty Cash				\$0.00
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2nd Bank Checking 1472 (LMT Expenses)				\$0.00
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ACCOUNT INFO				\$0.00
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Totals:	\$32,337.27	\$11,812.44		\$20,524.83
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Redbud Conservation District		Financial Position Summary			
For the Month Ending: July 31, 2026					
Account Balances	Previous Month	Current Month	Restricted Funds	Designated Use	District Funds
1st Bank Checking 1234	\$23,841.93	\$16,978.04	\$11,812.44	O&M 7948.55 UPR 3863.89	\$5,165.60
1st Bank Savings 5678	\$1,124.97	\$1,125.09			\$1,125.09
2nd Bank Money Market 0123	\$6,157.23	\$6,157.23			\$6,157.23
2nd Bank CD 9876	\$1,213.14	\$1,213.14			\$1,213.14
Petty Cash	\$0.00				\$0.00
2nd Bank Checking 1472 (LMT Expenses)	\$0.00				\$0.00
ACCOUNT INFO		\$0.00			\$0.00
Totals:	\$32,337.27	\$25,473.50	\$11,812.44		\$13,661.06
Change of Position:		-\$6,863.77	\$0.00		-\$6,863.77
Director Signature		Board Meeting Date			

TCCD Monthly Outreach and Activities Report

June 2026



June Meetings:

06/04/2026	TACF Board Meeting
06/16/2026	District Teams Training - Effective Employee Evaluations (Session 1)
06/17/2026	District Teams Training - Effective Employee Evaluations (Session 2)
06/17/2026	TCCD Board Meeting
06/18/2026	Monarch's on the Mountain Meeting

June Events:

06/16/2026	Crow Creek MeadowFest Event
06/29/2026	Fred Creek Bug Monitoring

Deadlines:

06/05/2026	PO drafts due
06/17/2026	Director Appointments due for July OCC meeting
06/30/2026	JPOs due
07/01/2026	Fiscal Year 27 begins, FY27 allocations provided to districts following Commission Meeting
07/15/2026	FY28 Budget Requests due
08/01/2026	Notice of New Officers due

July Meetings:

07/15/2026	TCCD Board Meeting
07/06/2026	Teams Training, July Session 1, Topic: FY27 Allocations
07/07/2026	Teams Training, July Session 2, Topic: FY27 Allocations

Holidays

06/19/2026	Juneteenth – NRCS Office Closed
07/03/2026	Observed: Independence Day - Office Closed

Notes:

Work Duties Performed:

❖ Email Correspondences	❖ Check/Paperwork Signatures
❖ Bill Pay/Financials	❖ Blue Thumb Monitoring Activities
❖ Scanning	❖ Payroll
❖ Shredding	❖ Event Prep
❖ TCCD Payroll	❖ OCC Trainings
❖ TCCD Financials	❖ Joint Plan of Operation
❖ Website Updates	❖ TACF Board Meeting & Prep
❖ TCCD Board Meetings	❖ Farm Bill Specialist Interviews
❖ CSPY – 27, 28, Drought, Prescribe Burn	

District Services Update - June

From Clancy Green <Clancy.Green@Conservation.ok.gov>

Date Mon 6/1/2026 14:55

 3 attachments (421 KB)

2026.06_DirectorAppointments.pdf; 2026.06_E1_SingleFilers_Elected.pdf; 2026.06_JPOs_Approved.pdf;

As always please take the time to review this email for important information, reminders, and dates. Including all the attachments. Also, be sure to mark your calendars with any important due dates or event dates – reminders of important dates are not usually sent. This email should be included as an item on your board meeting agenda for review and discussion. The information presented here is of value to your board members, too, and helps keep everyone up to date and informed.

The District Services update is sent each month following the OCC meeting – usually it will land in your inbox either the afternoon following the meeting or the day after. In most cases, the Commission meeting is always the first Monday of the month unless holidays or other scheduling conflicts arise.

Good afternoon,

We enjoyed a nice run of “seasonal” temps, but it seems summer is now ready to make its presence known. Hopefully the rains some of the state has been seeing will continue and spread even as the heat settles in.

New Area 1 Commissioner

We shared last month that Jessica Wilcox, Major CCD District Director, will be the new Area 1 Commissioner beginning July 1, 2026. Dan Herald attended his final Commission meeting as the Area 1 Commissioner today; he will continue to serve in the role through June 30, 2026.

Contact information will be shared for Mrs. Wilcox in the July update. If you currently send your approved monthly minutes to the area1commissioner@conservation.ok.gov email address, please continue to do so.

New District Employees

It's a bit of a rarity, but we didn't have any new district employees come on board this month.

Director Appointments

The list of director appointments approved at the June 1, 2026, Commission meeting is attached. Letters and certificates will be mailed by the end of the week.

Directors Declared Elected to Position 1 at the June Commission Meeting

A list of candidates who were single filers for the E1 seat is attached to this email. The Commission took action today to declare these candidates elected to the seat. Letters and Certificates of Election for those

who have been elected will be mailed by the end of the week.

Elected Position 1 Declared Vacant at the June Commission Meeting

If your district had no filers for the E1 seat, the Commission took action to declare the seat vacant as of June 30, 2026. Your district will receive instructions via email from Brandon on the next steps for filling the vacancy.

Election & Appointment Information for Terms Expiring 06/30/2026

If you have not yet submitted appointment forms for the appointed term expiring at the end of this month that needs to be acted on at your June board meeting. Director appointments must be submitted to the Commission by close of business on June 17 to guarantee inclusion on the July meeting agenda.

For the election – we are winding down on the process for this year. Tomorrow is Director Election Day; one election is being held in Shawnee CD. Thank you to each of you who made sure to meet the numerous deadlines that are part of the election process.

JPOs

A list of JPOs approved at the June 1 OCC meeting is attached. This list is in addition to the plans that were approved at the May OCC meeting.

Guidance on updating the JPO for the new fiscal year was sent out on March 10. A draft of your district's updated JPO is due to your ADC by June 5; the final plan must be completed and submitted to the Commission by June 30, 2026. The Commission must have a draft of your plan in order to provide an FY27 allocation.

Comp Time Usage

If your district board authorizes the accrual of comp time in lieu of using work week adjustment, please remember that comp time must be used before either sick or annual leave. Comp time is also the only leave type that is available for use immediately after accrual – unlike sick and annual leave, you do not have to wait until the end of the month for it to accrue/the beginning of the next month to use it. Comp time creates a liability for the district that is not reimbursable from the Commission. If an employee separates from the district or if comp time is not used within 6 months of accrual, the district must pay the hours from local funds.

Application Periods for Programs

If your district has an application period open for a program (i.e. cost-share, SHIP, invasive woody species, emergency drought, etc.), the district must accept applications from all interested parties during the application window. Even if you believe all funds have been committed. Occasionally, additional funds are made available, or a funded participant may come in under estimate or may withdraw without completing a practice, the district should have alternate applicants available to roll funds to if there has been interest expressed. Additionally, the district may be able to engage with applicants, whether funded in the program they applied for or not, through other avenues and/or programs.

FY26/FY27 Fiscal Year Change

The end of FY26 is closing in quickly. It's not too early to begin preparing for the end of one FY and the beginning of another. This might include initial gathering of information for your CPA for the FY26 audit/compilation, reviewing your operating expense balance to verify you've expended (or will expend) those funds, setting up your filing system for FY27, etc.

District Services is also working on preparing budgets, allocations, and all the other fiscal year items that are necessary for us to close out and begin again. These items do include updates to some forms; all necessary updates for the new FY will be made and available on the OCC website by July 1.

FY27 allocations will be provided via email following the Wednesday, July 1, OCC meeting. Teams training on the contents of the Allocations, changes to forms, etc. will be conducted on July 6 and 7. Invites to these trainings will be sent out following the June Teams Training sessions. As you read through this email, you'll find multiple items that will be covered in these sessions – be certain to accept the invite to at least one of the sessions when they are sent out.

OPERS Contribution Change

You may have heard that the OPERS contribution rate is changing effective July 1. Which is true – the employer side of the contributions is changing, the employee side is not. Employees will continue to contribute 3.5% of their salary to OPERS for retirement. Employers (i.e. the Commission and your district if local funds are paid) will see a contribution rate change – down to 9.5% rather than 16.5%. District Services will be updating impacted forms and have them available by July 1; we will also discuss the change in the allocation training. The change in the employer's contribution rate does not change the retirement benefit calculation for participants when they retire.

Longevity Rate Increases

Another change coming on July 1 is an increase in longevity payment rates. The District Handbook will be updated to reflect the new rates by July 1. We will discuss this, too, during the allocation trainings on July 6 and 7. The rates are increasing; the requirements to be eligible for a longevity payment will remain the same.

Financial Position Summary

Keep an eye out later this month for an email from me with a new form for inclusion in your district's financial documents beginning July 1. This form is the "Financial Position Summary" and will provide a clearer snapshot of your district's financial status each month. The form will be made available mid-June along with instructions for how to complete it. We will include this form in our Allocation training sessions also.

FY28 Budget Request

Information for the FY28 Budget Request was sent out on March 4. The FY28 Budget Request is due in both formats – excel and PDF - on July 15, 2026. On the second page of the request where you input current local funds expended, please remember to subtract funds that are provided by the Commission – we are only seeking the amount of local funds that are being expended. The updated budget request form is available on the OCC website. Please also keep in mind that if you are requesting a new position, it should align with current recognized position titles (i.e., District Manager, District Technicians, etc.).

Handbook Updates

No updates were made to the Handbook during May.

Upcoming Important Dates

- June 2 – District Director Election Day – E1 position
- June 5 – JPO drafts due
- June 16 – Teams Training, June Session 1, Topic: Effective Evaluations
- June 17 – Teams Training, June Session 2, Topic: Effective Evaluations
- June 17 – Director Appointments due for July OCC meeting

- June 30 – JPOs, final versions, due
- July 1 – Fiscal Year 27 begins, FY27 allocations provided to districts following Commission Meeting
- July 6 – Teams Training, July Session 1, Topic: FY27 Allocations
- July 7 – Teams Training, July Session 2, Topic: FY27 Allocations
- July 15 – FY28 Budget Requests due
- August 1 – Notice of New Officers due

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please let your ADC, Brandon, or me know. We are happy to help.

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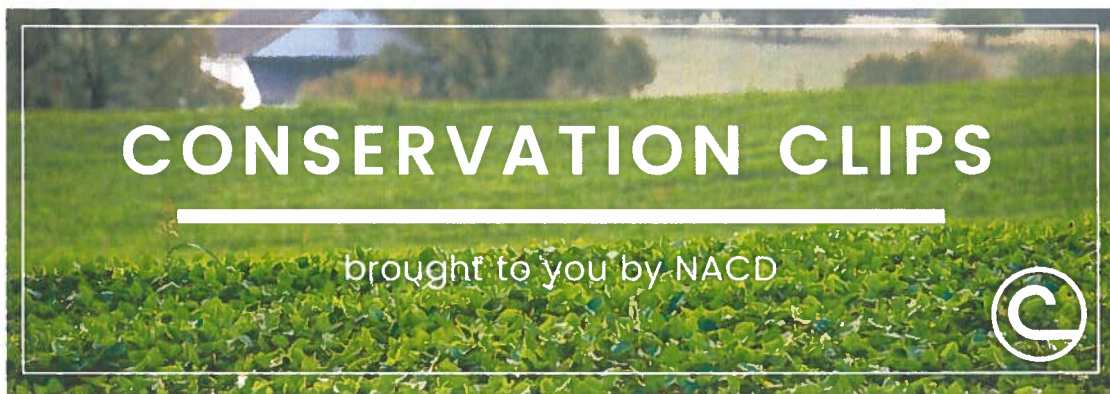
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NACD: [NACD Applauds House Farm Bill Passage](#)

04/30/2026

Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 (H.R. 7567) with bipartisan support. The Act supports key programs, under Title II, that conservation districts help deliver each day, such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

NACD Blog: [Districts Bring Soil Education to Classrooms Across the Country](#)

By Carly Long

04/28/2026

(Edited) Across the country, conservation districts are taking soil education straight to the classroom. In Michigan, the **Missaukee Conservation District** (CD) showed students how soil is alive with hands-on exploration of soil boxes. In South Carolina, students at the W.E. Parker Elementary School connected with the soil by making their own “Root Buddies” with the **Edgefield Soil and Water Conservation District** (SWCD).

NACD Blog: [Holding the Line Against Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in Western Michigan](#)

04/28/2026

Western Michigan’s coldwater streams rely on eastern hemlock, a keystone species that cools water, stabilizes banks, and provides vital habitat. That makes the spread of hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA), a pinhead-sized insect that threatens these trees, especially concerning. Julia Place, Project Manager of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Crew for the **Mason-Lake Conservation District**, leads a team working urgently to slow the infestation and protect local forests.

US Forest Service: [The forest needs a hand](#)

By Michael McCool

04/21/2026

In forests across the United States, recovery often begins with something small. A seed. Over time, forests grow, adapt and renew themselves through cycles shaped by fire, weather and insects. But in some cases, forests can be pushed beyond their ability to recover quickly on their own. That is where management begins.

Successful Farming: [U.S. Farm Agency to Move Research and Food Safety Staff From Washington](#)

By Leah Douglas

04/23/2026

The USDA said on Thursday it will relocate many research and food safety staff from the Washington region as part of its broader reorganization effort. The agency is in the process of moving most of its Washington-area staff — about 2,600 people — to five regional hubs in an effort to bring the workforce closer to farmers. Most USDA employees already live outside Washington.

Brownfield: [USDA reorg moves ERS, NIFA, NASS jobs to Missouri](#) By Carah Hart

04/27/2026

The USDA continues to roll out details of its reorganization. Ag Secretary Brooke Rollins says some employees of the department's Economic Research Service and National Institute of Food and Agriculture will be relocated to Kansas City, Missouri.

USDA: [Secretary of Agriculture Issues 2026 Wildfire Readiness Memorandum Ahead of Active Fire Season](#)

04/29/2026

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins today issued a new Secretarial Memorandum and letter directing the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service to heighten national wildfire readiness, accelerate community-focused risk reduction, and strengthen firefighter health and safety for the 2026 fire year.



TigerCat: 6040 Carbonizer: Win-Win Solution

By Paul Larocci | *North Carolina | Southeast Region*

04/15/2026

After retiring from a rewarding and successful technology focused career, Barbara Bleiweis relocated to Charlotte, North Carolina. Chairing the HOA in her new neighborhood became a springboard for a second career in public service. In 2018, she was elected Supervisor for the **Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District**.

Brownfield: Planting green into cover crops is cutting input costs for central Illinois farmer

By Jared White | *Logan County, IL | North Central Region*

04/16/2026

A central Illinois farmer says adopting the practice of “planting green,” or planting into standing cover crops, is reducing his expenditures on inputs. Derek Martin, who grows corn and soybeans, in Logan County, says over a decade of cover crop, no-till, and strip-till practices have made an impact on more than just his soil.

Morning AgClips: Texas Soil and Water Stewardship Week Recognizes the Vital Role of Native Ecosystems

Texas | South Central Region

04/22/2026

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) and the **Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts (ATSWCD)** in collaboration with statewide partners, have come together to highlight Texas Soil and Water Stewardship Week and the importance of voluntary land stewardship in Texas. The statewide campaign is April 26 through May 3, 2026, and the focus this year is “Soil. Where it all Begins.”

Pennsylvania Culture Press: [Maryland’s “Edible Understory” is on the Verge of Being Discovered](#)

Maryland | Northeast Region

04/24/2026

Anyone interested in getting involved in agroforestry can contact their local MDA Soil Conservation District. Funding is also available through the MDA's Healthy Soils Competitive Fund. Additionally, the quasi-government Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) can provide funding for farmers and forest product companies to purchase equipment.

North Central PA: [Riparian forest restoration group plants 100,000th live stake](#)

Selinsgrove, PA | Northeast Region

04/27/2026

In the seven years since the Collaborative’s founding, local partners have joined or shown their support, including Juniata College, Clearwater Conservancy, **Huntington County Conservation District, Union County Conservation District, Snyder County Conservation District**, and the Penns Valley Conservation Association.

KUAF: [USDA staff cuts threaten Arkansas farmers](#)

By Matthew Moore | *Arkansas | South Central Region*

04/27/2026

Agriculture is Arkansas's largest industry. The Farm Bureau of Arkansas says farmers and ranchers add more than \$20 billion to the state's economy annually. But farming in Arkansas is also at a crossroads. There were more farm bankruptcies in Arkansas last year than in any other state — 33 — and it's unclear how much help is on the way from the federal government.

Bradford Era: [We are the McKean County Conservation District](#)

By Matthew Moore | *Pennsylvania* | *Northeast Region*

04/29/2026

Recognized by both the Pennsylvania State House and Senate, April 26-May 2, 2026, is Conservation District Week. We all know the importance of clean water and healthy soil to keep our families fed. Did you know that your local county conservation district is working in your community to ensure there is enough clean water and healthy soil for future generations?

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JOIN CONSERVATION COFFEE ON DAIRY FARM PLANNING

May 5, 2026



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CONSERVATION PLANNING ON DAIRY FARMS

Join NACD's next Conservation Coffee webinar on "*Funding and Tools to Support Conservation Planning on Dairy Farms*," on **Thursday, May 14, at 3:00 p.m. ET**. [Register for free here](#).

Presented by Bridgett Hilshey, Senior Director of Sustainability Projects at Dairy Management Inc., hear about their Dairy Conservation Navigator (DCN). The DCN is an online platform with science-based information on dairy conservation topics, practices, and technologies. This webinar will introduce several key DCN resources. These include the Learning Hub, which offers webinars, slide decks, handouts, and web-based materials for learning, training, and outreach.

The webinar will also cover the Practice and Technology Library, a searchable database with more than 80 practices and technologies, including information on implementation, economics, and environmental impacts. In addition, the webinar will highlight DCN's new free Funding Opportunities Database, which includes more than 170 programs—many for dairy and beyond—and can be filtered by eligibility, funding status, farm focus, and funding objective.



NACD welcomes **Hannah Peyton** to the team as our new Government Affairs Specialist.

Hannah comes to NACD from Monument Advocacy where she served as a Manager of Government Relations and executed bipartisan advocacy strategies for conservation and agriculture clients. Prior to her service at Monument Advocacy, Hannah also provided strategic counsel, advanced strategic

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CONSERVATION PLANNING TRAINING PILOT TO BE HELD AT NACD'S SUMMER MEETING



Applications are now being accepted for the next Conservation Planning Training Pilot. Brought to you by the **National Conservation Districts Employee Association** (NCDEA), the training pilot will be hosted **July 20-23** in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in conjunction with NACD's Summer Meeting.

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WHAT'S UP IN WASHINGTON? GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATES

On Thursday April 30, after much debate and some concessions, the House passed a Farm Bill 224-200 with 14 Democrats and one Independent voting yes and three Republicans voting no. The final bill retains key conservation programs and expands the easements program to include forested lands. The bill will now go to the Senate where lawmakers are working on a Senate version of the Farm Bill that is purported to include updates to the Conservation Reserve Program and other programs. When and if the Senate is able to pass its version,

initiatives, and supported the implementation of NRCS conservation program funding at USDA.

Hannah is originally from Ohio and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She will be based in NACD's Washington, D.C., office and can be reached at hannah-peyton@nacdn.net.

Assistance Available for Cover Crops

Farmers for Soil Health (FSH) is open for enrollment! The program provides technical and financial assistance to farmers in exchange for planting cover crops.

Corn, soybean, wheat, grain sorghum, and cotton farmers in the following 20 states are eligible to participate: Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Participating farmers can plant cover crops for one-year contracts that can be renewed for the duration of the FSH program. The FSH program is supported by a USDA Advancing Markets for Producers award.

[Learn more and enroll here.](#)

NRCS Announces Sign-ups for Ag Land Easements

it will return to the House to ensure that a final bill is consistent with the priorities of both bodies.

NACD applauded the passage of the bill in [this press release](#) and urged the Senate to also pass a bipartisan Farm Bill this year.

"Long-term authorization is critical to provide the certainty and continuity our nation's producers need to protect our natural resources and keep working lands productive," said **NACD Chief Executive Officer Jeremy Peters**.

Congress is in recess this week so NACD's Government Affairs team is meeting with various congressional staff to discuss appropriations and the need for a final Farm Bill.



HOLDING THE LINE AGAINST HEMLOCK WOOLY ADELGID

Western Michigan's coldwater streams rely on eastern hemlock, a keystone species that cools water, stabilizes banks, and provides vital habitat. That makes the spread of hemlock wooly adelgid (HWA), a pinhead-sized insect that threatens these trees, especially concerning. Julia Place, Project Manager of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Crew for the **Mason-Lake Conservation District**, leads a team working urgently to slow the infestation and protect local forests.

"Once HWA infests a tree, it's pretty much 100% lethal without treatment," **explained Place**. "It can kill them within about four to ten years."



Using Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) funding with the U.S. Forest Service and the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program (MISGP), the district surveys, tags, and treats hemlocks across Mason and Lake counties. Crews prioritize riparian corridors, wetlands, and recreation sites—areas where HWA spreads easily through wind, wildlife, and human activity.

USDA recently announced a second national deadline for agricultural producers and landowners to apply for fiscal year 2026 assistance in the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program through NRCS.

The new deadline for entities to apply is **May 29**. NRCS is providing up to \$200 million in funding for the application period for agricultural land easements. [Learn more](#).

Less Lawn, More Life Challenge

The *Less Lawn, More Life* challenge is a free 12-week habitat restoration challenge that guides homeowners through transforming their yards -- native plants, reduced lawn, pollinators, wildlife, and water management.

Conservation districts already know that what homeowners do with their yards has a direct impact on soil health and water quality. This challenge teaches them to do the right things, for free, for 12 weeks, with expert guidance.

Kicking off on **May 7**, conservation districts are invited to partner on the challenge. As a partner, simply share the challenge with your community however works best -- newsletter, social, website. The host organization, Wildr, offers a ready-to-use and customizable toolkit with copy, graphics, and everything else needed.

Sign up to [get the partner toolkit here](#).

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Treatments are delivered through trunk injections or targeted sprays. It takes about a year for the chemical to reach the canopy, with improvement often seen within one to two years. Their treatment concentration provides roughly five to seven years of protection.

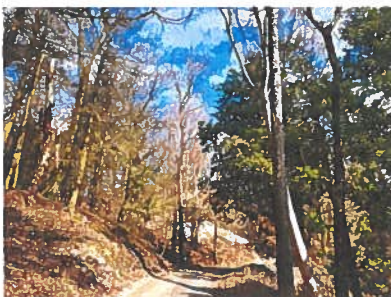
Each winter, crews tag hemlocks and record diameter at breast height (DBH), GPS location, and field notes. In summer, they return to those exact trees to treat them. This process has helped Mason-Lake significantly exceed project goals.

A recent MISGP award aimed for the treatment of 10,000 hemlocks and 90,000 DBH inches; the district treated about 15,000 trees and more than 119,000 inches. Another grant, targeting 45,000 inches reached 92,000 this summer. Under GNA, crews approached 100,000 inches, more than double their goal.

These results stem from strong collaboration with Ottawa and Muskegon Conservation Districts, the Northwest Invasive Species Network, the Michigan DNR, and the U.S. Forest Service.

Meeting Landowners Where They Are

The district blends digital outreach with neighbor-to-neighbor communication. Social media updates, buffer-zone mailers, and postcards with QR codes help residents request assistance quickly.



Once a landowner reaches out, the process is simple: an initial site visit, a quote, a one-page agreement, winter tagging, and summer treatment. Early confusion around paperwork led the team to overhaul their forms.

"We did a complete 180," said Place. "We cut out the jargon and made it easier for people to understand."

The Front Line Moves North

When HWA was first detected in western Michigan, Mason and Lake counties sat near the leading edge. Today, the infestation has spread into at least 13 counties, shifting the priority zone north toward the Traverse City and Leelanau region. Crews are working to prevent HWA from reaching Michigan's Upper Peninsula (U.P.).

With funding priorities moving north, Mason-Lake is transitioning from grant-funded work to more fee-for-service contracts. Still, Place emphasized the long-term need: "Our goal is to slow the spread and keep it out of the U.P. as much as possible because it would just decimate those hemlocks. Even though we may not be a priority area anymore, we're not done. Once HWA is in an area, there's always going to be work to do."

Read the full story on [NACD's blog](#) and get stories like these directly in your inbox with our monthly [Forestry Notes newsletter](#).

Have you visited our [YouTube channel](#) yet? If not, you're missing out on a range of resources and webinars created with our members in mind! Everyone will find something useful in our library of [Conservation Coffee webinars](#). These sessions happen every other month, but we add the recordings to YouTube so anyone can access them later.

Additionally, we have general sessions from past annual meetings, training webinars for our grant programs, and more. If you have any questions about our YouTube content or ideas for future webinar topics [reach out to us!](#)



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On Tuesday, July 21, join the Michigan Conservation Tour, set to stop at five local conservation sites around Grand Rapids, including:

- **Mast Young Plants:** a five-acre-plus commercial greenhouse that grows more than 1,500 varieties of annuals, perennials, and cut flowers. You will learn from conservation district and greenhouse staff about the steps it took for this farm to become verified through the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program, a state program run through local conservation districts.
- **Ed Dunneback & Girls Farm Market:** a fourth-generation farm that is a bustling agritourism business. The tour will also include a visit to the local creek that runs through the farm to learn about watershed restoration efforts from the Kent Conservation District staff who have worked with the farm for decades.
- **Schwallier's Country Basket:** a family-owned business where the sixth generation of farmers operating it are currently adapting to meet new economic and climate-related challenges.
- **Plainsong Farm:** a Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program verified farm working to foster a sustainable and community-driven food system. The farm is a previous NACD Urban and Community Conservation Grant recipient, working to promote conservation practices on farms while addressing community needs such as food insecurity and lack of access to healthy foods.
- **Cannonsburg State Game Area:** where the Kent Conservation District has been working closely with Michigan's Department of Natural Resources staff and other partners to restore state lands to address habitat degradation, wildlife management, and hunting opportunities.

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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



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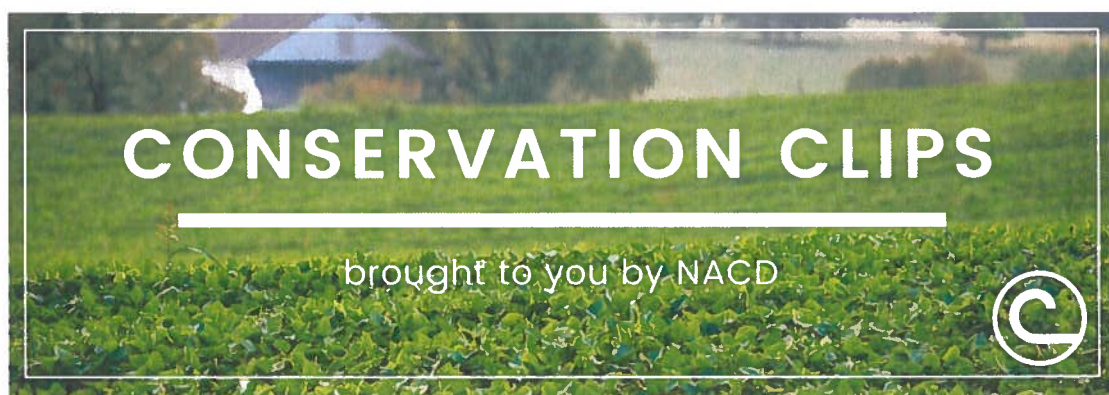
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Tampa Free Press: [Lawmakers Launch Bipartisan Push To Help Family Forests Bounce Back After Disasters](#)

By Mike Jenkins

04/29/2026

A bipartisan group of lawmakers in Washington introduced a new bill this week aimed at giving family-owned forests a faster way to recover after being hit by natural disasters. Known as the Save America's Family Forests Act, the legislation seeks to overhaul current tax rules that supporters say make it too

expensive and too slow for landowners to replant trees after hurricanes, wildfires, or floods.

Morning AgClips: [Farm Bill Passes House: Ag Organizations Weigh In](#)
04/30/2026

The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, otherwise known as the 2026 Farm Bill, was passed in the House of Representatives on April 30th, 2026, with a vote of 224-200. The bill now heads to the Senate, where policy disagreements are likely to draw out the lawmaking process.

USDA: [USDA Announces Actions to Better Serve States, Nutrition Program Recipients, and the American Taxpayer](#)
04/30/2026

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services mission area announced its intention to introduce the Food and Nutrition Administration. This shift will include a reorganization and relocation, all to move program leadership and staff from Washington, D.C. to hub and program compliance locations across the U.S.

EPA: [EPA Gulf of America Division Announces Grants to Advance Innovative, Farmer-Led Conservation on Working Lands](#)
05/05/2026

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Gulf of America Division announced up to \$50 million in new grant funding to improve water quality, habitat, resilience, and environmental education by demonstrating innovative practices on America's working lands. The Farmer-to-Farmer grant program provides targeted support to farmer-led and farm-focused organizations operating within the Gulf of America watershed, encompassing EPA Regions 3 through 8.

Brownfield Ag News: [Fordyce: Consolidating USDA systems strengthens ag data privacy, security](#)

By Kellan Heavican

05/06/2026

The USDA Undersecretary for Farm Production and Conservation says the agency is addressing concerns about ag data security in the One Farmer One File initiative. Richard Fordyce says merging dozens of separate farm programs into a single network can be done safely.



National Association of State Conservation Agencies: [How Louisiana built a coastal vegetation restoration model other states can adapt](#)

Louisiana | South Central Region

04/23/2026

Along Louisiana's coast, restoration often begins with a local conversation at a feed store, a coffee shop, or on the marsh itself. Since 1988, that practical starting point has defined Louisiana's Coastal Vegetative Planting Program, a partnership among conservation districts, state agencies, federal technical partners and private landowners designed to stabilize eroding shorelines through native marsh planting in a state that has lost about 2,000 square miles of coastal wetlands during the past century.

Morning AgClips: [\\$240M Dedicated to Support On-farm Environmental Protection Projects](#)

New York | Northeast Region

04/23/2026

These best management practice systems are made possible through the State's strong partnerships with the 58 County Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), which are recognized as local leaders in conservation and are working to address environmental concerns and conserve New York State's natural resources. Since 2021, the State has invested more than \$75 million in the SWCDs, who work with New York's farmers to plan for and implement CRF and AgNPS projects on the farm that help producers meet their business goals while conserving the state's natural resources.

AP: [Solar ranch in Tennessee aims to prove grazing cattle under the panels is a farmland win-win](#)

By Tammy Webber and Joshua A. Bickel | *Christianna, TN | Southeast Region*
04/30/2026

Silicon Ranch, which owns the 40-acre farm in Christiana, outside of Nashville, believes cattle-grazing is the next frontier in so-called agrivoltaics, which mostly has involved growing crops or grazing sheep beneath the panels. The solar company debuted the project this week and will spend the next year working to demonstrate to farmers that much larger cattle also can thrive at solar sites.

The Fence Post: [NRCS's decade-long work is today's miracle for Colorado's White Hawk Trail](#)

By Jocelyn Benjamin | *Colorado | Southwest Region*
05/06/2026

The only thing that stood between a lightning strike and a community disaster was an old forest restoration project. Well over a decade ago, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service in Colorado partnered with the **Jefferson Conservation District** on the Pine Country Lane forest restoration project to help private landowners plan and implement forest and noxious weed management to restore ecosystems and mitigate wildfire hazards.

Basin Business Journal: [Maximum irrigation efficiency, like all farming, is a balancing act](#)

By Cheryl Schweizer | *Othello, WA | Pacific Region*

05/06/2026

Farmers have always looked for ways to make their operation more efficient, including in their water use. After all, water costs money. Dinah Rouleau, conservation director for on-farm and urban programs with the **Columbia Basin Conservation District**, said farmers have a lot to think about when planning and setting up an irrigation system. And that's only one factor in farm operation.

Lake County Leader: [“Aggg-ricu-lll-ture”: Fourth graders learn where food comes from](#)

By Berl Tiskus | *Mission Valley, MT | Northern Plains Region*

05/07/2026

Fourth graders from around the Mission Valley field tripped to Buddy and Bridgett Cheff's place south of Ronan last Wednesday and Thursday to see agriculture in action and to learn more about where their food comes from. Put on by the Western Montana Stockmen's Association, **Lake County Conservation District**, Northwest Farm Bureau and Natural Resources and Conservation Service, the annual Fourth Grade Ag Days aims to expose the 367 kids who attended to the many facets of agriculture.

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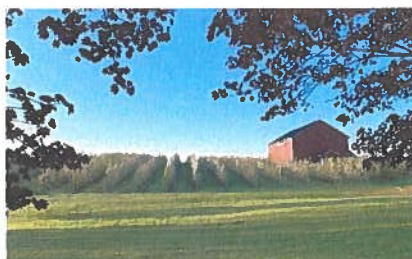
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NACD welcomes **Courtney Curenton-Baker** to the team as our new Director of Membership Engagement.

Courtney comes to NACD from the **Alabama Association Of Conservation Districts**, where she served for nearly 10 years in a variety of roles. Most recently, Courtney served as Assistant Executive Director, where she provided responsive,

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JOIN COFFEE ON DAIRY FARM CONSERVATION PLANNING



CONSERVATION PLANNING ON DAIRY FARMS

Join NACD's next Conservation Coffee webinar on "*Funding and Tools to Support Conservation Planning on Dairy Farms*," on **Thursday, May 14, at 3:00 p.m. ET**. [Register for free here](#).

Presented by Bridgett Hilshey, Senior Director of Sustainability Projects at Dairy Management Inc., hear about their Dairy Conservation Navigator (DCN). The DCN is an online platform with science-based information on dairy conservation topics, practices, and technologies. This webinar will introduce several key DCN resources. These include the Learning Hub, which offers webinars, slide decks, handouts, and web-based materials for learning, training, and outreach.

The webinar will also cover the Practice and Technology Library, a searchable database with more than 80 practices and technologies, including information on implementation, economics, and environmental impacts. In addition, the webinar will highlight DCN's new free Funding Opportunities Database, which includes more than 170 programs—many for dairy and beyond—and can be filtered by eligibility, funding status, farm focus, and funding objective.

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effective, and sustainable programs and services to meet the needs and priorities of Alabama SWCDs.

Courtney holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from Huntingdon College and a Master of Public Administration degree from Auburn University at Montgomery.

She will be based in Montgomery, AL, and can be reached at curentonbaker@nacdnetwork.org.

Join UWN Webinar on Collaborating with Municipalities

The Urban Wood Network (UWN) is hosting a webinar on Collaborating with Municipalities on **Thursday, May 28, at 12:00 p.m. ET**.

Municipal urban wood programs are a cornerstone of the urban wood industry. Across the country, cities have built partnerships with local urban wood processors. At this educational webinar, audience members will learn about Harrisonburg, Virginia, urban wood projects and collaborations with Rocktown Urban Wood.

Hear from Jeremy Harold, City of Harrisonburg Virginia Green Space Manager, and Ned Gearing and Rhett Miles of Rocktown Urban Wood.

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SOUTHWEST REGION BRINGS UNIFIED VOICE TO D.C.

NACD's Southwest Region had great success meeting with federal agencies during last year's NACD Spring Fly-In. They built on that momentum by organizing additional meetings again this year a day ahead of the event, bringing district leaders together with federal agencies and key committee staff. The NACD Spring Fly-In is a nationwide event where conservation districts from across the U.S. meet with their members of Congress to advocate for local priorities.

All states in the Southwest Region—Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming—participated. They brought both shared priorities and state specific perspectives to Washington. In addition to meetings with congressional offices, Southwest Region representatives met with the Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Public Lands Council, and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee staff.



NACD extends condolences to the family and friends of **Bradley Evan Ross**, of Ostrander, OH, who passed at 72.

Brad devoted his professional life to conservation, working for many years with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the **Soil & Water Conservation Districts** in Knox and Delaware Counties. He served as interim CEO and Director for NACD.

Brad embraced life outdoors. He enjoyed golfing, skiing, and cycling—most notably completing a cross-country bicycle journey from Seattle, Washington, to Bar Harbor, Maine. He also loved canoeing, river rafting, and spending time out West. When indoors, Brad could often be found listening to music or playing his guitar. Though he pursued many passions, none compared to his love for his family. His greatest joy came from time spent with his children and grandchildren.

Read the full obituary and [share condolences here](#).

Membership Corner

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These meetings created an opportunity to share on-the-ground perspectives. They also strengthened relationships with federal partners responsible for program delivery and policy implementation. **Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts** Executive Director Holly Kennedy emphasized this impact, stating, "There is power in a collective voice, and the region being able to have a collective voice in D.C. is powerful."

While the region spoke with a unified voice, each state also highlighted its own priorities and challenges. This balance ensured that federal partners heard both shared concerns across the West and the specific needs within individual states.

"When agencies and policymakers hear consistent priorities across multiple states, it helps elevate those issues while still allowing individual state concerns to be recognized," said **Josh Smith**, Southwest Region Executive Board Member.

Southwest Region Chair **Frank Krentz** added, "This kind of coordination takes time and effort, and I want to recognize those who made it happen. Their work ensures the Southwest Region shows up prepared and strengthens our impact in Washington."

The NACD Spring Fly-In remains a cornerstone for conservation district advocacy. The Southwest Region's approach demonstrates the value of combining a strong regional voice with state-specific perspectives to inform federal decision-making.

albums for summer meeting [2025](#) and [2024](#) to see photos of our past meetings and all the fun you've been missing out on!

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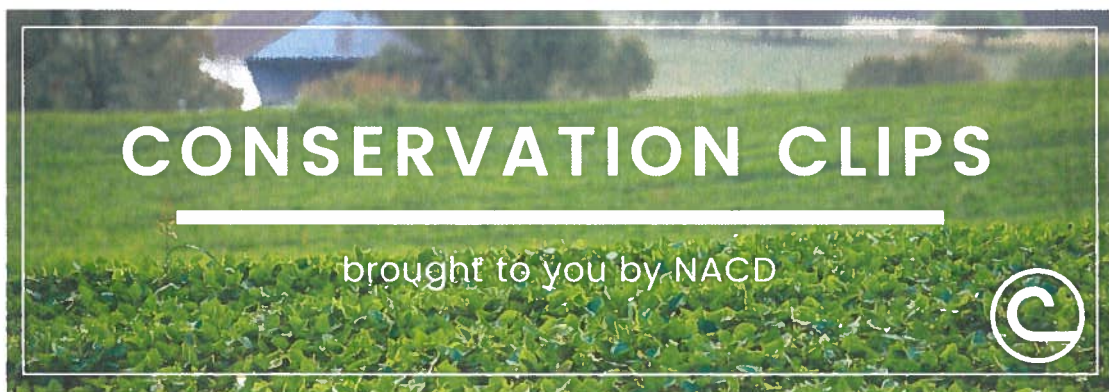
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AgriView: [USDA unveils conservation program](#)

By Chuck Anderas and Michael Fields

05/08/2026

The purpose of the committee is to provide guidance to USDA about how it's implementing its conservation programs. State Technical Committee meetings are also a time for Natural Resources Conservation Service leadership to share updates with stakeholders such as conservation professionals and farmers.

Farm Progress: [‘Take 5’ when trying out cover crops](#)

By Drew McCutchan

05/12/2026

Cover crops are promoted by conservation districts, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, land-grant universities and many other invested parties. But there’s a question that rises to the top when discussing their benefits: Do they work here?

Tri-State Livestock News: [Boozman plans farm bill text, markup in June](#)

05/14/2026

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman John Boozman, R-Ark., said Tuesday he plans to release the text of the Senate version of what’s known as Farm Bill 2.0, or the skinny farm bill, in June and plans a committee markup of the bill the same month. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., ranking member on the bill, told *The Hagstrom Report* she and Boozman are supposed to meet about the farm bill next week.

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Oklahoma Farm Report: [USDA NRCS Chief Aubrey Bettencourt Highlights Soil Health and Resilience in Oklahoma Visit](#)

Oklahoma | South Central Region

05/11/2026

NRCS Chief Aubrey Bettencourt recently visited Oklahoma to witness the state’s ongoing conservation efforts and engage with over 900 youth

participants at a national land judging contest. Farm director KC Sheperd was on hand with Bettencourt who described the state as the “birthplace of the service,” Bettencourt emphasized that the agency’s primary mission is to remove “friction points” and provide the technical expertise necessary to keep producers sustainable.

Battleboro Reformer: [Conservation districts team up to protect grassland birds](#)

Walpole, NH | Northeast Region

05/11/2026

A regional partnership among four conservation districts between Vermont and New Hampshire, the **Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District**, the **Cheshire County Conservation District**, the **Ottauquechee NRCD**, and the **Sullivan County Conservation District**, presents the Connecticut River Valley Grassland Bird Project.

Whidbey News Times: [Firewise workdays help Whidbey neighborhoods reduce wildfire risk](#)

By Allyson Ballard | *Washington | Pacific Region*

05/12/2026

Maddie Buehrer, a natural resource planner with the **Whidbey Island Conservation District**, explained that the district functions as a middleman between communities and the DNR to coordinate these workdays. This year, four communities in Oak Harbor, Coupeville and Langley — including an RV park — benefited.

MVSKOKE Media: [Aquaponics paves the future for cultural crops and food sovereignty](#)

By Braden Harper | *Morris, OK | South Central Region*

05/13/2026

In 2021, the **MCN Conservation District** received a grant from the Native

American Agriculture Fund. The grant provided the Nation with \$197,060.73 to help citizens procure and operate their own aquaponic greenhouses. The MCN Conservation District built its aquaponics system at the Morris Indian Community Center.

Coastside News: [A second life for Coastside farm plastics](#)

By Kathryn Wheeler | *California* | *Pacific Region*

05/13/2026

In an effort to reduce the amount of plastic sent from Coastside farms to landfills, the **San Mateo Resource Conservation District** and coastal farms have teamed up for the third year to recycle 41,460 pounds of agricultural plastic.

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May 19, 2026



Tomorrow, **May 20**, is your chance to support conservation education programs with the **National Conservation Foundation's (NCF) Day of Giving!**

Your gift will help support the eight new members of the 2026 Next Generation Leadership Institute (NGLI) cohort as they build the skills, relationships, and confidence to serve their communities as conservation leaders.

It will help 250 students as they prepare to compete at the national

NCF-Envirothon Annual Competition in Mississippi to address the current issue, *Non-Point Source Pollution: It begins at home!*, through hands-on science, teamwork, and real-world problem solving.

The future of conservation leadership is already growing. It is growing in students who are learning to think critically about the land and water around them. It is growing in emerging leaders who are preparing to serve locally led conservation in new ways. And it is growing through supporters like you.

Every donation is an investment in people—students, educators, volunteers, district leaders, and the communities they serve. Your support helps keep programs like NCF-Envirothon and NGLI strong and growing.

On Wednesday, the conservation community will come together for one shared purpose: to help the next generation of conservation leaders

NACD Closed for Memorial Day

NACD will be closed **Monday, May 25**, in observance of Memorial Day.

We send thanks to every Veteran and their families for their service to our nation. We especially extend our deepest gratitude and respect for the men and women who gave their lives to keep our country safe.

Exhibitor Opportunities at NACD's Summer Meeting

thrive. We hope you'll be part of it.

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WHAT'S UP IN WASHINGTON? GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

In a [recent press release](#), NACD expressed its gratitude to Aubrey Bettencourt upon her departure as Chief of NRCS and congratulated Colton L. Buckley on his selection to lead the agency.

Congress continues work on Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations as USDA conservation program implementation remains underway. The House Appropriations Committee's [FY27 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies bill](#) would provide \$800 million for NRCS Conservation Operations, including \$636.243 million for Conservation Technical Assistance. The bill also includes funding for the Snow Survey and Water Forecasting Program, Plant Materials Centers, Soil Surveys, the Urban Agriculture Office, and community project funding. This is not the final word on Conservation Operations funding, as the Senate has not yet released its FY27 USDA funding proposal. NACD will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) also finalized its rescission of the [2024 Conservation and Landscape Health Rule](#). The final rule eliminates the restoration and mitigation leasing framework created under the 2024 rule and restores the prior Areas of Critical Environmental Concern framework. BLM stated that existing authorities and tools remain available to address conservation objectives through established land management processes.

USDA [conservation deadlines](#) are also approaching. NRCS has set a **May 29 deadline** for entities to apply for FY26 Agricultural Conservation Easement Program funding, with up to \$200 million available for agricultural land easements. The Farm Service Agency is also accepting Grassland Conservation Reserve Program offers through May 29.



TIPS FOR IMPACTFUL STORYTELLING TO CONNECT AND INSPIRE

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Looking for a way to get your company, product, or organization in front of conservation leaders? Join us as an exhibitor for the Summer Meeting!

Booths can be reserved for \$600 for government agencies and nonprofits or \$800 for corporate businesses. Each exhibit space includes one conference registration for the booth attendee, with an option to purchase extra conference registrations for additional attendees.

Learn [more details here](#) and reserve your expo booth by reaching out to events@nacdnet.org.

Join NCDEA Webinar on Local Working Groups

The National Conservation District Employees Association (NCDEA) invites you to join their Professional Development Webinar on *Input to Impact*:

beyond. You probably already do this through your website, newsletters, and social media. Below are some tips and resources to help you tell impactful, personal stories that will connect with your audience and inspire further engagement.

Explain Why This Work Matters

We know how important the work is that we do, but we can't expect everyone to know if we don't talk about it. Providing appropriate and effective technical assistance is the primary goal of conservation districts, and a well-told story to share the successes of these efforts adds to their value. A compelling story is a great way to attract new participants and expand your reach in the community.

When the work you carry out is rooted in applying best management practices to the land, it's easy to get lost in technical jargon, complicated paperwork, and confusing acronyms. A good story should answer why this work matters in easy-to-understand ways. Why does it matter that you helped a local farmer switch to reduced tillage operations? Or, if you created a farm plan that allowed someone to apply for EQIP funding? Or, if you helped a landowner access cost-share funding to better manage stormwater drainage? It is incumbent upon us to explain why conservation is important and the value it brings to our communities.



Use Data and Personal Stories

We all know that data is crucial in grant reporting and proving your district is making an impact. It is also important when telling a story. Talk about the number of kids you educated on soil health last year and write about a special moment you had with a class, or even a specific student. Who really benefited from the session? Describe the 400 acres of cover crop you cost-shared through an interview with the farmer. Is she a new producer looking at ways to make her farm more economically viable, or a third-generation farmer who wants to continue to take care of the land that has served her family for decades?

Spread the Word

Your district's website, social media, and newsletters can all be used to tell your story and spread the word about your district. Newsletters and blogs are great places for longer form writing and interviews, while social media is great for quick snippets showing your impact. Check out this outreach training session on [Leveraging Social Media](#).

Get in touch with local newspapers or magazines to ask about writing a story for their publication. Publishing a story in your local paper is a great way to connect with individuals outside your usual sphere of influence and grow your reach even further.

You should also consider reaching out to NACD if you have a story to tell on the national stage. We love hearing about your locally led

Strengthening Local Working Groups Through Strategic Planning.

Hosted on **May 27 at 12:00 p.m. ET**, hear about turning local input into meaningful action. Join Eric Shideler of the **Vermillion Soil and Water Conservation District** in Indiana to explore how to strengthen local working groups by connecting community feedback to clear priorities and strategic decisions. Learn practical approaches to guide discussions, improve participation, and ensure your district's efforts reflect local needs and long-term goals.

Learn more and [register here](#).

Membership Corner



Thank you to everyone that joined us for last week's Conservation Coffee on Funding & Tools to Support Conservation Planning on Dairy Farms!

If you weren't able to join us, you can find the [recorded session here](#).

We are lining up the details for our upcoming webinars, so keep an eye out for the announcement here in eResource.

conservation successes, and we especially enjoy hearing about projects supported by our [Friends of NACD](#) and [Technical Assistance Grants](#). Please reach out to us at info@nacdnet.org with your story idea, and we'll get back to you to let you know if it would be a good fit for our [blog](#) or eResource newsletter.

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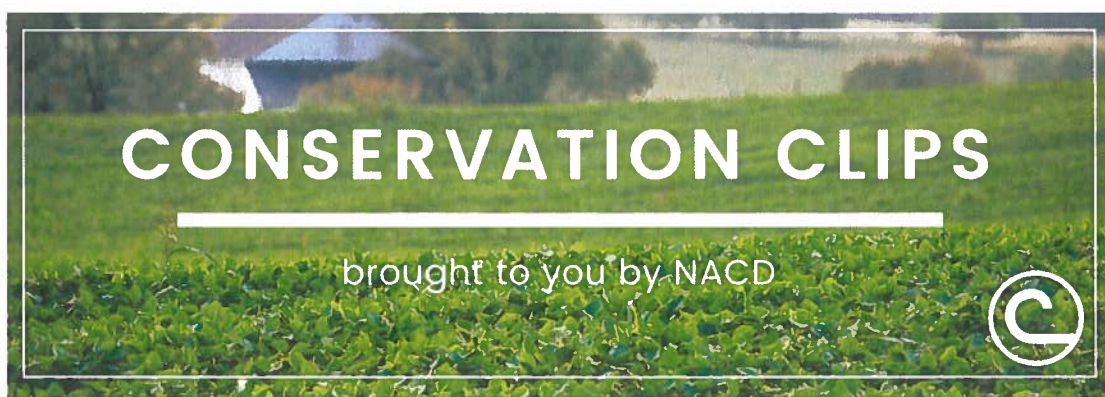
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NACD: [NACD Thanks Chief Bettencourt for Her Service, Welcomes Colton Buckley as NRCS Chief](#)

05/18/2026

The **National Association of Conservation Districts** expresses its gratitude to Aubrey Bettencourt upon her departure as Chief of the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service and congratulates Colton L. Buckley on his selection to lead the agency effective May 18, 2026.

NACD Blog: [Did You Know? Tips for Impactful Storytelling to Connect and Inspire](#)

By Jackson Moody

05/19/2026

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NPR: ['We're dry:' The new U.S. Wildland Fire Service prepares for extreme fire season](#)

By Henry Larson, Emily Feng, Tinbete Ermyas

05/09/2026

Across the country, wildland firefighters are staring down what could be one of the most severe fire seasons in recent history. Among those figuring out how to prepare is the U.S. Wildland Fire Service, a brand new agency created by the Trump administration.

Ag Proud: [What's in the 2026 Farm Bill?](#)

By Carrie Veselka

05/14/2026

The Farm, Food and National Security Act of 2026, the next iteration of the farm bill, was passed by the House of Representatives with a vote of 224-200 on April 30. The following is an abbreviated list of policies that would directly impact cattle producers.

Ag Proud: [NRCS Chief Steps Down, 'Youngest' Leader in Agency History](#)

Takes the Helm

By John Dobberstein

05/18/2026

Aubrey Bettencourt, who championed a farmer-first approach to conservation programs, has exited the Trump administration as chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Colton L. Buckley, who was serving as associate chief of the NRCS and was previously chief of staff, takes the helm as the youngest chief in history at the massive agency, which provides technical and financial assistance to help farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners across the U.S. conserve natural resources.



Farmers.gov: Fridays on the Farm: New Jersey Flower Farm Takes Off

By Jacob Bailey | *Mercy County, NJ | Northeast Region*

05/11/2026

This Friday, meet Rebecca Kutzer-Rice and Mark Ginsberg of Moonshot Farm, a flower farm in Mercer County, New Jersey. On just under 10 acres, the farm grows over 150 varieties of flowers and serves both local markets and nearby cities like New York and Philadelphia. This operation is blooming in more ways than one, making impressive strides in sustainability and agricultural innovation.

WNIJ News: How one program is working to bring Corn Belt farmers together for conservation agriculture

By Jess Savage | *Stockton, IL | North Central Region*

05/13/2026

He's a regenerative farmer, which means that as much as he cares for his

animals, he cares about his soil more. He used to work the land as intensely as any other conventional farmer, but he quit "cold turkey" years ago. Now, he's cover-cropping, rotational-grazing, no-tilling and trying out any other conservation method he wants to experiment with.

USDA-NRCS: NRCS Staff Support Students at 2026 North Dakota Envirothon

By Shannon Mullane | *Medina, ND | Northern Plains Region*

05/15/2026

The event was hosted by Crystal Springs Camp and supported by a coalition of conservation districts, state agencies, universities and nonprofit partners. Sponsors included the North Dakota Forest Service, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, Ducks Unlimited, Prairie Waters Education & Research Center, multiple Soil Conservation Districts and USDA NRCS.

Phys Org: Agriculture and conservation share common ground after Klamath dam removals, study finds

By Sean Nealon | *Oregon | Pacific Region*

05/19/2026

A new study of the largest dam removal project in United States history on the Klamath River in Oregon and California is offering new insight into a long-running water conflict by finding that farmers and conservation groups share priorities that may help guide decision-making on future river restoration projects. The work is published in the journal *Society & Natural Resources*.

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NACD HOSTS TRAINING SESSIONS AT SUMMER MEETING

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NFWF Requests Proposals for Conservation Partners Program

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Registration is now open! Act now to get an early bird discounted rate, only available through June 29.

Book your stay at the Amway Grand Plaza! Room rates start at \$189/night plus taxes and fees. Make an [online reservation here](#). Reserve your room early for the best availability. Rooms in NACD's room block are first come, first served, and there may be limited or no availability as the deadline for the room block nears. The last day to reserve available rooms in the room block is **Friday, June 26, 2026**.

During the meeting, NACD will be co-hosting multiple [training opportunities](#) with partners, including:

- **Conservation Planning Training Pilot** with the National Conservation Districts Employee Association (NCDEA). This streamlined, hybrid training experience is designed to help participants reach certification faster and receive step-by-step support along the way. Attendees will complete two required courses—Conservation Planning Part 2 and Soil Health & Sustainability—in one coordinated experience. [Applications](#) are being accepted until **Friday, May 29**.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is soliciting proposals for the Conservation Partners Program from organizations to provide technical assistance to agricultural producers on working lands. The program will award competitive grants to accelerate the voluntary adoption of regenerative agriculture principles and conservation practices on private working lands. Details and the most current information are provided in [the Request for Proposals here](#). Proposals are due by **July 22**.

Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, farmer and commodity-led organizations, educational institutions, and state,

- **NASA Earth Observations Workshop Series** with two sessions. One session will be an introductory session to provide an overview of NASA Earth observation (EO) data products and web tools for supporting agriculture and conservation district needs. The second will allow participants to explore applications of analysis-ready data products to derive vegetation and water indices within common GIS software. Learn more and [register for either session here](#).

See the full Summer Meeting agenda, including tours, breakout sessions, the Conservation Forum, and more on [NACD's Summer Meeting webpage](#).

REGISTER FOR SUMMER MEETING

WHAT'S UP IN WASHINGTON? GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

With the House in a district work period and the Senate in a state work period for Memorial Day week, federal activity on Capitol Hill is limited.

[USDA has announced \\$4.75 million](#) in available funding through the [Micro-Grants for Food Security Program](#) to support communities with significant levels of food insecurity and heavy reliance on imported food. The program provides funding to eligible state and territory agricultural agencies, which then competitively subaward funds to local projects supporting small-scale gardening, herding and livestock operations, local food production, and community-based food security initiatives.

Eligible areas include Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Palau, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Fiscal Year 2026 application period is open, and applications will be accepted until **June 22**.

NRCS is hosting an information session on **June 29** for Qualified Individuals (QI) interested in supporting [Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activity 216 Soil Health Testing](#). Farmers participating in the NRCS Regenerative Pilot Program are required to track conservation outcomes through CEMA 216 Soil Health Testing, and QI help facilitate the testing process. Eligible QI may include Technical Service Providers, Certified Crop Advisors, Certified Professional Agronomists, Certified Professional Soil Scientists, Associate Professional Soil Scientists, or individuals with an associate's degree or higher in agriculture or soil science and at least two years of experience collecting soil for laboratory analysis.

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tribal, and local governments.

Learn more during the [applicant webinar](#) on **June 10 at 12:00 p.m. CT**.

NRCS Deadline for Ag Land Easements is this Friday

USDA's national deadline for agricultural producers and landowners to apply for Fiscal Year 2026 assistance in the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program through NRCS is **this Friday, May 29**. NRCS is providing up to \$200 million in funding for the application period for agricultural land easements. [Learn more here](#).

Membership Corner

Thank you to everyone that has already paid membership dues for FY26! We rely heavily on your contributions to support our advocacy, education, and partnership activities.

If you are interested in contributing, we accept payments via check or online by credit card or bank draft. Please [reach out to us](#) if you have questions about the best way to pay your dues. In addition to supporting NACD, your dues enable you to access the tools on our [Members Only webpage](#) and apply for our [Friends of NACD grants](#)!



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CURRENTS OF CONSERVATION: NAVIGATING SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP

Join the Pacific and Southwest Regions in Guam for the 2026 Joint Regional Meeting, *Currents of Conservation: Navigating Soil and Water Stewardship*, **August 24-28**.

Registration, flight, and hotel information can be found [here](#). The meeting will be held over four days and includes multiple tracks for breakout sessions so you can tailor the learning to your needs, as well as tours of both Northern and Southern Guam. Guam is also [requesting submissions](#) for presentation abstracts to host a breakout session; the submission deadline is **June 22**. You're invited to come together to learn, share your stories, and keep up with the Currents of Conservation!

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AGROFORESTRY WORKSHOP BRINGS CONSERVATION PROFESSIONALS INTO THE FIELD

This month, NACD, in partnership with the USDA National Agroforestry Center and the California Agroforestry Network, hosted the San Diego Agroforestry Workshop for Natural Resources Professionals in Encinitas, California.

The training brought together resource conservation district staff, conservation professionals, technical service providers, nonprofit staff, producers, and agency partners for several days, focused on what agroforestry implementation looks like in Southern California landscapes and the relationships and local networks necessary to successfully support this work long term.

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The workshop combined classroom discussion with field-based learning and direct producer engagement. Participants toured active production areas while discussing how agroforestry practices can support soil health, biodiversity, water conservation, and long-term resilience in working agricultural systems.

Conversations throughout the week focused on how practices like multistory cropping, hedgerows, prescribed grazing, and other conservation-focused approaches are being adapted to Southern California's dryland and Mediterranean climate conditions.



The field portion of the workshop gave participants the opportunity to spend time directly with producers implementing

Good Neighbor Authority at Work in Michigan

Western Michigan's coldwater streams rely on eastern hemlock, a keystone species that cools water, stabilizes banks, and provides vital habitat. That makes the spread of hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA), a pinhead-sized insect that threatens these trees, especially concerning. Julia Place, Project Manager of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Crew for the Mason-Lake Conservation District, leads a team working urgently to slow the infestation and protect local forests.

Each winter, crews tag hemlocks and record diameter at breast height (DBH), GPS location, and field notes. In the summer, they return to those exact trees to treat them. This process has helped Mason-Lake significantly exceed project goals.

A recent MISGP award aimed for the treatment of 10,000 hemlocks and 90,000 DBH inches; the district treated about 15,000 trees and more than 119,000 inches. Another grant targeting 45,000 inches, reached 92,000 this summer. Under Good Neighbor Authority, crews approached 100,000 inches, more than double their goal.

These results stem from strong collaboration with Ottawa and Muskegon Conservation Districts, the Northwest Invasive Species Network, the Michigan DNR, and the U.S. Forest Service. Read the full story on NACD's [blog](#).

Unified Wood Economy Releases Urban Wood Utilization Guide

The Urban Wood Utilization Guide is a technical framework designed to help California municipalities and other organizations transition from wood waste disposal (or low

agroforestry and regenerative management practices on working farms. Discussions moved beyond introductory concepts and into the realities of establishment challenges, long-term management decisions, balancing conservation goals with operational needs, and what implementation looks like from a producer perspective. Participants also spent considerable time discussing barriers that continue to affect adoption, including funding limitations, staff capacity, planning time, and the complexity of implementing agroforestry systems within existing operations and conservation programs.

One of the strongest themes throughout the workshop was the value of bringing people together across different parts of the conservation and agricultural community. Participants consistently highlighted peer discussion and networking as one of the most valuable aspects of the training, alongside the opportunity to get into the field and see different systems firsthand. Conversations regularly connected federal, state, and local perspectives with the producer perspective, helping participants better understand both the opportunities and the practical realities landowners are navigating when considering agroforestry implementation.

READ THE FULL STORY ON NACD'S BLOG

NEW RESEARCH CONNECTS WILDFIRE RESILIENCE AND WATERSHED PROTECTION

New research out of the University of Washington is adding to the growing body of evidence that active forest management can provide multiple landscape-scale benefits, particularly in the face of increasing wildfire risk and changing water conditions across the West. Scientists working in partnership with The Nature Conservancy studied forest thinning treatments in snow-dominated mountain watersheds in Washington State and found that selectively thinning overly dense forests improved how snow accumulates and persists across the landscape. By creating strategic openings in the canopy, more snow was able to reach the ground and remain later into the season, ultimately increasing runoff that supports rivers, reservoirs, and municipal drinking water supplies.

The research also reinforces the role forest thinning can play in wildfire mitigation efforts. In a closely related peer-reviewed study focused on the Cle Elum Ridge area of Washington, researchers evaluated forest treatments designed to reduce wildfire severity in a region highly vulnerable to both drought and catastrophic fire. Results showed that thinning treatments not only reduced wildfire risk but also helped restore snow storage that has been diminished by decades of forest change and a warming climate. Researchers observed particularly strong improvements on north-facing slopes, where canopy openings allowed greater snow accumulation and retention.

These findings are especially timely as many regions continue to experience worsening drought conditions, declining snowpack, and longer fire seasons. Seasonal snowpack remains a critical water source for communities across the West, and the study highlights how forest management strategies can support both watershed resilience and community protection goals simultaneously. The work also demonstrates the growing

value uses) to a value-added "circular economy" model.

The purpose of the guide is to equip municipal arborists, city departments, and non-profits with a roadmap for creating Urban Wood Utilization Plans or wood utilization elements within broader Urban Forest Management Plans (UFMPs).

It includes several practical tools to assist managers, including economic valuation estimators, step-by-step worksheets for the pre-planning, planning, and post-planning phases, sustainability criteria, and performance indicators. The Guide, which was funded by CAL FIRE and the U.S. Forest Service, also highlights several "lenses," such as revenue, profit, avoided costs, and community benefit, through which a project can be justified to decision-makers. The full guide can be found [here](#).

CALENDAR

July 17- 22, 2026 | [NACD Summer Meeting](#) | Grand Rapids, MI

Sept 21 - 24, 2026 | [National Association of State Foresters Annual Meeting](#) | Lexington, KY

Oct 6 - 9, 2026 | [Society of American Foresters Annual Convention](#) | Tacoma, WA

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importance of integrating hydrology, forestry, and wildfire science into landscape-scale planning and management discussions.

The project itself reflects the value of collaborative, cross-sector approaches to forest management. Researchers worked alongside partners, including The Nature Conservancy, the Yakama Nation, the U.S. Forest Service, and state natural resource agencies, with treatments informed by historic fire-adapted forest conditions and Indigenous stewardship practices. As conservation districts and partners continue engaging in forest health, wildfire resilience, and watershed protection work across the country, studies like this help reinforce the importance of active, locally informed forest management strategies that provide benefits for both ecosystems and communities.

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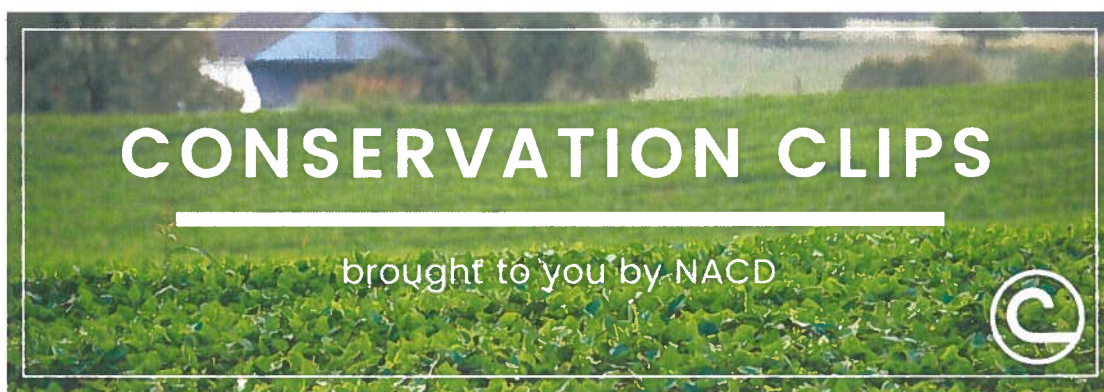
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By Kyle Venell

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Farm Progress: [USDA set to add 30 million additional base acres](#)

By Joshua Baethge

05/22/2026

Landowners will soon receive notices about additional base acres being eligible for Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs, according to Richard Fordyce, USDA undersecretary for farm production and conservation.

Tri State Neighbor: [Back to grass: Focused on conservation, Midwest farmers return cropland to prairie state](#)

By Janelle Atyeo

05/26/2026

Hinrichs and other farmers are trying new things. They're choosing not to plant their fields to cash crops that require high dollar inputs and bring ever smaller returns. Instead, they're seeding the land back to the plants that grew before settlers began to turn dirt with plows.

USDA-NRCS: [Thanks to Working Families Tax Cuts Act, USDA Invests \\$65 Million for Projects that Help Farmers Improve their Operations and Conserve Natural Resources through Science and Innovation](#)

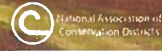
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The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced the availability of \$65 million in funding this year for new tools, approaches, practices and technologies to further natural resource conservation on private lands through the Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program. CIG is supported by the Working Families Tax Cuts Act, which increased funding for farm bill conservation programs, like the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, which funds CIG.

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Independent Record: ['We're Basically Trying to Mimic Nature Here'](#)

By Thom Bridge | *Helena, MT | Northern Plains Region*

04/06/2026

The brushy toe is a win for streams, a win for fish and a win for landowners. Earlier this week a group of volunteers, guided by Jeff Ryan, chairman of the **Lewis and Clark Conservation District**, used the erosion reduction method on a problem bank along Little Prickly Pear Creek northwest of Helena.

Central Illinois Proud: [Illinois soil conservation districts face insufficient state funding](#)

By Cameron Maine | *Illinois | North Central Region*

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The districts that protect fertile soil and Illinois water are requesting more state dollars as they say they're severely underfunded. **Soil and Water Conservation Districts** hold education programs for farmers, identify better farming practices to keep topsoil fertile and ensure that contaminated soil doesn't pollute the Illinois River.

Mountain Democrat: [Tahoe boaters encouraged to 'Clean, Drain, and Dry'](#)

By Jeff Cowen | *Lake Tahoe, CA | Pacific Region*

05/22/2026

To protect Lake Tahoe from the harmful impacts of aquatic invasive species, decontaminations continue to be mandatory for all motorized vessels coming from other waterbodies. The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and **Tahoe**

Resource Conservation District, which manage the inspection program, have strengthened protocols in response to the recent discovery of invasive golden mussels in the delta region of California's Central Valley.

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel: [Little Kanawha Conservation District worried about losing local control over dams](#)

By Brett Dunlap | *West Virginia* | *Northeast Region*

05/23/2026

Officials with the **Little Kanawha Conservation District** are concerned recent legislation will take away local ability to respond to issues involving the district's six watershed dams. Representatives of the district said they're concerned about what the passage of House Bill 5364, signed by Gov. Patrick Morrisey on March 27, will mean to West Virginia's 170 dams as many of the duties handled by the state's 14 conservation districts will be transferred to the West Virginia Conservation Agency.

Farm Progress: [Achieve better grazing with access to water, fencing](#)

By Jason Johnson | *Woodburn, IA* | *North Central Region*

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Jeff Pollard, a Woodburn, Iowa, farmer and local advocate for soil and water conservation, is passing along his interest in livestock grazing to his daughter, Jennifer Miler. She's following in his footsteps as a cow-calf operator. Pollard and Miler are using USDA's conservation programs through the Natural Resources Conservation Service to help fulfill two main priorities for improving their grazing management systems: access to water and fencing.

Mountain Times: [Mission Farm expands river restoration efforts](#)

Killington, VT | *Northeast Region*

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A large-scale riparian planting project at Mission Farm recently added 523 trees and shrubs along the Ottauquechee River and the flood chute near

Mission Farm Road in Killington to strengthen flood resilience and improve wildlife habitat. The effort was led by The **Poultney Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District**.

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NEWS

75th Annual National Land and Range Judging Contest



OACD was proud to host the 75th Annual National Land & Range Judging Contest May 5–7, 2026, in El Reno, Oklahoma, alongside our partners at NRCS, the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, and countless dedicated steering committee volunteers.

Oklahoma's May weather cooperated beautifully as more than 740 4-H and FFA contestants, representing 191 teams from 32 states, from Florida to Washington, gathered to compete, learn, and connect through conservation.

This milestone year was made even more significant as we welcomed, for only the second time in the contest's history, the current NRCS Chief. Chief Aubrey Bettencourt spent two days in Oklahoma visiting with contestants at practice sites, culminating in keynote remarks at the awards banquet. Her message encouraged this next generation of conservation leaders to stay engaged, remain committed to stewardship, and take pride in their role shaping the future of working lands.

Hosting this contest is no small undertaking and stands as a testament to Oklahoma's deep rooted commitment to conservation as a shared value. Seventy five years later, we remain honored to serve as the national model for conservation partnerships done right.

View a full list of winners here: www.judgingcard.com

Featured article about Chief Bettencourt's visit: [Oklahoma Farm Report](#)

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This isn't just another conference, it's the beginning of something much bigger.

Join OACD and partners May 27–29 in Alva, Oklahoma for the Inaugural Southern Plains Grasslands Summit, where land stewards, producers, conservationists, and partners will come together to shape the future of one of the most important and often overlooked ecosystems in the country.

As the first gathering of its kind, this summit is an opportunity to:

- Help define the identity of the Southern Plains grasslands
- Identify opportunities for revitalization and reclamation
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- Connect with like-minded individuals committed to working lands and conservation

From ranching and wildlife to biodiversity and resource management, this event brings together diverse perspectives with a shared purpose: strengthening the land and the people who depend on it. And what a treasure we have right here in Northwest Oklahoma. Be part of the conversation. Be part of the movement. Help shape what comes next. Registration is now open. Secure your spot today:

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Introduction to Conservation Easements

June 10th, 2026 | 5-7 p.m.

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Join us for an evening introduction to conservation easements and how they help landowners protect working lands for future generations. This session will provide a clear, practical overview of how easements work, common funding sources, and the long-term benefits for land, water, and legacy planning. Enjoy dinner while connecting with fellow landowners and conservation partners, and bring your questions for an open, informal discussion.

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OSU seniors leave their mark on the future of agriculture



Oklahoma State University engineering students made their mark on the future of agriculture in their senior year by contributing to research on a technology that could change the way farmers plant seeds.

Every OSU engineering student is required to participate in an engineering design project, most of which work with external industry clients to help solve a problem.

"Usually, when you plant, you'll plow the land beforehand, and the purpose of a no-till drill is so that you don't have to plow," said Harrison Reed Frazier, a biosystems and agricultural engineering senior set to graduate this week. "Right now, in Oklahoma, it's a

big deal to not plow before you plant because the dust here can cause your seeds to shift.”

Logan Miller, owner of LL Implements, an agricultural equipment manufacturer based out of Oklahoma City, is building a no-till drill that attaches to a tractor and opens a furrow in the soil to plant seeds without disturbing the soil.

“On this technology, you have a part that opens the soil. You plant the seed, and then you close the soil right back up instead of opening every hole before you plant the seed,” Frazier said.

What Miller was missing was the technology to manage the distance at which the seeds are planted.....

To hear more about how Oklahoma State Students are learning and innovating, continue reading the Oklahoma Farm Report below!

Oklahoma Farm Report Article

Applications are now being accepted for the 2026 Oklahoma Leopold Conservation Award®.

Award applications may be submitted on behalf of a landowner, or landowners may nominate themselves. The application form can be found at www.sandcountyfoundation.org/ApplyLCA.

The application deadline date is July 10, 2026. Applications must be emailed to OklahomaLCA@sandcountyfoundation.org.



Applications are reviewed by an independent panel of agricultural and conservation leaders from Oklahoma. Last year's recipient was Bill Clark of Roff. To view profiles of all past recipients, [click here](#).

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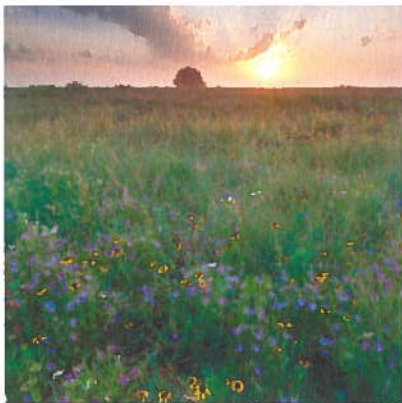


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National Land & Range Judging Contest

Since 1952, Oklahoma has welcomed high school students from across the United States to the National Land and Range Judging Contest | May 5-7 | El Reno, OK

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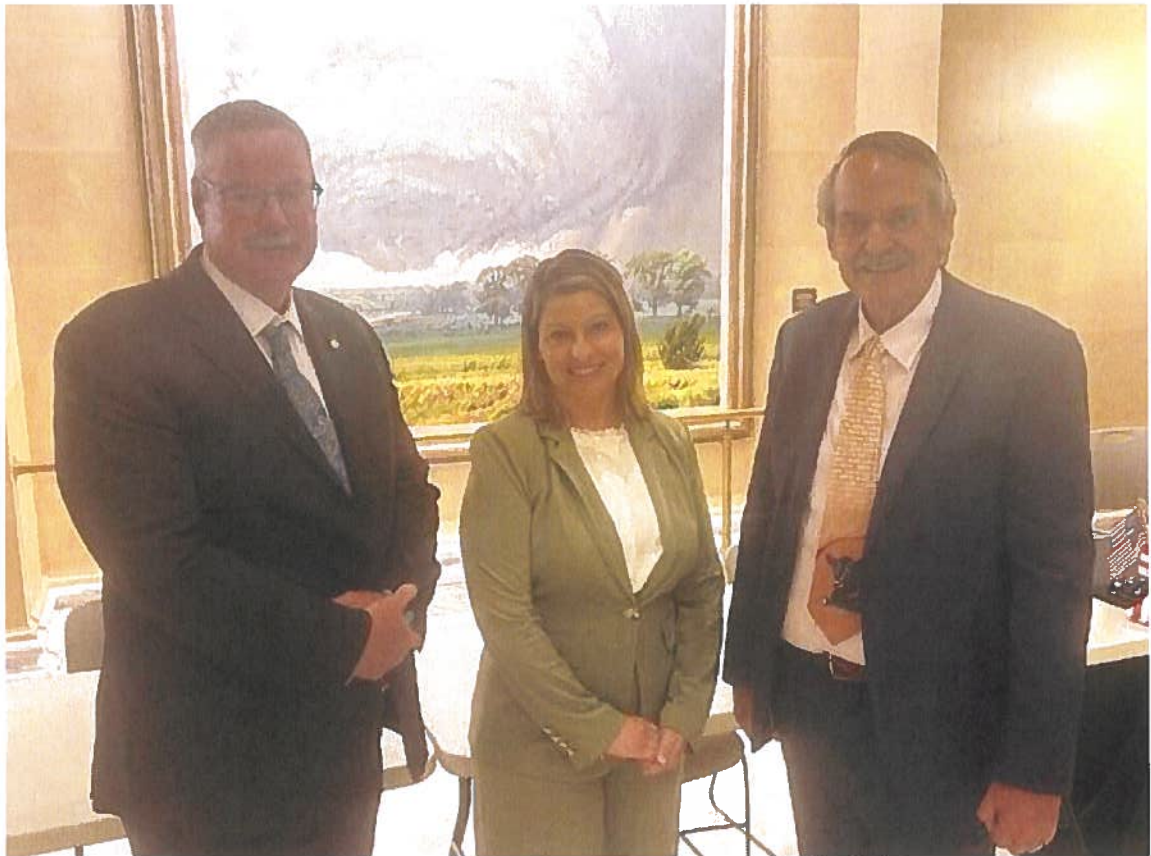
To Seed or Not to Seed After Clearing Brush?

This is a question our soil health team hears often. My typical response is that the latent seed bank will usually provide plenty of options if given the opportunity to thrive. Forbs are often the first to take advantage of the newly opened canopy and freshly disturbed soil. These plants may be considered weeds, but they can help restore recently cleared areas.

Forbs are specialists at covering the ground quickly, and most have taproots adapted to scavenge for micronutrients and minerals deeper in the rootzone, which are then brought back to the surface in plant residue and recycled back into the topsoil.

Continue reading Josh Anderson's advice for managing your land after clearing brush:

[Read Full Story](#)



Jessica Wilcox Nominated as New Area 1 Commissioner

On Tuesday, April 20, 2026, the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Wildlife unanimously passed Governor (J. Kevin) Stitt's nomination of Jessica Wilcox to serve as the Area 1 Commissioner for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, to serve a five-year term ending on June 30, 2031. Jessica Wilcox will succeed Area 1 Commissioner Dan Herald. The motion will now go to the Senate Floor for confirmation by the full Senate.

Jessica Wilcox serves as a director for the Major County Conservation District in Fairview, Oklahoma, and has served on the board since 2018. In addition to running a full-service Crop Insurance Agency, Jessica and her husband, Clint, rotate crops, including wheat, canola, milo, soybeans, and run a few head of cattle on their farm near Fairview.

Jessica grew up on a highly diversified farm in East Central Oklahoma producing corn, soybeans, wheat, hay, cattle, spinach, greens, sweet corn, and other produce. After studying plant and soil sciences, agricultural business, and agriculture economics at Oklahoma State University, Jessica has worked to be the best steward of our soil and water resources in her fields and beyond.

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PROGRAM UPDATES

There's still time to apply for the Emergency Drought Cost Share Program!

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North Fork of Red River Conservation District Awards Two Scholarships to Beckham County Students



Sayre, OK | The North Fork of Red River Conservation District awarded Austen Lindenfelser of Erick, OK, and Ainsley Partain of Elk City, with the Kenneth Hart Memorial Scholarship on May 12, 2026. This scholarship was formed in memory of Kenneth Hart of Elk City, Oklahoma (October 31, 1940-November 20, 2024).

A longtime member of the North Fork of Red River Conservation District Board, Hart was also a member of the Kiwanis Club, served on the Ag Expo Board, was a member of the Elk City Historical Society, Help Inc., and the Elk City Housing Authority. A principal for much of his career, Kenneth had a lasting impact on his county's youth.

"Kenneth was always a very generous person. He would be very proud to know there was a scholarship in his honor to help further students' education in Beckham County. I remember on one of our trips, Kenneth buying my family's meal and me telling him he didn't need to do that. He told me just to pay it forward and do it for someone else sometime," said North Fork of Red River Conservation District board chairman Mark DeLeon.

After Kenneth passed, the North Fork of Red River Conservation District board wanted to honor him in a meaningful way, recognizing the significant impact he had on the Elk City community. What started as a \$1,000 scholarship to one student, awarded to Merritt High School senior Luke Pepper in 2025, has now doubled through a generous \$10,000 donation from First National Bank & Trust of Elk City. This donation will help fund two \$1,000 scholarships each year to qualifying applicants.

"When I think about Kenneth Hart, I think integrity, kindness, and all the lives he positively impacted. I am one of the lucky ones who got to call him a friend," said Sandy Werner, Chief Executive Officer & President of First National Bank & Trust of Elk City.

Those interested in contributing to the Kenneth Hart Memorial Scholarship Fund in support of the North Fork of Red River Conservation District and its mission to honor Kenneth Hart's legacy while continuing to positively impact students in Beckham County may contact Cassandra Ausher, District Manager, at 580-928-3113, ext. 3019.

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Oklahoma Conservation Commission Announces Fourth Annual Crossroads Conference

Oklahoma City, OK | The Oklahoma Conservation Commission (OCC) and Garfield County Conservation District are excited to announce the fourth annual Crossroads Conference, set to take place on July 22, 2026 at the Autry Technology Center in Enid, Oklahoma. After taking the conference on the road at the 2025 Crossroads on the Road bus tour, partners are anticipating the return to a conference event, building on the success and growth of an event featuring real-world producers speaking about their approach to relatable challenges in today's agriculture.

Held at the crossroads of our nation, the 2026 Crossroads Conference is designed to bring agricultural producers together to connect, share knowledge, and foster innovation at the intersection of multiple production systems. This year's event will feature three distinct tracks tailored to farmers, ranchers, and urban/small farm food producers, ensuring relevant and valuable content for everyone in agriculture.

"Agriculture is constantly evolving, and the Crossroads Conference provides a critical space for producers to learn what others do to stay ahead of the curve. By bringing farmers together to learn how others are improving their soil health and land system function, we can continue to drive progress and build resilience in our agricultural operations," said Greg Kloxin, OCC Soil Health Program Director.

This year's conference will feature guest speakers, including Kit Pharo, Shaffer Ridgeway, and Brett Peshek. Owner of Pharo Cattle Company, Kit is a prolific blogger, podcaster, and rancher focused on developing cattle that fit their environment and can survive strictly on what the ranch produces with little to no additional inputs. Shaffer Ridgeway, owner of Southern Goods Farm, is several years into a small, multi-enterprise, direct-to-consumer farming operation, which he started to gain personal experience in building soil health and

system function. Brett Peshek is an Oklahoma-based regenerative rancher and entrepreneur who is widely recognized for his work promoting multi-species rotational grazing, biodiversity, and soil health.

"We hope to connect people whose agriculture practices differ from what their neighbors commonly do, so they can find a community of like-minded people to share ideas and advice with," said Meg Greski, OCC Soil Health Program Coordinator. "We also want to bring in knowledge and experiences from other parts of the US and the world that can be applied to solve problems close to home."

To register for the 2026 Crossroads Conference or to become a sponsor, please visit: <https://bit.ly/4dqM6mJ>

For more information, please contact Meg Greski at 580-827-5060 or meg.greski@conservation.ok.gov

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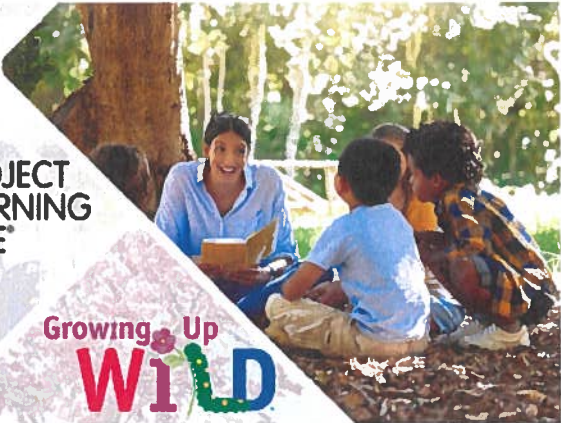
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ECOREGION HIGHLIGHT

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The Cross Timbers (CT) Ecoregion, also known as the Central Oklahoma/Texas Plains Ecoregion, stretches from southern Kansas, through central Oklahoma, and into central Texas. This ecoregion is a transitional zone between the forests of the east and the plains of the west. The western edge of this ecoregion coincides with the western limit of several species of mammals and insects that are more common in the east. Habitats in this ecoregion include the bottomland forests of post oaks and blackjack oaks in the east, and willows and cottonwoods in the west, tallgrass prairie, pockets of shortgrass prairie, and oak savannas. Two types of streams occur in the CT Ecoregion: wide, shallow, sand-choked streams and higher gradient streams that have gravel or cobble substrates. Sand Creek (pictured below) is an example of a CT stream with a gravel or cobble substrate. Sandy streams include the Cimarron River, the North Canadian River, and the Washita River.



SAND CREEK - OSAGE COUNTY

From the Volunteer Coordinator

Plastic pollution is bad for the whole environment...including wildlife and people!

Instead of decomposing, plastics break down into smaller and smaller pieces that are

in the air, water, and soil, and even us.

The Green Country Watersheds Coalition (in which Blue Thumb is a primary partner) is fighting plastic pollution through education and the distribution of reusable bags. If you take home your groceries and other household goods in plastic bags, you will help the environment by switching to reusable bags. Nearly half of all plastic pollution comes from what is called "single use plastics," like bags, soda cups, disposable eating utensils, etc.

Tell friends and neighbors! Give reusable bags as gifts! Are you interested in starting a reusable bag initiative in YOUR watershed? [Send an email to Cheryl.](#)

My Environmental Footprint

It has been at least a decade since I have taken one of the "environmental footprint" quizzes that provides a score on how you are doing with taking care of our earth. There is a link to take the quiz below this article. I am not happy with my results.

The test does the calculations in the metric system, so it was not as clear to me as it could have been. I think that subconsciously I chose this particular test so the results would be somewhat buffered to my understanding.

Where I did well:

- I have a small house
- I grow some of my own food
- I try to be seasonal in my selection of foods
- I rarely fly
- I do not buy too much new stuff

Where I did not-so-well:

- I drive a medium size car that uses fossil fuel
- I eat beef too often
- I heat my home with natural gas
- I run my AC too many hours

What is astonishing to me is that I know I am better than many of the people around me at living more lightly on our planet. Still, I am not living lightly enough. Also, I was surprised at how many sources I reviewed that encouraged less consumerism as a primary path toward a healthier earth. Blue Thumb had an entire calendar devoted to reducing our impact in 2020.

SO...now that I have reviewed my impact, I am looking at ways I can do better. I will start with thinking more about my meals. I will eat less meat, more vegetables, and will dine out less often. I will plant more vegetables in my garden.

I do not plan to change vehicles any time soon, but I will contemplate my routes and errands so that my trips are more efficient.

When I am out in the world and making purchases, I will be more intentional and less

subject to temptation.

I will renew my commitment to reducing my “stuff.” I recently took clothes from my closet and donated them to a thrift store, and I will continue on this journey. What I no longer need can be helpful to others. I have a pact with myself that I will buy no new shoes unless a pair (or two or three) are rehomed or perhaps disposed of.

I encourage you to learn a little more about your personal consumption, review the results and then see how you can make adjustments that help us to have a healthier earth. Talk to family, friends, and neighbors about your efforts. Start something good.

[Calculate Your Environmental Footprint](#)

Cheryl Cheadle
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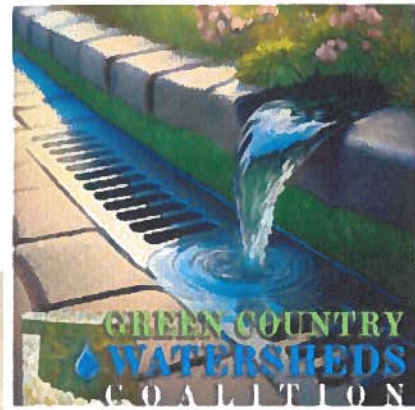
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Workshop 5: Early Childhood Environmental Education Programs
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Workshop 6: Environmental Education Materials
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June 8th and 9th: Wichita

Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Lawton

- K-12 Environmental Education (June 8th)
- Environmental Education Programs (June 9th)

September 22nd and 23rd: Beavers

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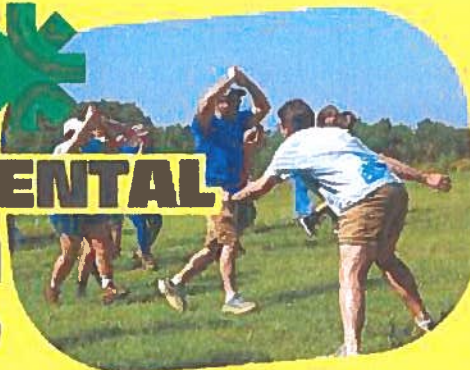
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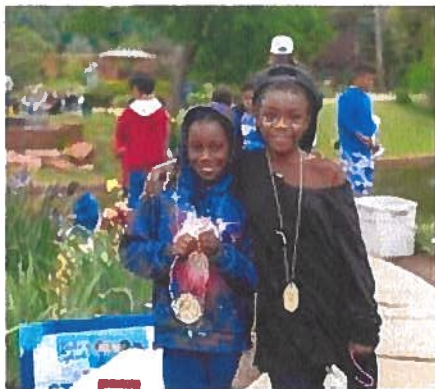
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ag.ok.gov/calendars

jack.hilgert@conservation.ok.gov

[Sign Up Here](#)

FBT is a small nonprofit organization that was formed primarily for the benefit of helping Blue Thumb volunteers effectively monitor and educate the public about protecting streams, rivers, and lakes. FBT does this primarily by providing small grants. If you would like more information, please reach out to Board president, [Terrie Becerra](#).





Check This Out!

- Don't release your pet goldfish! A new study found that goldfish can cause ecological collapse in lake ecosystems. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- Did you know that there is a whole association for Citizen Scientists? You can become a member and learn more about it [here](#)!
- Don't forget about the "[Stream Selfie](#)," a project from the [Izaak Walton League](#).

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District Services Update - May

From Clancy Green <Clancy.Green@Conservation.ok.gov>

Date Tue 5/5/2026 15:32

 2 attachments (328 KB)

2026.05_DirectorApptsApproved.pdf; 2026.05_JPOsApproved.pdf;

As always please take the time to review this email for important information, reminders, and dates. Including all the attachments. Also, be sure to mark your calendars with any important due dates or event dates – reminders of important dates are not usually sent. This email should be included as an item on your board meeting agenda for review and discussion. The information presented here is of value to your board members, too, and helps keep everyone up to date and informed.

The District Services update is sent each month following the OCC meeting – usually it will land in your inbox either the afternoon following the meeting or the day after. In most cases, the Commission meeting is always the first Monday of the month unless holidays or other scheduling conflicts arise.

Good afternoon,

Right on schedule, some atypical weather has arrived for National Land & Range contest. Always seems like we can count on cooler temps and at least a possible chance of rain in the El Reno area no matter how warm and dry it's been.

New Area 1 Commissioner

Jessica Wilcox, Major CCD District Director, has been appointed to serve as the new Area 1 Commissioner beginning July 1, 2026. She was unanimously confirmed by the Senate Agriculture Committee on April 20th. We are looking forward to working with her and will share her contact information (so you can update your minutes distribution) in either the June or July update.

We appreciate Dan Herald serving as the Area 1 Commissioner these past five years; he will conclude his service as the Area 1 Commissioner on June 30, 2026.

New District Employees

A big welcome to these new district employees:

- Danessa Krasser, District Manager, Tillman CCD

Director Appointments

The list of director appointments approved at the May 5, 2026, Commission meeting is attached. Letters and certificates will be mailed by the end of the week.

Election & Appointment Information for Terms Expiring 06/30/2026

Director appointment and election season is in full swing – director terms expiring on June 30, 2026, will require action. This will include the elected position E1 and one appointed position at EVERY DISTRICT. Information on the election process and the steps to be taken for appointments was emailed out to all districts on February 2. Please carefully review that email and all the associated attachments so no deadlines are missed. If you have questions about any part of the appointment or election process, please reach out to one of the District Services team members.

For the appointed position:

Keep in mind as you count attendance for a director being recommended for re-appointment that all regular meetings, including no quorum meetings, during the most recent term must be counted. The most recent term dates, unless a director was appointed to fill a vacancy, are from July 1, 2024, to the current meeting date at which the recommendation is approved. Do not count special meetings or canceled meetings. Because we have not yet reached June 2026, you should not have a total meeting count that is greater than 22.

For the elected position (E1):

Notice of Filing Period should have been published and the proof of publications emailed to your ADC. If this has not been completed, and you have not already spoken to your ADC, Brandon, or me, you need to reach out to one of us ASAP.

Filing period opened May 1 and ends May 14. Candidacy forms may only be completed during the filing period; any forms completed outside of the filing period are void. As you receive candidacy forms, please email them immediately to Brandon; do NOT hold them until the close of filing period. All candidacy forms must be emailed to Brandon by no later than 12 pm on Friday, May 15.

Be sure to review the procedures for holding an election in the event your district ends up having to eligible candidates file. There are numerous deadlines and items that must be completed in a very short timeframe.

JPOs

Attached is a list of the JPOs that were approved at the May 5, 2026 Commission meeting.

Guidance on updating the JPO for the new fiscal year was sent out on March 10. A draft of your district's updated JPO is due to your ADC by June 5; the final plan must be completed and submitted to the Commission by June 30. The process of reviewing the plans has been changed slightly in hopes of making the process go smoother for all of us. If you have questions about the process after reading the guidance, please let your ADC or me know.

Workday External Learner Set-up and Assigned Training

OMES has initiated the external learner set-up process for district employees who have emails. You should have received emails from me last week regarding how to complete the initial set-up, including setting your password. The username and password emails were sent to your personal email. The assigned training emails for SEAT security awareness and AI artificial intelligence were sent to your FN.LN@conservation.ok.gov email. If you did not receive the initial account emails, please let me know – the AI training must be completed within 30 days of assignment.

FY28 Budget Request

Information for the FY28 Budget Request was sent out on March 4. The FY28 Budget Request is due in both formats – excel and PDF - on July 15, 2026. On the second page of the request where you input current local funds expended, please remember to subtract funds that are provided by the Commission – we are only seeking the amount of local funds that are being expended. The updated budget request form

is available on the OCC website. Please also keep in mind that if you are requesting a new position, that it should align with current recognized position titles (i.e., District Manager, District Technicians, etc.).

Blazin' Grazin' and Other Wild Things Podcast

The Conservation Commission's second featured episode on the Blazin' Grazin' and Other Wild Things Podcast is now available! In episode 203 (<https://www.blazingrazinwildthings.com/>), "Eastern Redcedar: Why Oklahoma is Acting," Trey Lam and Trampas Trip discuss the invasive woody species programs and on-ground work being completed to manage cedars. The episode is also available on Apple Podcasts.

Handbook Updates

No updates were made to the Handbook this month.

Upcoming Important Dates

- May 1 – 14 – Filing Period open for E1 position
- May 15 – Filing forms due to OCC by 12:00 pm
- May 18 – Special meeting for election actions if needed in districts having elections
- May 19 – Teams Training: The OCC Process (Session 1)
- May 20 – Teams Training: The OCC Process (Session 2)
- May 20 – Director Appointments due for June OCC meeting
- May 22 – Notice of Election published in districts having elections
- May 29 – State AI training due (must be completed in WorkDay)
- May 29 – Notice of Election published in districts having elections
- June 2 – District Director Election Day – E1 position
- June 5 – JPO drafts due
- June 17 – Director Appointments due for July OCC meeting
- June 2 – Director Election Day; Position E1
- June 30 – JPOs due
- July 1 – Fiscal Year 27 begins
- July 15 – FY28 Budget Requests due

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please let your ADC, Brandon, or me know. We are happy to help.

Clancy Green

Certified Public Manager • Certified Procurement Officer I

District Services Director

Oklahoma Conservation Commission

2800 N. Lincoln Blvd. STE 200. Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Office: 405.522.2111

Cell: 405.227.8769

Email: clancy.green@conservation.ok.gov



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
EMERGENCY DROUGHT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
APPLICATION REVIEW and INSPECTION OF COMPLETED WORK

Tulsa County Conservation District

Applicant	
Name Three Ridge Ranch Top Ranch LLC	
Farm Name (if applicable)	
Email Address	Phone Number
Type of Applicant	
Application is for a ☐ District Director ☐ District Employee	
Applicant ☐ completed or ☒ started installation of the drought practice(s) selected below between August 10, 2025, and March 9, 2026.	
Practice(s) Installed	
	<u>Latitude / Longitude (required)</u>
☐ Watering Facility (can include pumping plant, pipeline, and HUAP)	
☐ Pasture Tap	
☐ Pumping Plant (standalone practice if installed on existing tank or well)	
☐ Pipeline (standalone practice if installed to existing tank or well)	
☒ Pond Cleanout (limited 1 per pasture, maximum 3 per applicant)	
☐ Water Well (can include pumping plant; well repair allowed; no payment for dry holes)	

Review		Inspection	
1	Was the application fully completed, signed, dated, and submitted with IRS Form W-9? ☒ Yes ☐ No	1	Do submitted receipts contain all required information? (e.g., merchant name, payer name, transaction date, amount paid, items description) ☒ Yes ☐ No
2	If not the landowner, was required documentation submitted? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A	2	Were the installed practice(s) the same as those listed on their Application? If no, list practices actually installed? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3	Has the applicant received EDAP funds in 2024, 2025, or 2026? (district director or employee applications only) ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A	3	Were practice(s) installed in the approved location? If no, record latitude/longitude of actual installation site. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Review		Inspection	
4	Is there evidence of an adequate water source on the property?	☐ Yes ☒ No	4 Do installed practice(s) appear complete and functional? (i.e. tank holds water, well is operational) ☒ Yes ☐ No
5	Is there evidence of livestock and / or a perimeter fence?	☒ Yes ☐ No	5 Was adequate before-and-after date stamped photographic documentation provided? ☒ Yes ☐ No
6	Was the property reviewed using aerial mapping prior to site visit?	☒ Yes ☐ No	6 Based on documentation and inspection, were program requirements met? ☒ Yes ☐ No
7	Did observations indicate a legitimate need?	☒ Yes ☐ No	7 Was the payment request submitted to the district board? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Review Remarks 06/12/2026 - Conducted a field visit. Due to the spring rains, the pond has more water in it, but could see evidence of cleanout. Do not have before pictures due to it being completed prior to March 09, 2026 Pictures attached to claim and in file.		Inspection Remarks 06/12/2026 - Conducted a field visit. Due to the spring rains, the pond has more water in it, but could see evidence of cleanout. Do not have before pictures due to it being completed prior to March 09, 2026 Pictures attached to claim and in file.	
Reviewer Name (print) Gabriel Parker		Inspector Name (print) Gabriel Parker	
Signature		Signature	
Date Review was Performed 06/12/2026		Date Inspection was Performed 06/12/20226	

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

EMERGENCY DROUGHT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

APPLICATION REVIEW and INSPECTION OF COMPLETED WORK

Tulsa County

Conservation District

Applicant	
Name Victoria Ice	
Farm Name (if applicable) Skyline	
Email Address	Phone Number
Type of Applicant	
Application is for a ☐ District Director ☐ District Employee Applicant ☐ completed or ☒ started installation of the drought practice(s) selected below between August 10, 2025, and March 9, 2026.	
Practice(s) Installed	
	<u>Latitude / Longitude (required)</u>
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Review		Inspection	
1	Was the application fully completed, signed, dated, and submitted with IRS Form W-9?	1	Do submitted receipts contain all required information? (e.g., merchant name, payer name, transaction date, amount paid, items description)
	☒ Yes ☐ No		☐ Yes ☐ No
2	If not the landowner, was required documentation submitted?	2	Were the installed practice(s) the same as those listed on their Application? If no, list practices actually installed?
	☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A		☐ Yes ☐ No
3	Has the applicant received EDAP funds in 2024, 2025, or 2026? (district director or employee applications only)	3	Were practice(s) installed in the approved location? If no, record latitude/longitude of actual installation site.
	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A		☐ Yes ☐ No

Review		Inspection	
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6	Was the property reviewed using aerial mapping prior to site visit?	☒ Yes ☐ No	6 Based on documentation and inspection, were program requirements met? ☐ Yes ☐ No
7	Did observations indicate a legitimate need?	☒ Yes ☐ No	7 Was the payment request submitted to the district board? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Review Remarks		Inspection Remarks	
06/19/2026 - Conducted a site visit of the location where the well and pumping plant will be installed. Pictures taken and located in the file.			
Reviewer Name (print)		Inspector Name (print)	
Gabriael Parker			
Signature		Signature	
Date Review was Performed		Date Inspection was Performed	
06/19/2026			

Notarized Claim Voucher

And

Disbursement of Payroll Withholdings

6660 S. Sheridan Rd Suite 120

ALT. NAME: **Tulsa, OK 74133**

Vend I.D.:

73-0723957

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TOTAL CLAIM AMOUNT	AGENCY BUSINESS UNIT	CLAIM VOUCHER NO.	WARRANT NO.
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TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED	\$ 7,500.00
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For Agency Use Only:

Date received

The undersigned contractor, vendor, individual, or duly sworn agent, of lawful age, upon oath says that this claim is true and correct. Affiant further states that the work, services, or materials as shown by this claim have been completed or supplied in accordance with the plans, specifications, orders, requests, and all other terms of the contract. Affiant also states that any refunds represented by this payment are due. (NOTE: Claimant signature only for payroll withholding refunds.

State of *Oklahoma*County of *Tulsa*

Claimant

Subscribed and sworn before me

Notary Public (or Clerk or Judge)

My Commission expires

April 16, 2029

APPLICATION FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT COOPERATOR AGREEMENT

This is a formal application to have a Conservation District Cooperator Agreement executed between the Tulsa County Conservation District and the following person(s):

Name of Applicant(s) Tilda Hensley (Dynamite Bison Ranch)

Mailing Address _____

OWASSO OK 74055

Telephone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Signature of Applicant(s): y Date _____

Date _____

The next regular board meeting is scheduled on _____, 2_____
and this application and Cooperator Agreement will be a part of the meeting agenda.

District Representative _____ Date _____

CONSERVATION DISTRICT COOPERATOR AGREEMENT

This is an agreement between the Tulsa County Conservation District, hereinafter referred to as District and Tilda Hensley, hereinafter referred to as Cooperator(s).

Check either Landowner or Non-landowner box:

☒ Landowner:

The Cooperator(s) Agrees to:

1. Cooperate with the representative of the District to develop as rapidly as feasible, a conservation plan for his/her land.
2. Start applying one or more conservation practices as provided in the conservation plan and which meets the technical standards of the District.
3. Maintain all conservation practices established in an effective condition and continue the use of all conservation measures put into effect.

The District Agrees to:

1. Furnish Cooperator(s) with technical assistance as needed in developing a conservation plan based upon a soil and plant inventory of the land.
2. Furnish the Cooperator(s) a conservation soils map, aerial photo and job sheets for needed conservation practices.
3. Furnish the Cooperator(s) with information, guidance and needed technical assistance as available for proper maintenance of established conservation measures.
4. Keep Cooperator(s) informed of conservation programs suitable for implementation on their land.

☐ Individual Non-Landowner, Organization or Business:

The Cooperator Agrees to:

1. Work with representatives of the District to carry out planned projects, assist with district activities and participate in district events.
2. Become knowledgeable about the District. Suggested ways to do this are attend board meetings, volunteer to help with District activities, read District materials, attend conservation meetings or visit with district directors or staff.
3. Provide input to the District as they develop their conservation goals and needs assessments.

The District Agrees to:

1. Provide information and education to the Cooperator(s) so they will be informed about the District, conservation programs, and District activities.
2. Provide opportunities for Cooperator(s) to become involved in information and education events and activities, and other District activities and projects.
3. Provide recognition to Cooperator(s) for assistance to the District.

It is mutually agreed that:

1. Provisions of this agreement are understood by the Cooperator(s) and the District and that neither shall be liable for damage to the other's property resulting from carrying out this agreement unless such damage is caused by negligence or misconduct.
2. This agreement supersedes any previous Cooperator Agreement between the Cooperator(s) and the District.
3. This agreement will become effective on the date of the last signature and may be terminated by either party upon written notice.

Signature of Cooperator(s)  Date 4-22-26

Date _____

Signature of District Chair _____

Date approved by district board _____

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
CONSERVATION COST-SHARE PROGRAM
APPLICATION

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Tulsa Field Office

Conservation District **Tulsa County**

Name **Bill Wiginton**

Address [REDACTED] City **Inola** State **OK** Zip **74036**

Phone Number [REDACTED] Email [REDACTED]

Do you have an approved conservation plan? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you have a district cooperators agreement? ☐ Yes ☒ No

For which conservation practice(s) are you applying? **need more info on what is available**

County where practice(s) will be installed. **Tulsa** Legal Description **1/4 1/4** Section **1** Township **1** Range **1**

Do you own or rent this land? ☐ Own ☒ Rent

If you are not the landowner, provide a properly executed consent form from the owner(s) of the land and file it with this application.

- I am a United States citizen or a qualified alien under federal Immigration and Naturalization Act, and I am lawfully present in the United States
- Completing this form **does not** guarantee cost-share assistance.
- If approved for cost-share assistance, I understand that a cash or in-kind match is required.
- Each application will be evaluated and ranked by the conservation district based on established criteria.
- Construction/installation/implementation of this practice **prior to application approval** will result in ineligibility of cost-share assistance.
- If approved for cost-share assistance, the applicant must sign a Performance and Maintenance Agreement **before construction may begin**.
- I am **not** an Oklahoma Conservation Commission commissioner or employee, conservation district employee or the spouse of any of these people mentioned.

To the best of my knowledge, the information on this application is correct.

Applicant Signature **Bill Wiginton**

Digitally signed by Bill Wiginton
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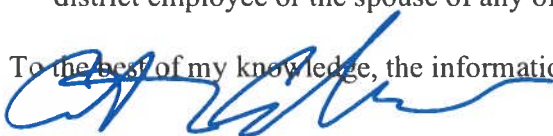
Date _____

STATE OF OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COST-SHARE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Conservation District				tulsa	
Name Coty Calvert					
Address		City collinsville	State OK	Zip 74021	
Telephone		Email			
Do you have an approved conservation plan?		Yes ☒ No			
Do you have a district cooperator agreement?		Yes ☒ No			
For which conservation practice(s) are you applying? Fencing for cattle					
County where conservation practice(s) will be constructed. Tulsa			Do you own or rent this land? ☒ Own ☐ Rent		
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To the best of my knowledge, the information on this application is true and correct.



Applicant Signature

Date

1/20/26

Conservation District Approve or Not Approve (to be completed by conservation district board)

We have reviewed the cost-share application and make the following recommendations based on and the conservation district's application ranking system and program guidelines.

Approve application for cost-share assistance.

Not Approve the application for cost-share assistance.

Date _____

STATE OF OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COST-SHARE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Conservation District	Tulsa County
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Name Ryan K Jones /Flying R Ranch			
Address	City Glenpool	State Ok	Zip 74033
Phone Number	Email		
Do you have an approved conservation plan? ☐ Yes ☒ No If you don't, you will by the deadlines			
Do you have a district cooperator agreement? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
For which conservation practice(s) are you applying? all			
County where practice(s) will be installed. Tulsa		Legal Description ____ 1/4 ____ 1/4 Section 22 Township 17 Range 12	
Do you own or rent this land? ☒ Own ☐ Rent			
If you are <u>not</u> the landowner, provide a properly executed consent form from the owner(s) of the land and file it with this application.			

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Applicant Signature



Date **4/30/2026**

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA
Tulsa Field Office
CONSERVATION COST-SHARE PROGRAM
APPLICATION

Conservation District			
Name	Greg A Daubney		
Address	City	State	Zip
	Bixby	OK	74008
Telephone	Email		
Do you have an approved conservation plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No			
Do you have a district cooperator agreement? ☒ Yes ☐ No			
For which conservation practice(s) are you applying? brush removal			
County where conservation practice(s) will be constructed. Tulsa		Do you own or rent this land? ☒ Own ☐ Rent	
If you are NOT the landowner, provide a properly executed consent form signed by the landowner(s) must be attached to this application			

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To the best of my knowledge, the information on this application is true and correct.

Greg A. Daubney
Applicant Signature

12-19-2025
Date

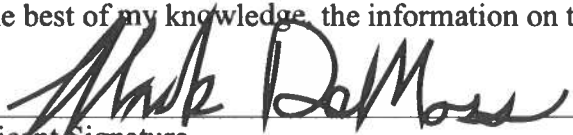
Conservation District Approve or Not Approve (to be completed by conservation district board)	
We have reviewed the cost-share application and make the following recommendations based on and the conservation district's application ranking system and program guidelines	
Approve application for cost-share assistance	Not Approve the application for cost-share assistance
Date	

STATE OF OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COST-SHARE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Conservation District Tulsa County			
Name Mark DeMoss			
Address [REDACTED]		City Tulsa	State OK
Zip 74107			
Telephone [REDACTED]	Email		
Do you have an approved conservation plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No			
Do you have a district cooperators agreement? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
For which conservation practice(s) are you applying? Well Service			
Legal Description [REDACTED] $\frac{1}{4}$ [REDACTED] $\frac{1}{4}$ Section [REDACTED] Township [REDACTED] Range [REDACTED]		Latitude / Longitude [REDACTED] Lat [REDACTED] Long	
County where conservation practice(s) will be constructed. Tulsa County		Do you own or rent this land? ☒ Own ☐ Rent	
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05/01/26
Date

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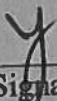
Date _____

STATE OF OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COST-SHARE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Conservation District <u>Tulsa</u>			
Name <u>Tilda Hensley</u>			
Address _____		City <u>DWASSO</u>	State <u>OK</u>
Zip <u>74055</u>			
Telephone _____	Email _____		
Do you have an approved conservation plan?		Yes ☐ No ☒	
Do you have a district cooperator agreement?		Yes ☐ No ☒	
For which conservation practice(s) are you applying? <u>land improvement / weed control</u>			
County where conservation practice(s) will be constructed. <u>Tulsa</u>		Do you own or rent this land? ☐ Own ☒ Rent	
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Applicant Signature

4-22-26
Date

Conservation District Approve or Not Approve (to be completed by conservation district board)

We have reviewed the cost-share application and make the following recommendations based on and the conservation district's application ranking system and program guidelines.

Approve application for cost-share assistance.

Not Approve the application for cost-share assistance.

Date _____

STATE OF OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COST-SHARE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Conservation District	
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Name Patrick McCarty			
Address	City Glenpool	State OK	Zip 74033
Phone Number	Email		
Do you have an approved conservation plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No			
Do you have a district cooperator agreement? ☒ Yes ☐ No			
For which conservation practice(s) are you applying? Pond Construction			
County where practice(s) will be installed. Tulsa		Legal Description ____ 1/4 ____ 1/4 Section ____ Township ____ Range	
Do you own or rent this land? ☒ Own ☐ Rent			
If you are <u>not</u> the landowner, provide a properly executed consent form from the owner(s) of the land and file it with this application.			

- I am a United States citizen or a qualified alien under federal Immigration and Naturalization Act, and I am lawfully present in the United States - Completing this form does not guarantee cost-share assistance. - If approved for cost-share assistance, I understand that a cash or in-kind match is required. - Each application will be evaluated and ranked by the conservation district based on established criteria. - Construction/installation/implementation of this practice prior to application approval will result in ineligibility of cost-share assistance. - If approved for cost-share assistance, the applicant must sign a Performance and Maintenance Agreement before construction may begin. - I am not an Oklahoma Conservation Commission commissioner or employee, conservation district employee or the spouse of any of these people mentioned. - I own or operate 20 acres or more and sell \$1,000 or more of soil dependent products annually.	
To the best of my knowledge, the information on this application is correct.	
Applicant Signature Patrick McCarty	Digitally signed by Patrick McCarty Date: 2026.05.22 21:03:40 -05'00'
Date 05/22/2026	

STATE OF OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COST-SHARE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Conservation District			
Name <u>Post Oak LLC Steve Buckman, Mgr.</u>			
Address <u>[REDACTED]</u>		City <u>Bixby</u>	State <u>OK</u> Zip <u>74008</u>
Telephone <u>[REDACTED]</u>	Email <u>[REDACTED]</u>		
Do you have an approved conservation plan?		Yes	<u>No</u>
Do you have a district cooperator agreement?		Yes	<u>No</u>
For which conservation practice(s) are you applying? <u>Fence, Water, Grazing, Virtual Fence Collars</u>			
County where conservation practice(s) will be constructed. <u>Tulsa</u>		Do you own or rent this land? <u>Own</u> Rent	
If you are NOT the landowner, provide a properly executed consent form signed by the landowner(s) must be attached to this application.			

- I am a United States citizen or a qualified alien under federal Immigration and Naturalization Act, and I am lawfully present in the United States
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To the best of my knowledge, the information on this application is true and correct.

Post Oak LLC
Steve V. Buckman, Mgr. 5-22-24
Applicant Signature Date

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Approve application for cost-share assistance.

Not Approve the application for cost-share assistance.

Date _____

STATE OF OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COST-SHARE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Conservation District Tulsa County			
Name Mitt Chinsethagid			
Address		City Bixby	State OK Zip 74008
Telephone		Email	
Do you have an approved conservation plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No			
Do you have a district cooperator agreement? ☒ Yes ☐ No			
For which conservation practice(s) are you applying? Pond			
Legal Description NWC S/2 NE SE939 56 CI ____ 1/4 ____ 1/4 Section ____ Township ____ Range ____		Latitude / Longitude ____ Lat ____ Long	
County where conservation practice(s) will be constructed. Tulsa		Do you own or rent this land? ☒ Own ☐ Rent	
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Mitt Chinsethagid
Applicant Signature

5/5/26

Date

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Date _____



Claims - OCC Process Training Takeaways

May 2026

This training resource is designed to help conservation district directors and employees stay informed of key points discussed in recent web-based training. The document should be listed on the district's meeting agenda for discussion and review.

Steps for Reimbursement Claims when they arrive at the Commission:

- Administrative Assistant receives and opens the mail
- All mail receives a date stamp of when received
- Mail is delivered to divisions once it has been stamped and sorted
- Placing sticky notes on the claim form helps to keep mail organized by division and/or recipient name
- Claims are then delivered to each division
- District Services audits the claim
- Finance verifies funds
- OMES pays the claim
- Funds arrive in the district's account

First In – First Out

- Claims are processed by the date received, unless the claim is incomplete; generally, District Services aims to process any claim received within 3 business days of receipt
- There are many steps to processing a reimbursement claim
- Claims may be rejected and returned if all required policies/procedures are not followed for the OSF-3 form and/or the personnel items. Some of these reasons include but are not limited to:
 - Payroll worksheet and timesheet not signed in blue ink by board member and employee
 - Calculations incorrect on payroll sheets
 - Leave accruals incorrect on timesheets
 - District name is not typed or electronically on the OSF form, FEI Number is missing
 - 941 Federal Taxes paid form not included
- District Services places payment priority on salary items. If an operating expense item is missing the backup documentation, the item will be removed from the claim. This prevents delays in salary reimbursements. Examples of when this may occur:
 - Bank statement not provided
 - Itemized invoice not provided
- Travel Claims are processed the same as any other reimbursement. The travel claim must have the same information on it: the check number paid with, the date paid, the two digit item code, and your initials and "OK."
- Use the Reimbursement Claims Checklist to ensure all required items are on the reimbursement claim and that all backup documentation is complete.

The Definition of a Finance Team/What Does the OCC Finance Team Do?

- District Services and the Finance Team do not perform same roles/tasks
- Finance Team budget checks and deducts salaries, operating expenses and other funds off each districts PO from the requested OSF Form
- They apply funds upon verification of availability of said funds
- Works with upper management for approval and signatures

OMES

- All claims are scanned to OMES (Office of Management & Enterprise Services) to be processed
- OMES acts as the treasury department when sending out the funds to your district
- OMES is responsible for processing direct deposits
- Email notifying of direct deposit comes from OMES – known as an Advice Statement
- An invoice number and a voucher number will be on the e-mail that comes from OMES
- OMES has their own internal procedures and acts as the bank for the OCC
- OCC does not have control when funds are disbursed to the districts – this is controlled by OMES
- OMES processes reimbursements to many state agencies not just OCC; their volume can be very high

What If You Have Question(s) About Your Claim?

- Contact District Services via email or phone and the division will look into your question
- Generally, allow at least two weeks to receive your claim payment, but if it has been longer, email or call the division and we will look into it.
- Be prepared to provide the invoice or voucher number on the Advice Statement.
- OCC does not have access to OMES system; we generally can tell you if the claim has been submitted to OMES for payment, but we do not know when payment will be issued.

Barcodes/QR Codes

- The machine/scanner used by the Finance Team misreads barcodes/QR codes as additional claims and will reject the forms.
- Please mark through barcodes/QR codes with a black marker prior to submitting your claim
- Marking out barcodes/QR Codes is very time-consuming for the division to do; help us process your claim faster by completing this step before sending in your claim.

Additional Resources

- OCC District Services Division
- Area District Coordinators
- Forms & Checklists available on the OCC website
- Training presentation PDFs available on the OCC website

(District Name) Conservation District
District Manager Performance Review

DATE:	EVALUATION PERIOD			TO
PERFORMANCE LEVEL:	DOES NOT MEET STANDARDS	MEETS STANDARDS	EXCEEDS STANDARDS	NOT APPLICABLE
<u>Major Job Duties</u>				
Clerical:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Board Meetings:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cost Share:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Educational Activities:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Financial Records:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Payroll:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Watershed Program:	☐	☐	☐	☐
District Management:	☐	☐	☐	☐
<u>Other Work Components</u>				
Job Knowledge:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Technical Skills:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Productivity:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Work Quality:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Attendance:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Dependability:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Initiative:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Commitment:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Teamwork:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Problem Solving:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Work Attitude:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Communication Skills:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Customer Service:	☐	☐	☐	☐
Decision Making:	☐	☐	☐	☐
<i>Comments, continue on back of this page or attach additional sheets if needed:</i>				
<i>Plan for Changes or Improvements (as discussed and agreed upon by employee and board), continue on back of this page or attach additional sheets if needed:</i>				
<i>Employee Signature:</i>				
<i>Board Chair Signature:</i>				