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MAY 2026

Meetings Attended:

-  **April 30** Navigating Difficult Conversations Training - TEAMS (Stephanie)
-  **May 4** Upper Black Bear Site 62 Update Meeting City of Perry – TEAMS (Janet)
-  **May 5** Commission Meeting – El Reno, OK
-  **May 6** ReNEW Agreement Discussion - TEAMS
-  **May 6** Weekly water quality agreements review - TEAMS (Stephanie)
-  **May 7** National Land and Range Judging - El Reno, OK (Stephanie)
-  **May 7** LeFlore CCD Board Meeting - Poteau, OK (Stephanie)
-  **May 13** Google Project Implementation Meeting - TEAMS (Stephanie)
-  **May 13** Discussion Risk Management on Insurance – TEAMS (Janet)
-  **May 14** Navigating Difficult Conversations Training - TEAMS (Stephanie)
-  **May 14** Chickasaw Nation TIME Grant Invoices Meeting - TEAMS (Stephanie)
-  **May 15** Weekly water quality agreements review - TEAMS (Stephanie)
-  **May 18** Weekly water quality agreements review - TEAMS (Stephanie)
-  **May 19** Easement review with LeFlore CCD - TEAMS (Stephanie)
-  **May 19** Karsten Creek Survey Requirement Meeting – Stillwater, OK (Janet)
-  **May 20** PDM Monthly Meeting with NRCS – Stillwater, OK (Janet)
-  **May 21** Presentation on Flood Control Dams – Stillwater, OK (Janet)
-  **May 28** Principal Staff Meeting – OKC, OK (Janet)
-  **May 28** Weekly water quality agreements review - TEAMS (Stephanie)

Conservation District Issues:



















Responded to issues and questions for or on behalf of the following conservation districts:










Arbuckle CD, Caney Valley CD, Creek CCD, Dewey CCD, East Canadian County CD, Garfield CCD, Garvin CCD, LeFlore CCD, Lincoln CCD, Logan CCD, Marshal CCD, McClain CCD, Noble CCD, North Caddo CD, Oklahoma CCD, Payne CCD, Pontotoc CCD, Pottawatomie County Development Authority, Roger Mills CD, Tulsa CCD, and Wagoner CCD

Responded to questions or issues by conservation districts regarding the following topics:








Followed up with Hecate regarding solar farm development progress and payments associated with damage to Caddo watershed sites caused by a landowner.



-  Discussed a landowner request for the district to repair a collapsed and deteriorated bridge located downstream of a flood control structure. Reviewed a historical agreement in which the district previously agreed to make repairs, while clarifying that future repairs are not the district's responsibility. Also discussed whether the landowner could independently repair the bridge and the issues that would need to be addressed before repairs could proceed.
-  Assisted in drafting a letter to a landowner regarding District access to Little Deep Fork Creek Site 32, including access through a locked gate requiring a key or passcode.
-  Assisted in drafting a participation form for producers involved in the District's Jujube Project.
-  Discussed an Open Records Request received by the Commission seeking district purchasing records.
-  Discussed the dissolution process for the Turkey Creek Conservancy District and prepared a written outline of the statutory process.
-  Followed up on the status of Sandy Creek Sites 27 and 28 regarding landowner requests to construct improvements below the top of the dam.
-  Worked with district on understanding easements and working with landowners for Caston Mountain Creek flood control structures
-  Discussed presentation for the June Watershed Outreach Program.
-  Followed up on the pending legal matter involving Bear Fall Coon Creek Site 20.
-  Responded to questions regarding a request by the Assistant District Attorney to place an executive session item on the district's meeting agenda and for the ADA to attend the executive session by telephone.
-  Assisted in drafting correspondence to the Board regarding employee timekeeping and time-off matters.
-  Drafted an easement violation letter concerning Criner Creek Site 5 for review and consideration by the District Board.
-  Followed up with the district regarding the status of stream plugging activities at Criner Creek Site 2 associated with irrigation use.
-  Assisted the District with a proposed pipeline crossing below Criner Creek Site 13.
-  Prepared and distributed meeting notes regarding Criner Creek Site 5, including identified next steps and legal and operational considerations.
-  Reviewed and discussed agreements and reimbursement documents related to Upper Black Bear Creek Site 62.
-  Provided guidance to a District concerning a dispute involving a private landowner seeking District action against another private landowner and a privately owned dam.
-  Reviewed emergency drought issues, including discussion regarding the legal interpretation of what constitutes a "farm."

-  Prepared for and attended a meeting concerning Karsten Creek and the need for updated surveying following golf course construction activities.
-  Assisted the District with issues related to the potential development of a large solar farm affecting multiple Leader Middle Clear Boggy Creek and Upper Clear Boggy watershed sites.
-  Reviewed concerns related to the Wes Watkins Reservoir Wetlands Project near North Deer Creek Site 1M.
-  Reviewed issues associated with a proposed battery storage facility located below Sandstone Creek Site 16A.
-  Researched and reviewed USDA-NRCS service of process procedures and how conservation districts fit within that process.
-  Responded to inquiry regarding construction of illegal dam and referred district to refer landowner to Oklahoma Water Resources Board
-  Responded to inquiry regarding political engagement during private time, while not using position as state officer or employee for political gain
-  Advised District on if concrete pad surrounding watering facility could be funded by Emergency Drought funds, guided District through EDP guidelines
-  Agreed to present information to landowners regarding watershed easements for District




Rehabilitation and Repair Projects:

-  **Caston Mountain Creek Sites 1 & 2** – One of 4 ingress/egress easements signed. Discussed with primary landowner possible issue of existing bridge washout due to increased outflow of structure. Conservation Programs division and NRCS considering bridge washout issue.
-  **Fourche Maline Creek Site 7M** – No further update. Meeting to be scheduled with landowner to discuss easement or sale.
-  **Sallisaw Creek Site 33** – Construction has started. Responded to inquiry from landowner regarding change in elevation of permanent pool from original design.
-  **Upper Black Bear Site 62** – The Reimbursement Agreement for relocation of a gas line and the plugging of a well is being finalized. The agreements for the relocation of the water line have been finalized.
-  **Sallisaw Creek Site 34** – Evaluation of land rights conducted.











Other Flood Control Issues:


-  **Lower Bayou Creek Site 12** – One large landowner agreed to easement for \$75,600 for a 40-acre easement for water encroachment. Landowner made edits to easement and are being considered by NRCS. Primary landowner in discussions to purchase final needed property.
-  **Criner Creek Site 5** – Meeting held on April 27th. Meeting Purpose to address recent modifications to a private dam located within the easement and flood pool of Site 5. Discussion topics included impact analysis, overtopping evaluation, breach and series

failure analysis, back toe reinforcement, potential interference with Site 5 infrastructure, dam safety permit process, project completion documentation, and long term O&M. District may consider issuing a notice of easement violation to the landowner outlining current conditions, potential impacts, and associated responsibilities, liabilities, and considerations. OWRB has since shared that the design engineer has already completed a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis demonstrating the impacts of the proposed modifications on Criner 5's storage curve and confirming that the modifications will not contribute to overtopping of Criner 5 during the 25% PMF event.


-  **4 Mile Creek** - Follow up on scheduled work on plunge basin erosion and GSS failure in channel within next 30 days.
-  **Leader Middle Clear Boggy Creek Sites 14-17** – Evaluating impacts for these sites as well as several Upper Clear Boggy Creek sites regarding the potential construction of a very large solar farm in and around these sites. Working with solar farm to look at location of solar facilities as well as potential changes in hydrology.
-  **Cottonwood Creek Site 16** – Assisting district with the proposed datacenter in easement of Site 16. A trip report from NRCS has been issued to the district for consideration.


Key Activities and Updates:

-  Edited language on Woody Invasive Species Cost Share application for Land Management Division
-  Drafted easement violation letter for Criner Creek Site 5 for consideration by the McClain County CD Board
-  Prepared and shared notes from meeting with OWRB on Criner Creek Site 5
-  Responded to Weird question of the day regarding the collection of sales tax by districts for event registrations and other similar expenses to the public
-  Reviewed and shared language for the Cottonwood Creek Site 16 trip report regarding the location of a data center within the easement boundaries of Site 16.
-  Drafted response to OMES Risk Management on conservation district insurance renewal regarding the Government Tort Claims Act, additional insured, and certificates of insurance as applies to districts
-  Researched if the Commission has records on the Deloitte Relativity platform that would need to be moved over to the new OMES platform as it relates to large open record requests
-  Reviewed Hoffman's attorney redlines on flood storage easement for Lower Bayoe Creek Site 12 as well as follow up redline language by Stephanie
-  Assisted in the draft of a response to Commission staff
-  Responded to two (2) OPEN RECORD REQUESTS FROM Sunlight Access regarding purchasing documents for East Canadian CD and Comanche County CD

 Update on complaint by producer on the implementation of the Emergency Drought Program regarding the definition of a farm located in 2 different conservation districts

 Reviewed Stillwater Creek Site 40 Water Improvement Project

 Contacted the City of El Reno regarding plunge basin erosion and toe drain issues on Four Mile Creek and the failure of 2 GSS's on 4 Mile Creek Channel to see when City will be taking action to get issues repaired

 Discussion with NRCS on next steps for Kadashan Bottoms Site 2 where private pond of the Golf Course is negatively impacting the auxiliary spillway

 **Beale Infrastructure Donation to Wetlands Restoration:**

- Agreement has been fully executed. Working with Beale on appropriate press release statements.
- Beale working with Jeannie

 **NFWF Grant Execution Advising:**

- Began editing Agreement with Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes

 **Conservancy District Status Inquiries:**

- Responded to two (2) conservancy district assessment letter requests: Conservancy District #11 and Okmulgee Creek Conservancy District #1

 **Google Project:**

- Reviewed and made edits to sent agreement from Google consultant. Awaiting edits to agreement from Google legal team. Google consultant requested agreement be added to June Commission meeting agenda.
- Created proposed funding disbursement schedule for funds

 **Southern Oklahoma Urban and Small Farm Hub:**

- Assisted in clarifying agreement budget amount discrepancy with Chickasaw Nation
- Assisted in getting CDFA # from TIME to track federal grant dollars
- Continued to stand by and monitor for legal needs. Invoices have begun to be paid by pass-through entity.

 **Weaver Contracting App:**

- Has been largely functional. Continuing to monitor for issues.

 **Agreements:**

- Drafted standard agreements template with required state language
- Drafted federal EPA standard agreements template with required language
- Reviewed EPA multimedia consent forms for use of photos of staff
- Drafted ReNEW Landowner agreement and addendum
- Completed USGS-912 analysis for Ratification needed and amendment
- Advised Environmental Programs Manager that agreement and work product from Tar Creek Trustee Council watershed-based planning framework project could be shared with other potential partner as example of work
- Approved 2 agreements via new agreements tool and performed minor troubleshooting

- Assisted in getting fully executed copy of ODAFF lab agreement for water quality division
- Advised on need for no cost time extension on agreement for water quality division
- Crafted time extension agreement for between the Commission (GIS) and OSU for mapping early -stage juniper encroachment in Payne County using very high spatial resolution, leaf-off remote sensing and machine learning.
- Prepared and finalized Redlands Lease Agreement
- Signed USGS ratification agreement
- Reviewed language for land management division expenditure agreement
- Reviewed general and federal agreement templates for Water Quality and other Commission staff



Update Dunda v Konawa et al, CJ-2026-414:

- The April 28 hearing was cancelled by the judge due to a scheduling conflict and has not yet been reset. It was subsequently determined that the Plaintiff's Application to Amend should be addressed first, as granting the application would likely moot the District's Motion to Dismiss because the proposed amendments are intended to voluntarily remove the claims the district seeks to dismiss.
- The district is currently awaiting a hearing date on the Application to Amend. Plaintiff's counsel has agreed to coordinate setting the matter for hearing. Because OG&E has objected to the Application to Amend, the issue must now be decided by the judge. Otherwise, the amended pleading likely would have been filed by agreement, the parties would have submitted their respective responses, and discovery would already be underway.

JUSTINE ANDERSON

Public Information Manager

May Report: Updated as of 5/19/26



Meetings Attended:

- Commission Meeting (5/5)
- Emerging Leaders Program Webinar (5/12)
- Soil Health Communications (5/14)
- Playa Event Meeting (5/18)
- Meltwater Software Meeting
- District Teams Training (5/20)
- NASCA Communications Committee (5/21)

Events Covered

- National Land & Range Judging (5/4-5/7)
- Noble Grazing Essentials (5/20)
- Southern Plains Grassland Summit (5/27-5/29)

Communications Progress

- Edited septic tank video
- Worked on NFRR press release
- Worked on marketing budget
- Shopped for SD cards

- Worked on June newsletter
- Made edits to website About page
- Reviewed Beale press release
- Edited photos from NLRJ
- Edited photos from Grazing Essentials
- Edited photos from Grasslands Summit
- Wrote press release for Envirothon
- Wrote promotions plan for Playas event
- Created prescribed fire benefits flyer
- Responded to contact form submissions
- Added subscribers to newsletter
- Assisted with Wetlands web application
- Worked on press release for Crossroads Conference
- Edited and published high density grazing article
- Worked on monthly pamphlets
- Worked on folder of marketing materials
- Sent email about Big Brother Big Sister of Oklahoma
- Created prescribed fire cost share flyer
- Helped write quote for Trey for press release
- Emailed staff about Boys & Girls Club opportunity
- Added articles to website
- Created Land Management Tech job promo pieces & published on website
- Worked on pamphlets
- Gathered and printed brochures



OCC FINANCE/ADMIN TEAM ACTIVITY REPORT

April-May 2026

Jeannie Parsley, Financial Manager/Comptroller IV

- Monthly Financial Statements reporting for Commission Meeting
- Monthly reporting to OMES: Reconciliation of Clearing Accounts (2)
- PCard Administration with review of all transactions, build voucher and reports, OMES audits
- Daily Purchasing, General Ledger, and Query activity in PeopleSoft Financial
- Created Purchase Orders and Change Orders as required
- Reviewed/Corrected Payroll Processing for Biweekly Payrolls
- FY27 Budget Planning Meetings
- Meetings/Learning/Training:
 - Multiple OMES Teams sessions
 - Ad Hoc Finance/Admin staff meetings
 - Conservation Commission meeting
 - Multiple training hours for CPO and supervisory CEU requirements
 - Multiple OMES training sessions
- Daily Allotment Budget and Available Cash Reports
- Transfer funds from OST to the agency and deposit oversight
- Oversight of Purchasing, Payments, Fleet Management processes
- Supervision of Finance Team: Administrative Programs Officer, Accountant, and Administrative Assistant

Patricia Foy-Binkley, CPO, Administrative Programs Officer III

Procurement

- Process requests for acquisitions via epro and initiate, dispatch, and maintain purchase orders.
- Process change order to existing purchase orders per Finance's request.
- Notify the Comptroller of budget checking errors/issues when processing POs/COs
- Create and submit ePro requisitions for purchase requests requiring Central Purchasing, Leasing, CAP, or CIO approval.
- Assist the divisions in developing bid specifications for products and/or services purchase requests as needed
- Assist divisions with acquiring quotes as needed for purchase requests of products/services
- Address procurement inquiries and process concerns.
- Assist Primary CPO with the Purchasing and P-Card policy updates for compliance with current State statutes, rules, and policies
- File and organize signed purchase orders and change order documentation in the Purchasing shared folder.
- Generate encumbrance reports and queries to reconcile outstanding requisitions and purchase orders.
- Assist the agency P-Card Administrator with reconciling monthly transactions via auditing, reviewing, and closing out monthly transactions.

- Submit requests for exceptions for IT purchases not listed on the OMES Approved IT software and hardware list
- Review and act on Celnois' audit notification regarding requisitions and purchase orders
- Assist accountholders with P-Card balance and spending limit inquiries
- Assist new suppliers with the supplier registration process via the supplier portal and the supplier training process

Fleet Management

- Fuel Card (Comdata) System Management
 - Process requests for new or replacement fuel cards
 - Review Comdata transactions and notify divisions of card declines and possible fraudulent activity
 - Process approved requests for one-time purchase requests for major vehicle maintenance & repair projects
 - Deactivate fleet cards for fraud, vehicle disposal, transfer, and sale at auction
 - Investigate & resolve transaction decline issues
- Assist Fleet Coordinators in requests related to;
 - [VAR] Vehicle Acquisition request for approval
 - New Vehicle registration and the onboarding process
 - New vehicle license plates & replacements as needed.
 - Prepare surplus vehicles for disposal by auction
 - Assist Divisions with Certificate of Title requests for new vehicles and lost titles
 - Obtain Fleet PIN for new employee drivers, deactivation for separated employees
 - Provide updates regarding fleet management policies and procedures
- Asset Management and Tracking
 - Notify divisions of recall notices and manufacturers' solutions
 - Assist with tracking surplus vehicles and equipment for disposal and transfers
 - Coordinate with Fleet contractors and consultants to implement FM software for vehicle usage and maintenance reporting
 - Organize training and software demonstration opportunities for agency staff
 - Coordinate with contractors and consultants to reconcile and sync fleet data across all FM databases (Geotab, Comdata, and Fleetio applications)
 - Managed updates to fleet inventory, including location changes and reassignments.
- Supervise monthly vehicle usage and maintenance reporting and fleet invoice reconciliation for monthly payments

Risk Management Assistance: Vehicle and Equipment

Submit vehicle incident reports and property damage claims to OMES, Risk Management, for processing
 Submit Auto Property Damage applications to OMES, RM, for vehicle and equipment insurance coverage
 Assist General Counsel with APDC survey update and reconcile to ensure coverage and invoicing accuracy
 Assist staff with Defensive Driving training and certification requirements

Meetings/Trainings/Events

05/11 - Land Management Annual Budget Meeting

05/12 - District Services Annual Budget Meeting

05/12 - OGITS Annual Budget Meeting

05/19 - Conservation Programs Annual Budget Meeting
05/19 - Water Quality/Wetlands/Soil Health Annual Budget Meeting
05/20 - Administration Annual Budget Meeting

Donnell Carter, Accountant III

- Over 400 claims were reviewed, processed, and generated claims jackets (form 15-A) for incoming payable.
- Prepared daily voucher batch slip (Form 25-B) for submittal to OMES
- Scanned daily batch of processed claims and supporting documentation for upload to digital archive.
- Processed incoming checks and prepared the agency's Deposit Detail Report and scanned incoming checks for upload into the agency's remote deposit account.
- Daily query activity in PeopleSoft Financial
- Assisting and reporting to coworker with their voucher.
- Daily filing of vouchers.
- Training State AI usage and awareness
- Training GAAP package
- Weekly Deposit Detail reported to Comptroller

Bert Bitseedy, Administrative Assistant IV

- Completed and submitted an individual monthly P-card report.
- Completed Payments for Administration monthly bills.
- Prepare Commission Books and documents for the upcoming Commission Meeting
- Transcribed Monthly Commission Meeting Minutes.
- Involved with Awards & Recognition for OCC, we hosted a Navajo Taco Sale on 04/29/26
- Fleet:
 - Collect travel logs for admin pool vehicles.
 - Comdata Invoice data entry for confirmation for payment.
- Travel:
 - Managing and preparing Essential Out-of-state Travel approval forms and requests.
 - Completed and submitted travel claims for Admin staff and commissioners
 - Hotel Reservations for Commissioners for upcoming Commission meetings and conferences.
 - In state and out of state travel accommodations for admin staff for upcoming conferences and meetings.
- Attended Meetings/Trainings:
 - Attended Monthly Commission meeting

**OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
WATER QUALITY DIVISION**

MAY 2026 MONTHLY SUMMARY

Shanon Phillips, Director

May 20, 2026

Management Staff

Meetings and Calls Attended by Staff:

5/6: LEAD Agency Invoicing & Financials Meeting
5/7: IRWP Meeting
5/12: Service Account Discussion with Weaver & OMES
5/12: AERI – Unpaved Roads Subcommittee
5/20: OCLWA Full Board Meeting
5/22: OCC/ODEQ EPA FFY26 Budget Revision
5/27: LEAD Agency Meeting
5/28: OCC Principal Staff Meeting

Presentations Given by Staff:

5/21: Central Oklahoma Stormwater Alliance Webinar, “The Oklahoma Conservation Commission: Voluntary Programs to Protect Natural Resources”

Trainings/Workshops Attended by Staff:

5/4-5: EPA R6 NPS Workshop; Dallas, TX

Conferences Attended by Staff:

5/18: Place Based Env Research Conference; The University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

Other Activities:

- Federal FY25-26 319 Budget Revisions
- SFY27 Programmatic Budget Planning Meetings
- SFY27 WQ Division Budget Planning Meeting
- FY 25 319 Audit prep & documentation gather
- Routine Contract Management
- Federal Contracts Development and Compliance
- Programmatic Project Planning
- Paid contract invoices
- Performed many administrative tasks
- Worked on numerous IT related issues
- Responded to numerous internal and external information requests throughout the month
- Watershed Based Plan Development – Tar Creek

Technical Program Report

Technical Program

Water Quality Division, Oklahoma Conservation Commission

Report for Karla Spinner, Sarah Gilmer, Joseph Dyer, Brooks Tramell and Dan

Dvoretz

Meetings and Calls Attended by Staff

- 5/4-5/5: R6 EPA/States NPS Meeting
- 5/4: Water Quality Standards Meeting
- 5/11: Technical Programs Monthly Staff Meeting
- 5/11: Tar Creek Watershed Based Plan Meeting
- 5/12: Terry Peach Planning Meeting
- 5/19: Soil Health Data Meeting

Presentations Given by Staff

- No presentations given in May

Trainings and Conferences Attended by Staff

- No trainings or conferences attended in May

Quality Assurance Accomplishments

Data Requests:

- Responded to 2 requests for water quality data

Data Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC)

- Completed Quality Control (QC) checks on approximately 20 data collections
- Entered approximately 20 data collections into the water quality database

Other QA/QC duties

- Began work on the 2.5 QA Report

Data Dashboard Usage

- Existing web application (Rotating Basin, stream data and UWA) logged approximately 35 hours of active use

Analytical and Reporting Accomplishments

- Terry Peach Cedar eradication monitoring project
 - Downloaded and compiled all sensor data through April 2026 into the cedar monitoring database
- Kiamichi subbasin stream barrier inventory and assessment project
 - Field sampling continued and data were entered
 - Contract with the genomics lab was obtained
- Biocriteria updates
 - Scheduled a meeting with upper management to discuss the proposal
- Watershed Based Plans
 - Continued development of the Tar Creek watershed-based plan
 - Continued RWIP/RSIP for the Spring Creek watershed-based plan
- Routine Reporting and Assessment
 - Began compiling data for the 3.5 Rotating Basin Report
 - Submitted 2025 data to EPA's Water Quality Portal

Blue Thumb May 2026 Report

Blue Thumb Water Quality Education Program

Water Quality Division, Oklahoma Conservation Commission

Report for Cheryl Cheadle, Candice Miller, Kim Shaw, Hunter Hodson, Jack Hilgert, Emma Mills, Rebecca Bond

Compiled activity for April: + 3,864

We reached at least 3,864 people through education and outreach in April.

Ongoing Activities: Bug picking events and indoor Q/A.

May Activities:

Blue Thumb Trainings:

5/16 & 5/17: Blue Thumb Training in Madill

See ***Work in Priority Watersheds*** for ITEC Training.

Other Education and Outreach Activities:

5/1: Education for Baldwin Glenpool Intermediate School

5/1: McClain County CD Outdoor Classroom

5/5: Harper County CD Outdoor Classroom

5/7: Love County CD Natural Resource Day

5/7: Woodward County CD Outdoor Classroom

5/13: Outdoor education at Chandler Park, Tulsa

5/22: Education event at Warr Acres Public Library

5/29: Edmond Parks BioBlitz

5/30: Tour of Native Yards, OKC

5/30: Summer reading program at Vance AFB

Work in Priority Watersheds:

Illinois River Watershed

5/6: ITEC one-day training

Grand Lake Watershed

5/1: Quapaw education day

Wister Lake Watershed

5/20: 4H education event in Latimer County

Presentations Given by Staff or Volunteers:

5/27: Cheryl and Hunter will give a presentation during Water Conservation for Extension Educators, a one-day in-service training, OKC.

Data Projects:

There were no data project meetings in May.

Groundwater Screening Events:

There were no groundwater screening events in May.

Watershed Plan Development:

Tar Creek

5/6: Financial accounting and invoicing meeting with LEAD
5/11: OCC Tar Creek WBP meeting
5/27: OCC/LEAD meeting

Conferences Attended by Staff:

Jack, Hunter, and two volunteer facilitators attended the National Project WET Conference in Santa Fe, NM, May 11-15.

A volunteer facilitator will staff a WET/WILD/PLT table at the Choctaw Nation Professional Learning Conference on May 31.

Trainings Attended by Staff:

5/6: Hunter attended a NWQMC Webinar about the Lake Erie Volunteer Science Network.

All staff completed the mandatory AI training.

Meetings and Calls Attended by Staff

5/4 & 5/5: Section 319 meeting for EPA Region 6 and states, Dallas
5/4: Yard by Yard meeting
5/4: Riverology planning meeting
5/5: Project WET I & T meeting
5/6: OSU Honors Service Learning presentations
5/7: Planning meeting with OKC Public Schools' science team
5/8: VM Workgroup ExCom meeting
5/11: NWQMC call
5/12: Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture Board meeting
5/12: Planning meeting with OKC Public Schools' social studies team
5/13: FY 2027 budget planning meeting for Blue Thumb
5/13: Monarchs on the Mountain meeting
5/14: Oklahoma Wetland Technical Workgroup meeting
5/14: NWQMC 2027 Conference Program Shaping Committee meeting
5/15: OKAEE Board meeting
5/18: Friends of Blue Thumb meeting
5/18: PLT/WET/WILD/OSDE monthly meeting
5/19: Blue Thumb staff meeting
5/19: Planning meeting for Kickapoo Water Festival
5/19: BioBlitz meeting
5/19: Water Quality Division budget meeting
5/20: OCLWA orientation for new Board members
5/20: OCLWA Board meeting
5/20: Riverology bus tour practice run
5/20: OKAEE meeting
5/21: Project WILD monthly meeting
5/26: Ag in the Classroom/ Project WET meeting
5/27: OKAEE fundraising meeting
5/27: Planning meeting for Teaching Climate Science Workshop

5/28: NWQMC 2027 Conference Program Shaping Committee meeting
5/28: EE professional development/outreach meeting
5/28: EE coordinators meeting
5/29: Blue Thumb Visioning meeting

Activities Scheduled for June:

6/1: Planning meeting for Volunteer Conference
6/1: Riverology planning meeting
6/2 & 6/3: New PLT/WET/WILD Facilitator Training
6/2: Blue Thumb staff meeting
6/2: Project WET I & T meeting
6/4: Caney Valley CD groundwater screening event
6/4: Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance: STEM in Motion
6/4: Science Consortium Retreat at the Oklahoma Science Museum
6/5: Deep dive with LEAD/Toxic Tour, Miami
6/5 & 6/6: Oklahoma Science Teaching Association Conference, Edmond
6/8: VM Workgroup ExCom Committee meeting
6/8: OCC Tar Creek WBP meeting
6/8 & 6/9: Project WET and WILD Workshop
6/9 & 6/10: Blue Thumb Training in Norman
6/11: Tar Creek Apprenticeship Program field experiences
6/11: NWQMC 2027 Conference Program Shaping Committee meeting
6/11: Bishop Creek watershed meeting
6/12: Kickapoo Tribe Water Festival
6/15-6/19: PLT Youth Forestry Camp
6/15: Crow Creek Meadow Workday
6/16: Blue Thumb staff meeting
6/16: Crow Creek MeadowFEST
6/17: OCLWA Board meeting
6/17: Education at Bristow Library
6/18: Project WILD monthly meeting
6/20: REI event
6/22: NAAEE Guidelines Training at Beavers Bend State Park
6/22: LTWA Board meeting
6/22: Oklahoma WILD planning meeting
6/22: PLT/WET/WILD Coordinators meeting
6/24: SENSEational Science, Lawton
6/24: OKAEE fundraising meeting
6/25: NWQMC 2027 Conference Program Shaping Committee meeting
6/25: COSWA membership meeting
6/26: Conference on Volunteerism in Stillwater
6/27: Urban Landscape Conference, OKC
6/30: North Caddo CD groundwater screening event
6/30-7/1: Durant EE Professional Development Workshop

AFB: Air Force Base

CD: Conservation District

COSWA: Central Oklahoma Stormwater Alliance

EE: Environmental education

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

ExCom: Executive Committee

FY: Fiscal year
I & T: Instruction and Technology
ITEC: Inter-Tribal Environmental Council
LTWA: Lake Thunderbird Watershed Alliance
LEAD: Local Environmental Action Demanded Agency, Inc.
NAAEE: North American Association for Environmental Education
NWQMC: National Water Quality Monitoring Council
OCC: Oklahoma Conservation Commission
OCLWA: Oklahoma Clean Lakes and Watersheds Association
OKAEE: Oklahoma Association of Environmental Education
OKC: Oklahoma City
OSDE: Oklahoma State Department of Education
OSU: Oklahoma State University
PLT: Project Learning Tree
REI: Recreational Equipment, Inc.
STEM: Science, technology, engineering, math
VM: Volunteer Monitoring
WBP: Watershed Based Plan
WET: Water Education Today
WILD: Wildlife in Learning Design

Wetlands Program Report

Water Quality Division, Oklahoma Conservation Commission

Report for Brooks Trammell, Dan Dvoretz, Sarah Gilmer, Maggie Woods, and Hattie Largent

Meetings and Calls Attended by Staff

- 5/1 Wetlands Program meeting
- 5/4 TW Team Check-In
- 5/5 NFWF: SPGP LTPBR meeting with Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
- 5/6 ReNEW agreement meeting with legal
- 5/6/ Wetlands Program meeting
- 5/6 ReNEW meeting with selected applicant
- 5/7 NWCA 2026 Vegetation/Lab kick-off meeting
- 5/11 Wetlands Budget meeting
- 5/11 Tomorrow's Water / ORWA
- 5/12 NFWF: AERI coordination meeting
- 5/12 ELP Webinar
- 5/12 Maggie / Lily Check-In
- 5/14 OWTWG meeting
- 5/13 Google Project implementation meeting
- 5/15 NFWF: SPGP LTPBR meeting with Quapaw Nation
- 5/15 ODOT Mitigation Banking meeting
- 5/18 NFWF: AERI coordination meeting
- 5/18 Playa outreach event planning meeting
- 5/19 Wetlands Budget meeting
- 5/19 Tribal Compliance Review
- 5/20 Wetlands Program meeting
- 5/22 ODOT Mitigation forecasting impacts meeting
- 5/22 TW Team Check-In
- 5/27 TW Team Monthly Call
- 5/29 TW Team Check-In

Presentations Given by Staff

- 5/22 Playa Lakes Presentation – Playa Lakes GIS meeting

Trainings and Conferences Attended by Staff

- 5/5 Survey Training at Ozark Laser
- 5/7 Land Judging
- 5/25 - 5/29 National Wetland Condition Assessment training – Marshall, Texas

Routine Programmatic Responsibilities

- Wetland Determinations: *Review potential impacts to wetlands and aquatic resources from publicly funded projects*
 - 3 wetland determinations completed
- Mitigation Plan Review: *Review documents for In-Lieu-Fee and Mitigation Banks as a member of the Oklahoma Interagency Review Team (IRT)*
 - In lieu fee mitigation bank site review
- Respond to Citizen Requests: *Deliver wetland information to the public, primarily in response to direct requests from citizens*
 - Responded to 3 requests for information
- Lead the Oklahoma Wetland Technical Workgroup (OWTWG): *Improve collaboration among all partner wetland programs through strategic planning and coordination meetings.*
 - Hosted a OWTWG meeting in Oklahoma City on 5/14/26 to review the draft WPP

Wetland Conservation: Deliver wetland conservation practices that will depend on availability of active funding sources. Conservation activities are supported by the collaborative workgroup the Partnership for Oklahoma Wetland Restoration (POWeR). Current conservation funding sources include:

- 2024 Small North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Grant: Salt Cedar Removal
 - No progress in May
- 2024 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Southern Plains Grassland Program Grant (SPGP): Grassland restoration following Eastern Red Cedar removal
 - Continued invoicing and payment process with Woodward CCD
- 2024 NFWF America Ecosystem Restoration Initiative (AERI) Grant: Invasive woody species removal, prescribed fire, and wetland restoration
 - Initiated first site specific compliance process
 - Developed program guidelines and PLJV outreach primer
- 2025 NFWF SPGP: Woody invasive removal and low-tech process-based stream/wetland restoration
 - Continued coordination with partners to draft subaward agreements with Quapaw Nation, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, North Fork of the Red River Conservation District, and Forsberg Photography Services.
- 2025 NFWF AERI: Tomorrow's Water: Connecting People, Playas, and the Ogallala Aquifer

- Continued ongoing collaboration with TW team and started second round of Oklahoma community engagement planned for June/July
- 2026 Restoring Natural Ecology in Wetlands (ReNEW) Cost Share: Statewide wetland restoration
 - Developed and finalized landowner agreements
 - Surveyed first selected participant's property
 - Conducted WetBud analysis to guide designs
- 2026 National Wetlands Condition Assessment (NWCA): Participation in the National Wetland Condition Assessment survey and Continued Method Development within Oklahoma
 - Reviewed required training materials
 - Attended required field training hosted by EPA and Great Lakes Environmental Center in Marshall, Texas May 25-29
- General Conservation Program Development
 - Continued updates to the Wetlands database to improve grant administration and tracking
 - Continued development of a guidance document for grant tracking
 - Developed a general Wetlands Program application
 - Developed method for tracking landowner contacts

Active Wetland Program Development Grant Projects: *Projects to develop technical tools that support informed wetland management and delivery of high-quality voluntary restoration across the state.*

- Restorable Wetlands Identification Protocol (RWIP): Continue to develop and refine a desktop screening tool that can be used to identify wetland and stream restoration opportunities. Improve RWIP data sharing through web application development.
 - Awaiting comments on the final report
- Identification and Condition Assessment of South Central Plains Seep Wetlands: Create an inventory of poorly understood slope wetlands in SE Oklahoma, and refine method applicability of OKRAM to slope wetlands.
 - Hosted an OWTWG meeting to review the draft WPP on 5/14/26
- Expansion of Potential Wetland Restoration Opportunities in Oklahoma through Landowner and Partner Outreach: In collaboration with OSU, complete landowner surveys in order to better understand perceptions and attitudes towards wetland conservation programs.
 - Received an update from OSU on preliminary results from the survey

**OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SOIL HEALTH PROGRAM MONTHLY SUMMARY
APRIL 23, 2026 – MAY 20, 2026**

Greg Kloxin, Program Director

Meg Greski, Program Coordinator

Team members:

Greg Scott, Blane Stacy, Marcus Long, Josh Anderson, Glen Calvert, Jack Titchener, Amy Seiger, Che Deer

Farm and ranch producer consults:

- 18 consults for SHIP
- 3 consults for the General Mills and free cover crop seed programs

- 5 consults with producers who aren't currently in one of our programs

Urban consults:

- 6 consults for SHIP
- 6 consults for Yard by Yard
- 8 consults with people who aren't currently in our programs

Meetings/calls attended:

- Greg K, Amy, Marcus and Meg listened to a presentation by a University of Missouri team about the conservation planning tool they have created, which could be used in Oklahoma.
- Greg K, Glen and Amy attended multiple virtual meetings about developing a soil health wheat program in the Enid area.
- Amy, Marcus and Jack attended a board meeting of the OK Local Ag Collaborative.
- Amy and Marcus went to a meeting for Touring Oklahoma Native Yards (TONY) event planning.
- Marcus and Amy attended a meeting about the urban wildlife habitat grant program.
- Marcus went to a planning meeting for the Sustainable Urban Landscaping Conference, to be held in OKC in June.

District Events attended:

- Josh presented at Bryan CCD and Hughes CCD's outdoor classrooms.
- Blane helped plan and presented at OCC and Noble Research Institute's joint Grazing Essentials Course, hosted by Cherokee CCD.
- Josh attended Comanche CCD's board meeting and visited the Johnston CCD office.
- Meg is working with Harmon CCD and the Soil Health Institute to plan a June field day.
- Glen went to Ellis CCD's board meeting.
- Glen presented at Dewey CCD's outdoor classroom
- Meg taught at Woodward CCD and Harper CCD's outdoor classrooms.
- The team is working with Garfield CCD to plan the 4th annual Crossroads Conference, to be held in Enid on July 22.

Presentations given:

- Blane presented an Earth Day soils activity at Oklahoma Union Elementary School.
- Amy taught about Web Soil Survey and soil health at the Muscogee Nation's small ruminant workshop.
- Jack presented at the Mid America Industrial Park's STEM Showcase in Pryor, attended by over 750 students.
- Meg was interviewed about virtual fence for Farming Without The Bank podcast.
- Amy spoke at a tribal education event hosted by OU, about soil health and nonpoint source pollution mitigation.
- Marcus presented at an Earth Day event at University of Central Oklahoma.

Other education & outreach activities:

- Josh attended the Earth Day Celebration in Ardmore.
- The team helped plan and staff the National Land & Range Judging Contest held in El Reno.
- Blane did a plant ID inventory for Dr. Tim Filley of OU's carbon sequestration research sites.
- Josh helped with Blue Thumb's volunteer training event in Madill.
- Greg K and Amy participated in a panel discussion with Dr. Filley's team at OU about developing a soil health sampling SOP for use across the state by multiple organizations.
- Meg attended the Hemphill County Beef Conference in Canadian, TX. The conference theme this year was regenerative agriculture.
- The team continues to work with OACD to deliver the CARE program.
- Greg K and Amy attended the Place-Based Environmental Research Conference at OU.

- Amy is working with Ecdysis Foundation to find producers for 1000 Farms Project Avalanche soil sampling and sample collection training in Oklahoma. This is the largest regenerative agriculture research project ever undertaken.

Monitoring

- Staff initiated routine water quality monitoring for the Rotating Basin Project 1.6 (RBP 1.6) (Upper South Canadian and Grand Neosho Basins) cycle.

May 18-20 Staff sampled 10 sites in RB 1.6 Basin

May 26-28 Staff sampled 20 sites in RB 1.6 Basin

- Continued routine water quality monitoring for the Rotating Basin Project 5.5 (RBP 5.5) (Lower Red River Basin) cycle.

May 4-6 Staff sampled 20 sites in RB 5.5 Basin

May 11-13 Staff sampled 20 sites in RB 5.5 Basin

- May 12 staff participated in the OKKRMT monthly conference
- May 12 staff participated in the Terry Peach summer data collection planning meeting
- May 18-19, and 26-29 Staff completed fish collections, habitat assessments and DNA collection for the Kiamichi ODWC SWG.



Blue Thumb in Pictures

MAY 2026



Cleveland County's Bishop Creek Receives Regional Fanfare!

The City of Norman and three Blue Thumb volunteers who monitor Bishop Creek are capturing attention with the great work they have done in the Bishop Creek watershed, Cleveland County. Karen Chapman, Dan Mains, Nick Czaplewski, and Mary Hogan monitor in the watershed. In 2021, Karen Chapman reached out the Oklahoma Conservation Commission (OCC) about an impaired listing for fishes bioassessment for the stream. OCC did a deep dive into the fishes data and determined that the impairment is an artifact of our assessment methodology. Because the Bishop Creek watershed is small compared to our reference streams, seasonal changes in habitat have an outsized impact on the calculated metric. The details are a little more complicated, but the gist is the calculation tends to result in an “attaining” metric in wet years and a “not attaining” metric in dry years.

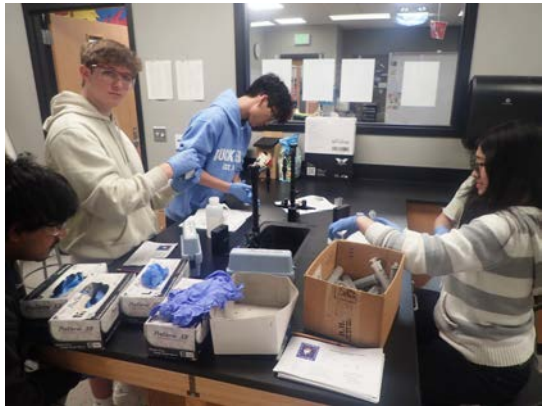
Even though we determined that the fishes impairment was not ecologically meaningful, Bishop Creek is clearly impacted by development. Impacts include trash, impaired riparian areas, periods of excessive algae, low dissolved oxygen, and bank erosion. Prior to the inquiry from Karen in 2021, the City of Norman and volunteers in the watershed had already taken steps to improve water quality in Bishop Creek, and they wanted to do more. In 2022, OCC began working with the City of Norman, Blue Thumb volunteers, and other stakeholders to develop a watershed based (WBP) plan for the stream. A WBP outlines the water quality issues in a creek, management methods that are expected to address the problems, and a schedule for implementation. The process took about a year, and the plan was accepted by EPA in 2023.

The City of Norman and their Blue Thumb partners are doing an outstanding job implementing best management practices identified in the WBP. Their work is beginning to gain regional attention. On April 9, 2026, program and technical staff from EPA Region 6 toured the watershed. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate positive changes. One benefit of an EPA-accepted WBP is that it enables OCC to spend Clean Water Act 319 implementation funds in the watershed. On April 9, OCC awarded the City of Norman \$38,850 to support the installation of best management practices in Bishop Creek Eco Park, a new city park located at the corner of Alameda and Carter. If you would like to learn more about Bishop Creek, please explore this StoryMap created by the City of Norman:



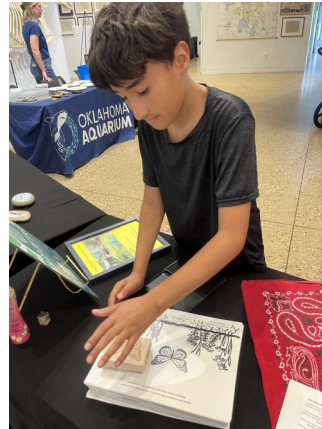
Tour Highlights

- 1) EPA & Partners went into Bishop Creek!
- 2) Part of the tour was visiting the fish found there.
- 3) Regular litter removal by volunteers has made a big difference!
- 4) Volunteers have been creative and motivated in educating watershed citizens and partners.



Groundwater Monitoring Practice

Kim worked with Piedmont High School's environmental science students during a practice session for learning about groundwater screening on April 20..



Sustainability Day at the Gathering Place in Tulsa featured a Yard by Yard/Blue Thumb educational station (April 18).

New webinar!

The Mayflies of Oklahoma

with Dr. Peter Grant



April 23, 6:30 p.m., online event.

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Blue Thumb Earth Day Special Webinar

Dr. Peter Grant, retired professor from SWOSU shared research from nearly 30 years during his "Mayflies of Oklahoma" presentation on April 23.



Sugar Creek Clean-Up

Twenty-two bags of trash were removed from Sugar Creek as part of the Great Tulsa Cleanup on April 25. Blue Thumb staff, City of Tulsa staff, volunteers and others showed for work and fun!



EarthFEST in OKC

OKC Beautiful sponsored (with help from great partners) a wonderful Earth Day Festival on April 18. "Wetland Soils in Living Color" and the "Incredible Journey" were two activities offered through the Conservation Commission's Project WET Program.



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H2OKLAHOMA 2026

H2Oklahoma Water Festivals were held in Norman, Stillwater, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and Beaver. The final two events (OKC and Beaver) are represented with the photos on this page. Nearly 600 students participated in OKC on April 22 and almost 250 students came to Beaver Dunes City Park on April 29.



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Blue Thumb at Chandler Park

Blue Thumb staffed joined Chandler Park in Tulsa to work with Tulsa area students on both April 30 and May 13. The students were elementary age from the Union School District.



Piedmont High School students joined Edmond's

Park Department to remove litter from a tributary to Spring Creek in Oklahoma County, which is monitored by Blue Thumb volunteers.

Blue Thumb's Hunter and Emma also offered the students a close-up look at the stream's fish and bugs.

Blue Thumb joined forces with the Illinois River Watershed Partnership to do a massive cleanup in Cherokee County on April 24. Pictured above are some of the 250 volunteers that removed over 1500 bags of trash.



Emma (left) with the Incredible Journey in Love County on May 8. Candice also taught students.

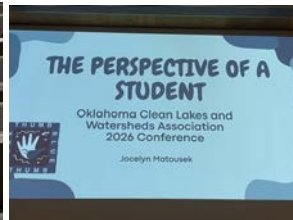


Jack Represented Blue Thumb...

...at natural resource days in McClain County, left, and in Harper County, right. In McClain County (May 1) the students used nets to collect creatures that they then had the chance to study, and in Harper County (May 5) the students learned about fish adaptations as they used Play Dough to design a novel fish species.

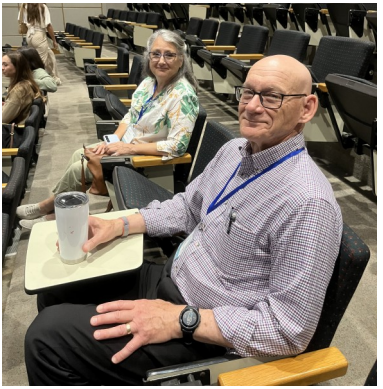
Oklahoma Clean Lakes and Watersheds Association

Oklahoma Conservation Commission Water Quality Staff and Blue Thumb volunteers were a huge part of the success of the OCLWA annual conference in Stillwater on April 15 & 16. Information and assistance offered by both volunteers and staff included: Effectively communicating scientific information; Validation of volunteer data against professional data; Student perspective on volunteering with Blue Thumb; Long time volunteer perspective on monitoring with Blue Thumb; Development of indices of biotic integrity; Student poster judging. There were additional contributions by Water Quality staff and volunteers as well.

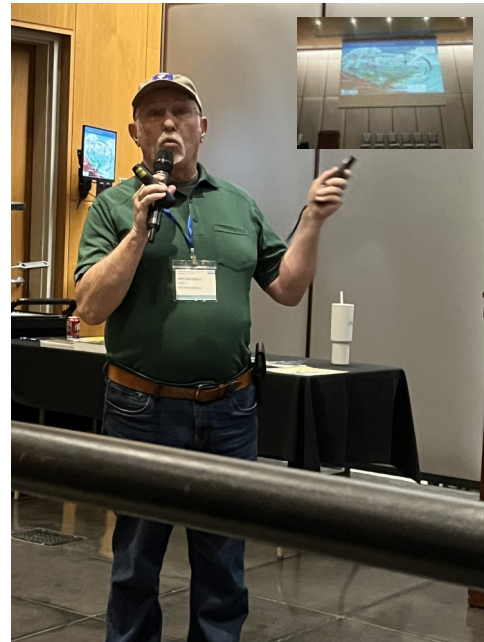


Sarah and Jocelyn Matousek—Jocelyn Presented

Holly Mauselein - presented about Project WET and WILD in Oklahoma and Blue Thumb's Jack Hilgert presented about the "Wild about Wetlands" hands-on workshop.



Terrie Becerra—Friends of Blue Thumb Chair, and Peter Grant, who assisted in judging the student poster contest.



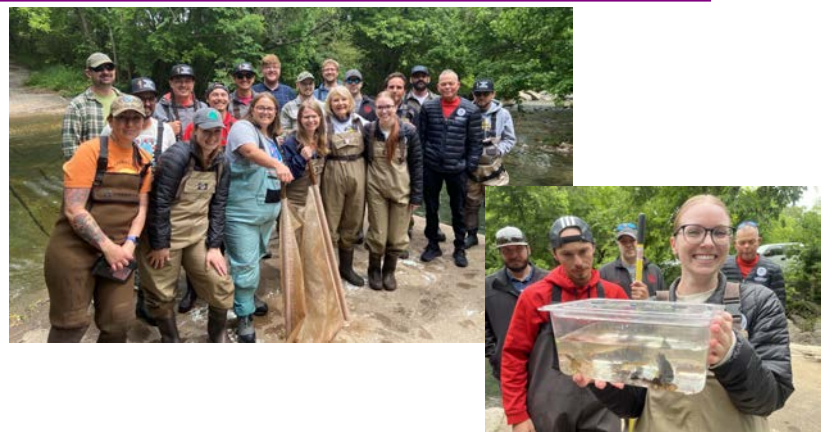
John Harrington presented on his stream and being a long-time Blue Thumb volunteer.

Miguel Ingram presented about his comparison of Blue Thumb Chloride data to professionally collected Chloride data on Oklahoma streams.



Water Quality Staff provides Stream Education Information to the Intertribal Environmental Council (ITEC)

ITEC contacted Blue Thumb for a spring introduction to streams. Candice, Cheryl, and Emma were joined by Nathan to provide information about pollutants, infiltration, and life in the streams in Tahlequah on May 6.



Spring Bugpicking of Winter Collections

Spring is the season for Blue Thumb volunteers to perform subsampling on the collections made in the winter for benthic macroinvertebrates, also known as “creek bugs.” This activity results in a vial of around 100 preserved bugs that will be identified. After the bugs are identified by a taxonomist volunteers then have information on how their stream measures up.

Blue Thumb volunteers will complete bugpicking within the next few weeks and then summer activities will include fish collections primarily in the Ozark ecoregion and again, each monitored stream in all ecoregions will receive their summer bug collection.



Payne County, Feather Creek
Hailey and Ili



Oklahoma County, Guy James
Creek, Terry



Logan County 4-H Students
Quality Assurance



Payne County, Cow Creek,
Grace & Aakrita



Payne County, Boomer Creek,
Hannah



Custer County, Little Deep Creek,
SWOSU students



Custer County, Test Kit Clean
Up, Rickey



Payne County, Quality
Assurance, Hannah



Pawnee County, Black Bear Creek,
Suzanne and Students

**OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION & TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION
MONTHLY SUMMARY**

**Mike Sharp, State Geographic Information Coordinator & Director
May 2026**

OGI & TS Activity

- Worked on various hardware and software support issues for OCC non-OMES computer systems.
- Followed up on and provided assistance regarding OMES helpdesk tickets submitted by OCC and District staff.
- Routine server, software and anti-virus and anti-spam maintenance on OGI computer systems.
- Provided support on various office IT issues.
- Provided support on various conservation district IT issues.

Geographic Information System (GIS) Activity

- Provided GIS services to Land Management, WQ, District Services, Conservation Programs, and Administration.

Office of Geographic Information/State Geographic Information Council

- Worked on OKMaps servers, software and data.
- Compiled parcel data for statewide parcel data layer.
- Worked on NG911 IT systems configuration and backup.
- Provided support to OKMaps users.
- Provided GIS support to OCC Watershed Dam Easement Initiative
- Ongoing GIS data management
- Worked on Non-Coal Inventory.
- Worked on IT issues concerning OMES.
- Worked on GIS 911 Training Grant.
- Continue testing new GIS 911 Toolkit that was rewritten for ArcPro
- Worked with Surdex staff on the aerial photography project, Aerial2026.
- Worked on County Boundary descriptions.
- Prepared agenda and minutes for Council meeting.
- Add new layers to OKMaps displaying and providing for download some of the historical aerial photos.
- Worked on developing geocoders for NG911 data.
- Attended Regional SCAUG Conference
- Attended 911 Day at the Capitol

Land Management Division Report

May 5, 2026

DIVISION ADMINISTRATION

- ❖ Prepared OCC meeting packet financial report
- ❖ Updated claims database
- ❖ Submitted pcard reports
- ❖ Code pcard transactions
- ❖ Update GIS webpage
- ❖ Budget & Financial Management: Budget management, purchasing and reporting
- ❖ Personnel Management: Reported time; approved time; assigned tasks & directed staff
- ❖ Equipment Management: Submitted vehicle and equipment logs; updated & maintained equipment inventory
- ❖ Operations Management: File management; monitored flow of operations, target dates and deadlines
- ❖ Prepared & submitted OCC activity report
- ❖ Work with Conservation Districts on agreements for Unpaved Roads, Conservation Planners, and Land Management Technicians
- ❖ Assisted district staff with program information
- ❖ Update division calendar for program dates
- ❖ Attended multiple teams training sessions
- ❖ Processed claims from CDs from various programs
- ❖ Updated agreement database
- ❖ Answered inquiries from Commission website about programs
- ❖ Staff assisted with IWSCS conservation planning
- ❖ Staff performed duties towards A&R committee
- ❖ Update inventory spreadsheet
- ❖ Staff attended various training courses
- ❖ Staff attended Cedar Rodeo in Grant County
- ❖ Staff assisted with National Land and Range Judging contest planning
- ❖ Work with Prescribed Burn Associations on programs and technical assistance
- ❖ Participated in AERI Unpaved Roads Subcommittee Meeting
- ❖ Land Management Division Staff meeting in OKC
- ❖ Attended Woodard County Fire Chiefs association meeting to speak about prescribed burning and FD participation

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Unpaved Roads Program:

- ❖ Schedule of trainings
 - Clinton – July 17th – 26 in attendance
 - Cherokee - October 22nd – 42 in attendance
 - Atoka – December 3rd – 28 in attendance
 - Chickasha – January 14th – 50 in attendance
 - Pryor – February 11th – 25 in attendance
 - Chandler (Lincoln County) – 45 in attendance

- ❖ District requested training
 - McCurtain County
 - Okfuskee County
 - Okmulgee County

- ❖ Visited for funding
 - Lincoln County
 - Haskell County
 - Adair County
 - LeFlore County

- ❖ Grants awarded since previous report
 - Ottawa County D3 - \$75,000.00
 - Lincoln County D3 - \$75,000.00
 - Lincoln County D2 - \$75,000.00

Terry Peach Watershed Restoration Program:

- ❖ Brush Free Zone Establishment initiated since last report
 - Moore Ranch, NW Harmon
 - Wells, Canadian County
 - Cimarron Estates, Freedom
 - NE Beaver, Beaver
 - Wood, SW Konawa
 - Copeland/Cowan, S Watonga
 - Craig, Woodward
 - Clearview Community, Okfuskee County
 - KS, Garvin County
 - FBC, NW Chandler
 - Mashino, SW Cement
 - Tan Tara, Stillwater
 - Covington, NW Ponca City
 - West 19th & Country Club, Stillwater
 - Wood, SW Konawa
 - McNac, Henryetta

- ❖ Staff updates
 - LMT position open
 - Perry
 - Stillwater
 - Assisted with ED4 field visits

- ❖ Fighting Fire with Fire training
 - Arnett – September 17th, 22 in attendance, 6 departments represented
 - Freedom – September 24th 95 in attendance, 23 departments represented
 - Ada – December 9th – 90 in attendance, 27 departments/PBAs represented

❖ Upcoming Trainings

- Dewey
- Tahlequah
- Wilburton

❖ Prescribed Fire

- 23,400 ac. Approved for FY26 financial assistance. 31,166 actual planned acres for burns
- Sign up for FY27 prescribed fire open

❖ Invasive Woody Species Cost Share FY26

- Conservation planning and contracting ongoing
 - Area 1 – 6 Contracted amount \$206,806.16
 - Area 2 – 25 Contracted amount \$666,980.08
 - Area 3 – 70 Contracted amount \$1,866,942.74
 - Area 4 – 18 Contracted amount \$509,606.50
 - Area 5 – 14 Contracted amount \$482,540.90

❖ Invasive Woody Species Cost Share FY27

- Currently determining focus areas
- Summer sign up period

Conservation and Nutrient Management Planning:

❖ Training attended

- Cedar Tree Rodeo, Ag Learn, district trainings

❖ Planner activities

- Assisted districts with ED4 program, state cost share
- Assisted NRCS with EQIP, CSP, practice certifications
- 135 field visits
- 30 conservation plans written
- Meetings attended
 - Alfalfa, Creek, Deer Creek, Garvin, Haskell, Konawa, Leflore, Custer

❖ Nutrient Management Planning

- 33 plans requested total as of 5/20/2026
- 29 plans completed and approved by ODAFF
- 4 plans have not received grower information for planning purposes

Land Restoration:

❖ Gilbreath Copper Mine (Jackson County)

- Monitoring Phase

❖ Voth Project (Kingfisher County)

- Monitoring Phase

❖ Howerton 2 (Ottawa County)

- Monitoring Phase

❖ Gilbreath Copper Mine Phase 2 (Jackson County)

- Project estimate \$1,649,564.94
- Mandatory Prebid meeting 5/7/2026, 9 contractors
- Low bid \$1,649,000.00, Boyd Construction

Special Projects:

❖ Glover Road Streambank Restoration Project, (Comanche County)

- Contract awarded to Streamline Services \$198,200.00
- Additional funds added due to unforeseen site conditions
- Work initiated on 4/6/2026, substantial completion date 6/1/2023

**OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DISTRICT SERVICES DIVISION
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR MAY 2026
Monday, June 1, 2026**

Division Director, Clancy Green

- Provided new month district services update to all districts
- Discussed district statuses, updates, and concerns with ADCs and APO; provided guidance and assistance as needed
- Discussed district staffing/operational concerns with Trey, Lisa, Janet, district boards
- Assisted with offboard processes for outgoing employees and onboarding processes for incoming employees; generated COBs as needed; prorated longevities as needed for PPT and retiring employees
- Facilitated teams training sessions – OCC Claims Process; hosted/presented by Brandon
- Worked with team on individual projects as needed
- Worked with Dianne and Taylor (OACD) on NLRJ registration and tabulation
- Worked with DS team on completion of Financial Position Summary project; assisted with scoping District Manual project and provided feedback as the team began the project
- Continued work on FY27 budget items and FY26 budget year wrap-up
- Provided information to and assisted district employees with Workday external learner set-up; worked with OMES to have 2026 SEAT and AI training assigned
- Worked with Brandon on election processes; election preparation for Shawnee CD, updating of forms/information
- Completed OPERS exception report
- Drafted agreements for FY27; emailed districts about FY26 agreement admin fee claim process
- Assisted employee with FMLA request and paperwork
- Attended
 - May Commission meeting
 - District Services meeting(s)
 - District Director Manual project meetings
 - National Land & Range Judging Contest
 - FY27 Budget Meeting
 - Teams Training – OCC Claims Process (2 sessions)
 - Marshall CCD board meeting
 - NRCS Shared Staff update call
 - OMES CP Listens Series call
 - Principal Staff meeting

Administrative Programs Officer, Brandon Welborn

- Completed P-Card purchases for the division and required reporting
- Assisted districts with director appointments including processing forms and completing correspondence
- Processed salary and operating expense claims; assisted districts with questions; tracked paid voucher/invoice numbers and dates
- Worked with ADCs on Financial Position Statement project
- Worked on individual project – preclaim SOP
- Finalized May Teams Training session items; presented 2 sessions on OCC claims process

- Assisted districts with director election questions and needs, prepared items for election in Shawnee, processed single filer forms
- Attended
 - District Services meetings
 - Teams Training – OCC Claims Process
 - District Director Manual project meetings
 - Wagoner CCD Stewardship Breakfast
 - Logan CCD board meeting
 - District Services FY27 budget meeting

Area 1 District Coordinator, Lacie Landers

- Worked with District Services Team on Financial Position Statement project
- Assisted districts with OKMaps use/navigation
- Worked on individual project – Excel use tips & tricks
- Attended
 - District Services meetings
 - Teams Training – OCC Claims Process
 - District Director Manual project meetings
 - H2Oklahoma – Beaver
 - Ellis CCD board meeting
 - Ellis CCD locally led meeting
 - Garfield CCD board meeting
 - Harper CCD board meeting
 - Harper CCD outdoor education event
 - Woods CCD board meeting
- District Updates
 - Beaver CCD – assisted with preparation for H2Oklahoma event
 - Central N. Canadian River CD – assisted with LRP/JPO updates and considerations based on locally led input
 - Cimarron CCD – assisted with Notice of Filing Period publishing errors and corrections
 - Dewey CCD – in office assistance during DM absences
 - East Canadian CCD – visited office
 - Ellis CCD – assisted in officed and with locally-led meeting
 - Woods CCD – discussed staffing needs/possible changes
 - Woodward CCD – assisted with outdoor classroom

Area 2 District Coordinator, Tammy Curry

- Worked with District Services Team on Financial Position Statement project; working with Clancy to complete finalization and rollout
- Still waiting on warranty repairs to be completed on state vehicle (radiator fan)
- Attended
 - District Services meetings
 - Teams Training – OCC Claims Process
 - District Director Manual project meetings
 - Love CCD Natural Resource Day
 - Murray CCD board meeting
 - Logan CCD board meeting
 - Shawnee CCD board meeting

- District Services FY27 budget meeting
- District Updates
 - Logan CCD – offboarding district manager, assisting in interim until new DM is hired
 - Noble CCD – assisted with offboarding farm bill specialist
 - Payne CCD – assisted with offboarding land management technician
 - Shawnee CD – assisting district during administrative assistant vacancy; prepared POs, facilitated board meeting, paid bills/filed taxes, prepared claims and payments, prepared for election

Area 3 District Coordinator, Rhonda Bowman

- Serving as co-project coordinator for district director manual project
- Worked with District Services Team on Financial Position Statement project
- Worked on individual project – interview packet and guidelines
- Attended
 - District Services meetings
 - Teams Training – OCC Claims Process
 - District Director Manual project meetings
 - Wagoner CCD board meeting
 - Wagoner CCD Stewardship Breakfast
 - Creek CCD Ag Tour
- District Updates
 - Craig CCD – assisting in interim until a new DM is hired
 - Mayes CCD – offboarding district manager, assisting in interim until a new DM is hired
 - Wagoner CCD – assisted with stewardship breakfast planning/preparation

Area 4 District Coordinator, Amy Weathers

- Worked with District Services Team on Financial Position Statement project
- Worked on individual project – hiring process packet
- Attended
 - District Services meetings
 - Teams Training – OCC Claims Process
 - District Director Manual project meetings
 - Tillman CCD board meeting
 - Tillman CCD outdoor classroom
 - West Caddo CD board meeting
- District Updates:
 - Tillman CCD – onboarded and training of new district manager, assisted with outdoor classroom, ED4 inspections/field visits

Area 5 District Coordinator, Lisa Grey

- Serving as co-project coordinator for district director manual project
- Completed 3 LinkedIn learning courses to increase knowledge base and skillset
- Worked with District Services Team on Financial Position Statement project
- Worked on individual project – performance review process and resources
- Attended
 - District Services meetings
 - Teams Training – OCC Claims Process

- District Director Manual project meetings
- LeFlore CCD board meeting
- Marshall CCD board meeting
- District Updates
 - Atoka CCD – assisting and training D. Milam in district manager role, assisted with board meeting and other operational items
 - Hughes CCD – assisted with offboarding watershed aide
 - Kiamichi CD – training new district manager
 - LeFlore CCD – assisted with fishing clinic, operational items
 - Marshall CCD – provided additional training on taxes, financials, agendas, and minutes

General Administration

- Provided district assistance as needed and requested; assisted multiple districts with a variety of procedural and operational issues and questions
- Processed preclaims and claims; filed paperwork as needed
- Worked with districts to achieve on time submission of preclaims; ran tracking report
- Updated district directory, district employees team w/ new employees
- Updated website as needed/requested
- Processed mail as needed/requested
- Ran OPERS and Longevity reports, checked longevity payments and annual leave balances, verified personnel action forms in database
- Core queries/reports as needed/requested
- Processed director appointments/mailed documents
- Reviewed payroll and preclaim updates for districts
- Reviewed P-Card reports and packets
- Provided new hire information to employees and HR as needed
- Completed onboarding/offboarding processes for district employees as needed
- Reviewed vehicle logs, processed and prepared monthly reports
- Reviewed, filed/uploaded, and tracked items as needed
- Reviewed/revised district handbook as needed
- Reviewed minutes and provided feedback for improvements going forward
- Worked with districts on election processes and timelines
- Reviewed JPOs

New District Hires

- None since last Commission meeting

Current District Vacancies

- Atoka CCD District Manager
- Craig CCD District Manager
- Logan CCD District Manager
- Mayes CCD District Manager
- Shawnee CD District Manager
- 3 Land Management Technician positions
 - 1 Payne
 - 2 TBD
- 2 Watershed Aide positions (TBD)

- NRCS Shared Technicians
 - Little River CD
 - Payne CCD
- NRCS Shared Farm Bill Specialist position
 - Tulsa CCD
 - 1 TBD

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Conservation District

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LINCOLN
COUNTY
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

Mission Statement: To advocate and facilitate responsible, effective and productive management of Lincoln County's unique natural resources to maximize the beneficial effects of sound resource management on the county and its citizenry.

Vision:

To maximize the use of available technical, financial and community resources to provide land users with progressive, alternative solutions to Lincoln County's unique resource challenges.

Lincoln County Conservation District

Annual Report July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

Board of Directors



Gary Bledsoe, Chairman * James Pruett, Vice-chair
Greg Scott, Treasurer * Jack Gorczyca * Verlin Hart

District Staff



Troy Marshall
Assoc. Director



Wade Helm
District Tech.



Staci Mattheyer
District Manager

NRCS Staff

Nick Jones, Dist. Conservationist
Lloyd Evans, Resource Conservationist

Providing Services to Cooperators

The Lincoln County Conservation District rents conservation equipment such as spriggers, gopher machine and a no-till drill.

Our 7ft drill is out almost every day during the fall and spring planting seasons. The demand for the drill continues to be used extensively. Also included in the district's equipment program is custom no-till drilling. As an added service the district rents out a 36" ATV drill for food plots.



Watershed Program



The Lincoln County Conservation District has cleared 10 watershed sites this year, with assistance from the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. Keeping dams clean is not just about maintaining infrastructure: it's about safeguarding the health and well-being of the entire watershed ecosystem and the communities that rely on its resources.

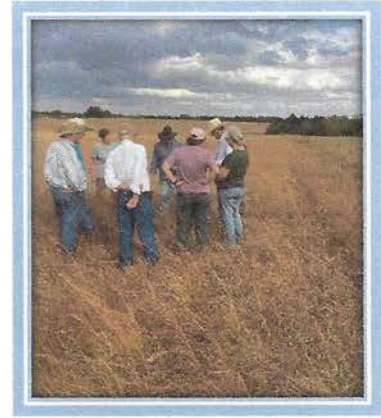


The district inspects 64 sites each year and is in the process of completing a watershed action needed plan. The district's goal is to get the Damwatch program installed on the employee's computers this year. In 2025 we are working to update our contact list for the 64 upstream flood control structures in 6 watershed projects in Lincoln County. All the structures were built by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly Soil Conservation Service) under Public Law 566. They serve to protect life and property from Catastrophic flooding.

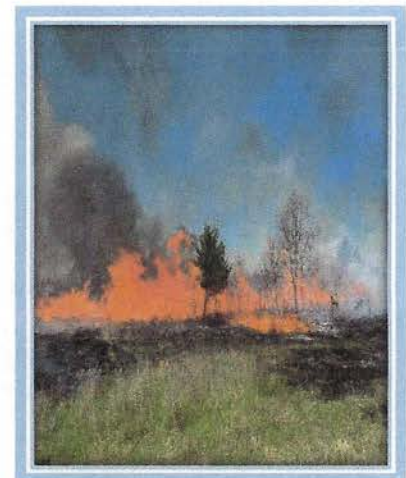
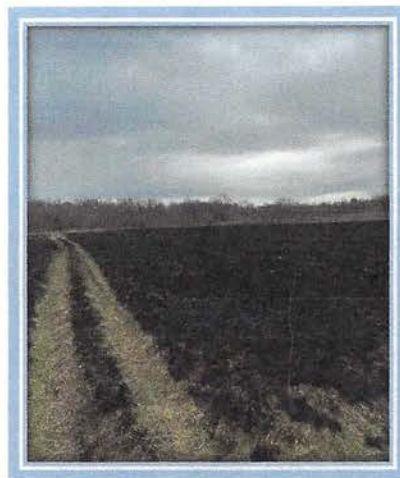
The Cities of Chandler, Meeker, Prague and Sparks use these sites for water supply and/or recreation. Meeker Lake: The district is actively involved in the Quapaw Creek 15M Rehabilitation Project working With the City of Meeker and NRCS to advance the project.

PARTNERSHIPS

In addition to the historical partnership with NRCS, the District has utilized a variety of partnerships with other agencies and organizations to accomplish its goals. The OSU Cooperative Extension Service partners on outreach events such as land judging, pasture tours and youth contests.



The district continues to partner with Cross Timbers Prescribed Burn Association to promote prescribed burning. Cross Timbers Prescribed Burn Association burned over 909 acres this past spring on 17 burns. The district also works with the USFW to promote prescribed burning. This past year the USFW burned over 800 acres on 6 burns.



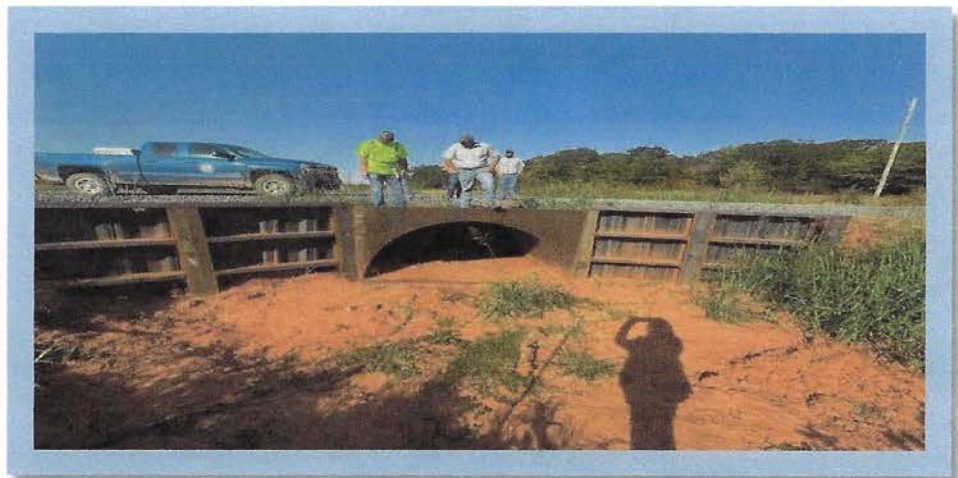
UNPAVED ROADS PROGRAM

The Commission and the Lincoln County Conservation District have been teaming up to coordinate, implement, and administer the Unpaved Roads Program in Oklahoma.

The Unpaved Roads Program works to create a better unpaved county road system reduced negative environmental impact on priority water resources in Oklahoma. This year Lincoln County District #3 was able to complete an Unpaved Roads Program Project.



The program focuses on the best management practices that reduce the impact of road runoff on streams, rivers, and drinking water supplies while reducing long-term county road maintenance costs. The Unpaved Roads Program focuses on selecting projects to provide funding toward safe, efficient, and environmentally sound projects that will improve unpaved road(s) and contribute to reducing sediment in Oklahoma streams.



USDA CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Under NRCS Conservation Technical Assistance program, conservation plans were written for 3,021 acres, 73 acres of cropland with conservation applied to improve soil quality, 6,207 acres of prescribed grazing applied, and 5,842 acres to improve water quality. The District currently has 1,220 cooperator agreements on file covering 55,180 acres in Lincoln County. Cedar control has been and continues to be the top resource concern in the county.

Several major cost-share programs are implemented in the district, including the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) with 26 active contracts on 5598.1 contracted acres. The Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) where Lincoln County is 3rd in the state for acreage per county. Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) 20 contracts for 11298.7 acres. As of 2022, 7,044 acres were being managed under WRE through 38 easements agreements.



The Conservation District owns its own office building and is housed in a full USDA Service Center along with its Natural Resources Conservation Service partners, the Farm Service Agency and Rural Development. NRCS provides technical assistance to the conservation district and district cooperators. They also assist in administering several USDA technical and cost share programs.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

One of the District's primary goals is education to combat critical resource concerns and ensure future resource stability. Believing that land users and decision-makers, equipped with the right information, will make sound decisions regarding care of their natural resources, the district's outreach program works to accomplish this goal through public information and youth education.

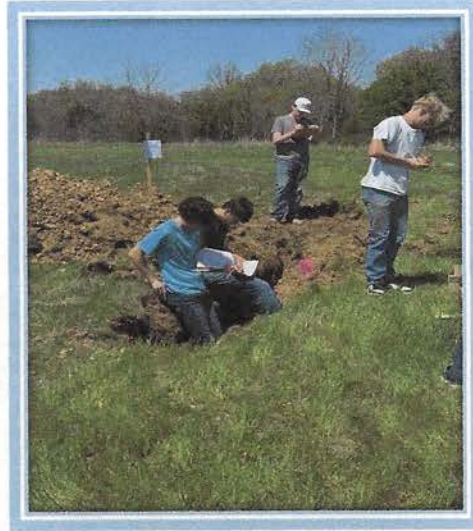
Strong public information efforts promote general awareness of natural resources, conservation issues and resource concerns, best management practices and avenues for assistance.

The district has kept Lincoln County landowners involved with the outreach programs through emails, articles in the local county newspapers and Facebook page.

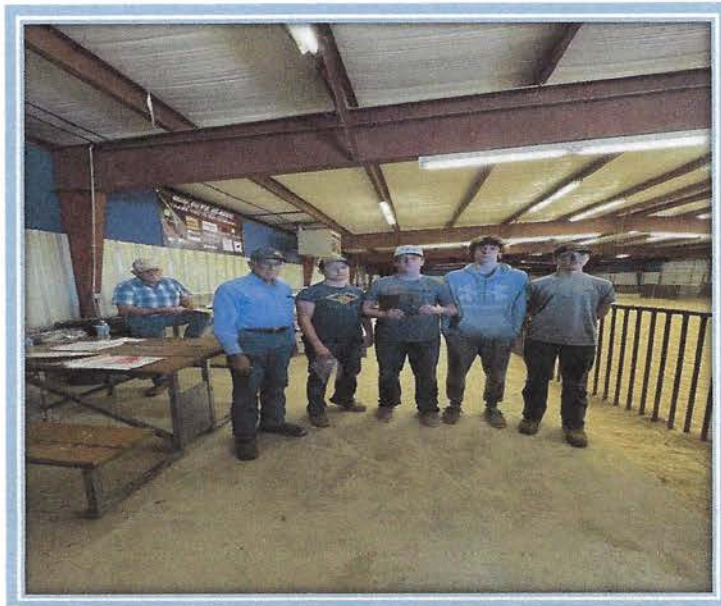
The district has plans for expanding its outreach and working with OCC and nearby districts. Aside from assisting with Cross Timber Prescribed Burn Assoc. meetings, we will be assisting with a future soil health program

LAND JUDGING CONTEST – April 2025

Come rain or shine the Lincoln County Land Judging Contest has been the most successful outreach program for youth with FFA & 4-H as well as homeschooled kids. This year we opened it up to include all the surrounding counties, we had students from Davenport, Mason, Meeker, Prague, Strother and Wellston. We are looking forward to next year's land judging contest and hope it will be even BIGGER!!

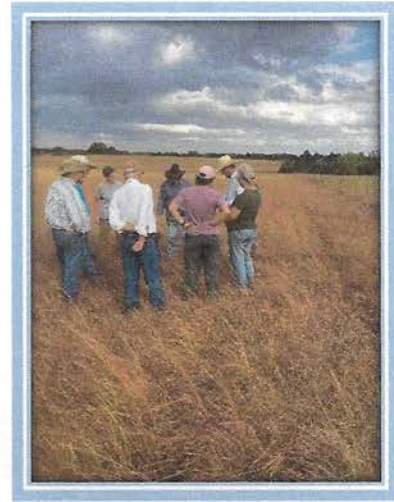
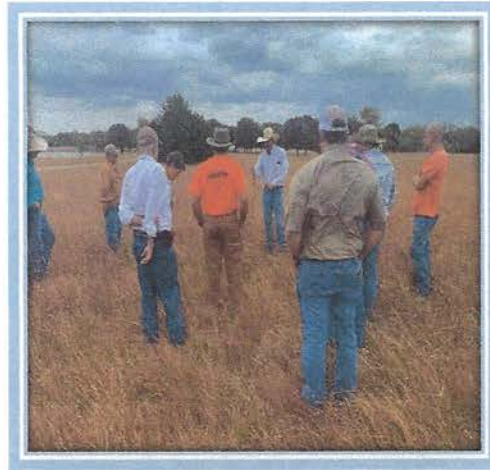


This year the Land Judging Contest was held in Prague, Oklahoma on Wednesday April 9th. Greg Scott, OCC, Soil Scientist along with the OSU Extension Office, NRCS, Lincoln County Conservation District Staff and the Board of Directors along with numerous other volunteers assisted in making this a great event.

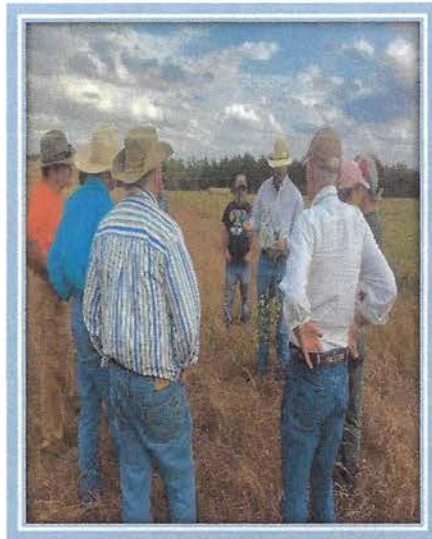


Plant ID & Hay Management

The Lincoln County Conservation District staff and Board of Director's along with the Oklahoma Conservation Commission hosted a planted identification and native hay management outreach meeting in October



Oklahoma Conservation Commission's Soil Health Educator, Blane Stacy taught our local producers all about plant identification and soil health. Also assisting was the local district staff and the district board of directors.



Enjoy Your Retirement Verlin Hart

Verlin began farming as a child when his legs were long enough to reach the clutch on the tractor. He loved the outdoors and wanted to learn as much as he could in the field of agriculture. After an active life in FFA and graduating from high school, he paid his way through college by working at Paris Tires gas station in Stillwater, OK.

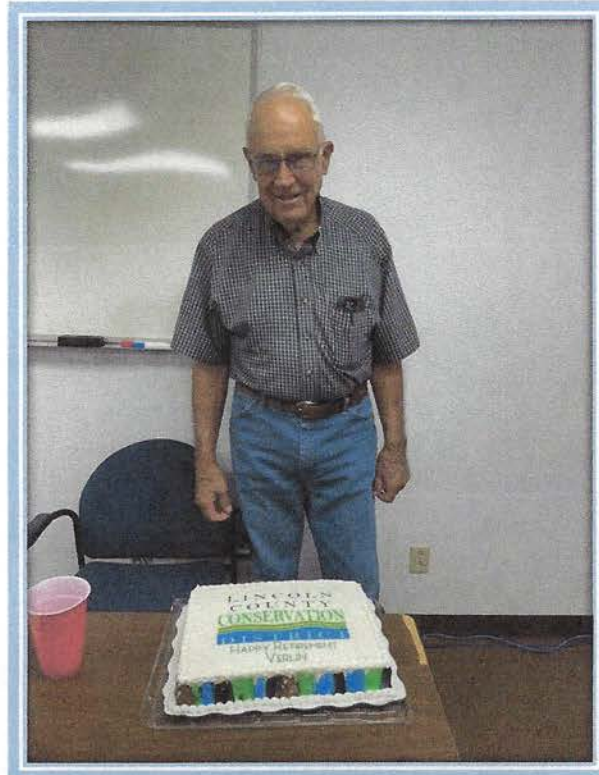
With a degree in agriculture education from OSU, he married Joyce Daughtery, a Stillwater native, soon after they moved to Custer City where he taught Vocational Agriculture for 10 years (1960-1970).

After the loss of his father in 1970 the family, that now includes two daughters Gaylynn and Janet, chose to move back to Agra, OK. to build a home on the family farm. The family bought a cow/calf operation and equipment that would get them by while Verlin continued to teach Vocational Agriculture at Perkins/Tryon High School.

A year and a half later, Verlin had the opportunity for a position at the OK Department of Vocational Agriculture as an Ag Mechanics Specialist. He held several positions while there including Ag Supervisor, Young Farmer Executive Director and Farm Business Coordinator. He retired from OK Career Tech in 1992 after 34 years of service in agriculture education.

After retiring from teaching Verlin continued to work the late hours of planting grass, feeding cows, building fences, weaning calves, and of course helping others. Verlin has been a district director for the Lincoln County Conservation District since April 1, 2000. His passion for soil health, soil erosion and knowledge in plant identification has been a tremendous asset to our county and state. Verlin is always the first to volunteer his time and is happy to give a lending hand to those that need it. He has been a tremendous leader throughout his lifetime. He started the Lincoln County Cross Timbers Prescribed Burn Association and served as president for many years.

Thank you Verlin Hart for your outstanding service of 25 years on the Lincoln County Conservation District Board of Directors. Enjoy Your Retirement!!



OKLAHOMA CONSERVATION COMMISSION
CONSERVATION PROGRAMS DIVISION
Tammy Sawatzky, Director
June 1, 2026

Administration – Tammy Sawatzky

- Reconciled O&M and rehab financial records.
- NRCS agreement management for watershed activities and remedial repairs.
- Participate as a committee member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Infrastructure Report Card for Oklahoma Dams. Committee meetings, May 1 and 8. Draft report was submitted for review on May 15.
- Conducted CPD staff meeting, April 29.
- Received and reviewed bids for Fourche Maline Site 1 EWP repairs in Latimer County. Accepted bid from Booth Environmental Sales & Service for \$153,181. Work began May 18.
- Attended the Principal Staff Meeting, April 30.
- Attended the OCC Commission Meeting, May 5.
- Working with assistant general counsel Stephanie Acquario met with Caston Mountain Sites 1 and 2 landowners to discuss land rights needed for rehabilitation. Followed up by attending the LeFlore County CD board meeting to discuss rehabilitation land rights with board members, May 7.
- Conducted pre-construction meeting for Fourche Maline 1 EWP repairs with representatives from Latimer County CD, NRCS, and Booth Environmental, May 11.
- Planned and conducted DMT training on reporting, travel, hotel, inventory identification, Comdata use, equipment maintenance, May 13.
- Attended CPD FY 2027 budget meeting with leadership, May 19.
- Attended meeting with Payne County CD, NRCS, Stillwater Creek Conservancy District, and Karsten Creek Golf Club concerning modifications made by Karsten Creek to Stillwater Site 46, May 19.
- Participated in monthly PDM meeting with NRCS staff, May 20.

Geographic Information Systems Projects – Wendie Sharp

- Continued project management of Easement Mapping Initiative for watershed flood control structures & flood pools.
- Worked on map disclaimer with OCC Legal Division.
- FY27 CPD GIS budget discussion with CP and OGI staff.
- Started work on Coal County solar farm map project for J. Stewart. Seven flood control structures are nearby the design area. Working with T. Hathcock to get flood pools built along with mapping easements.
- Worked on various Technical Services related tasks linked to troubleshooting, configuring computers, and setting up computer peripherals for various OCC divisions.
 - Helped troubleshoot issue with Proofpoint & shared mailbox for Pittsburg CCD.
 - Helped troubleshoot issue with mobile Outlook for Konawa CCD.
 - Exchanged tech updates with our OMES representative, J. Leveritt.
 - Assisted J. Ramming with tablet and docking station issues.
 - Procured secondary computer from OCC backstock for J. Parsley’s use.

- Helped used troubleshoot issues arising from Cloudflare migration.
- Assisted V. Rogers in navigation to shared Teams Channel data files.
- Worked on A&R Committee tasks:
 - Collated summer merchandise items list
 - Helped organize Navajo Tacos fundraiser
 - Monthly birthday greetings
- Attended District Teams Training covering the History of Conservancy Districts, April 21
- Attended A&R Committee meeting, April 22.
- Attended OK Office of Geographic Information Council meeting online, May 1.

Watershed Dam Easement Mapping Project – TJ Hathcock

- Mapped 520 watershed dam flood pool elevations for 130 watershed dam projects (7)

Stephens County	Dewey County	Pawnee County	Kingfisher County
Kiowa County	Coal County	Logan County	
- Created easement maps on Big Wewoka 18 and Sallisaw 34 for S. Acquario/J. Stewart.
- Created maps for potential changes to CPD Commission Meeting Report.
- Completed required SEAT and AI trainings.
- Attended District Teams Training covering the History of Conservancy Districts, April 21.
- Attended CPD Staff Meeting, April 28.

Administrative Programs – Paige Porter

- Received, reconciled April vehicle/equipment logs for CPD fleet report and Comdata invoice.
- Paid utility bills for Chickasha, Clinton, Pauls Valley watershed shops.
- Signed off on April CPD purchases, reconciled, submitted CPD P-card activity.
- Facilitated monthly CPD staff and DMT purchasing.
- Worked on OKIE Design Survey tickets.
- Updated CPD calendar of events.
- Worked on watershed program visibility tools.
- Updated Inventory-Equipment assignment lists.
- Updated comdata tasking equipment assignments with P. Foy-Binkley.
- Worked with W. Sharp & TJ Hathcock on maps for Division reports.
- Created draft of KorTerra timeline and internal training for November 1 launch.
- Attended District Teams Training covering the History of Conservancy Districts, April 23.
- Attended CPD staff meeting, April 29.
- Created and submitted April CPD fleet report, May 5.
- Met with T. Sawatzky on training topics and agenda. May 11.
- Created individual staff report template, presented to T. Sawatzky, May 11.
- Planned and conducted DMT training on reporting, travel, hotel, inventory identification, comdata use, equipment maintenance, May 13.
- Made 4-day hotel arrangements for DMT event in Stephens County, May 14.
- Created and submitted April fleet usage summary for T. Sawatzky, May 15.
- Obtained Hughes County Watershed Aide laptop, power cord, administrative notebook. Transferred laptop and cord to W. Sharp, May 15.
- Compiled and prepared April-May CPD report for May Commission Meeting, May 18.

- Assisted districts with cost-share and emergency drought questions and guidelines.
- Worked with T. Goode on O&M information.
- Entered CPD Staff and DMT vehicle logs into database.
- Worked on items for A&R.
- Worked on CPD visibility ideas.
- Maintained allocation logs for emergency drought practices.
- Prepared and emailed O&M funding approval letters to conservation districts.
- Processed O&M, PY27, ED3 and ED4 Claims.
- Received and approved conservation districts CSPY28 Board Action Required checklist, Director Participation form, local program priorities, and application ranking system.

Program Year 27

57 participants received cost-share payments totaling **\$209,664.85** from **32** conservation districts

Brush Management	732.67 AC
Cover Crop	12 AC
Fencing	20,950 LF
Grassed Waterway	6.2 AC
Heavy Use Area of Protection	3,383.2 SqFt
Herbaceous Weed Control	516 AC
High Tunnel	640 SqFt
Pasture and Hayland Planting	127.23 AC
Pipeline	1,730 FT
Pond	7,528 CY
Pumping Plant	2 EACH
Range Seeding	12 AC
Watering Facility	11,410
Well	3 EACH

Emergency Drought 3

5 participants received cost-share payments totaling **\$33,849.60** from **3** conservation districts

Pumping Plant	5
Well	5

Emergency Drought 4

77 participants received cost-share payments totaling **\$525,876.15** from **21** conservation districts

Pond Cleanout	63
Pumping Plant	14
Watering Facility	10
Well	20

Program Year 28

1 participant received cost-share payments totaling **\$1,160.25** from **1** conservation districts

Pasture and Hayland Planting	6.70 AC
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O & M Claims Processed

9 Sites totaling **\$46,637** from **3** conservation districts

Dewey County	Barnitz 104	Sink hole repair	\$ 800
McClain County	Owl 3	Slipline & dirt work on tail section	\$ 41,637
Okmulgee County	Cane 12, 15, 17, 18; Okmulgee 1; Okfuskee Tribs N-1 & N-4	Chemical brush control	\$ 4,200

Soldier Creek Site 3 - Washita County CD - Outlet Channel Repair 5/5/26



Conservation Programs Field Operations - Tom Goode

- Consultation and assistance provided to conservation districts (14):

Creek County	Dewey County	Sequoyah County
Pontotoc County	Johnston County	Washita County
Murray County	Rogers County	Okmulgee County
Kiowa County	Okfuskee County	McClain County
Garvin	Little River	
- Attended Conservation District Board Meeting (4):

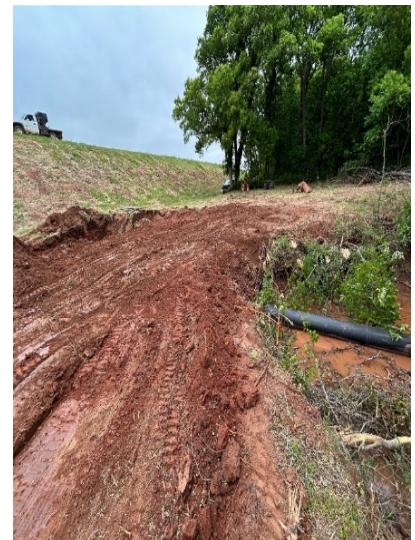
Okfuskee County, April 21	Grady County, April 28	Dewey County, May 6
Creek County, May 21		
- Attended pre-construction TEAMS meeting, Fouche Maline 1, Latimer County, May 11.
- Attended History of Conservancy Districts TEAMS training, April 21 & 23.
- CPD staff meeting, April 29.
- Attended Commission meeting, May 5
- Attended Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors Texas annual meeting, May 13.
- Planning meeting with National Watershed Coalition Executive Director and Senior Consultant, May 13.

O&M Allocations to Districts

Coal County	Spray 25 sites (over 4 watersheds)	\$ 12,500
Dewey County	Barnitz 114 & 115 - Slip Line	346,741
Garvin	Spray 25 sites (over 8 watersheds)	12,500
	Maysville Laterals B-5, H-10, & L-5 – contractor to clear large trees	23,500
	Chigley Sandy 4	13,284
Hughes County	Little Wewoka 7, Upper Muddy Boggy 25, 27, 33, & 35 - Replace wooden tower tops	45,000
Johnston County	Spray 11 sites (over 4 watersheds)	5,500
Murray County	Spray 25 sites (over 7 watersheds)	12,500
Okfuskee County	Spray 10 sites (over 5 watersheds)	4,800
	Okfuskee Tribs H-5 - Repair outlet pipe	2,450
Pontotoc County	Spray 25 sites (over 5 watersheds)	12,500
	Upper Blue River 42 – Repair ingress road	600
Sequoyah County	Sallisaw 6 - unplug tower	2,700
Washita County	Calvery 29 - front slope repair	46,500
	Turkey 6 – plunge basin repair	49,928
TOTAL		\$ 588,003



**Owl Creek Site 3
McClain County CD
Slip Line
5/7/26**



Watershed Rehabilitation and New Construction

- NRCS rehabilitation and new construction agreement management.
- Administrative, technical and land rights assistance to:

Dam / Sponsor	Project Phase
New Construction	
Lower Bayou 12 / Love County _____	Permitting / Land Rights
Rehabilitation	
Scraper Hollow 2 / Adair County CD _____ Plan will be reviewed and approved by the district.	Planning
Sugar 20 / West Caddo CD _____ NRCS is reviewing the preliminary rehab plan and anticipates presenting it to the district in August 2026 for review and approval.	Planning
Upper Washita 57 / Upper Washita CD _____ NRCS continues to work on writing the rehab plan.	Planning
Rock 10 & 12 / Murray County CD _____ NRCS has requested and received funds to perform the geological investigation.	Planning
Little Wewoka 12 / Hughes County CD _____ NRCS has requested funding for the design phase.	Design
Oak 5 / Kiowa County CD _____ NRCS has requested funding for the design phase.	Design
Sallisaw 13 & 19 / Sequoyah County CD _____ NRCS is currently preparing to begin the geological investigation.	Design
Caston Mountain 1 / Latimer County CD _____ NRCS anticipates the design will be completed in August. Commission has been working with the district on land rights.	Design
Caston Mountain 2 / Latimer County CD _____ Site 2 rehab design is complete and 404 permit packet has been prepared; Commission has been working with the district on land rights.	Design
Quapaw 15M / City of Meeker _____ NRCS anticipates the design will be completed in December. Funding for GI and design will be requested.	Design
Upper Clear Boggy 26 / Pontotoc County CD _____ The 60% design is currently being reviewed by NRCS Fort Worth. NRCS will be sending the design to the NRCS national design team to complete due to lack of Oklahoma staff.	Design
Sallisaw 36 / Sequoyah County CD _____ Plan has received the Chief's approval for design.	Design
Boiling Springs 1 / Latimer County CD _____ Design is complete, currently working on a solution to relocation of a mobile home behind the dam. Due to the increase in construction costs NRCS will need to request additional funds.	Permitting/Land Rights
Fourche Maline 7M / City of Wilburton _____ Design is complete, assisting the city of Wilburton with obtaining all needed easements. Due to the increase in construction costs NRCS will need to request additional funds.	Permitting / Land Rights
Upper Black Bear 62 / City of Perry _____ The City of Perry continues to resolve outstanding land rights issues. Anticipate construction beginning late fall of 2026.	Permitting/Land Rights