

AGENDA
Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting

Public Meeting: **Monday, January 3, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.**
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
1801 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

The Commission may vote to approve, disapprove, or take other action on any of the following items. The Commission may vote to authorize public comment on any agenda item requesting a rule change.

1. Call to Order – Chairwoman Gaddis
2. Roll Call – Rhonda Hurst
3. Invocation – Ken Cunningham
4. Pledge of Allegiance – Ken Cunningham
5. Introduction of Guests

6. Presentation of the Governor's Commendation to Commissioner Bill Brewster – Leigh Gaddis, Chairwoman.

7. Presentation and consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject or take other action on a \$3,750 donation from the 89'ers Chapter of Quail Forever, to be used for purchase of a turbo-saw skid steer attachment for habitat improvement on NW Region WMA's – Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division and Laura McIver, Regional Representative of Quail Forever/Pheasants Forever.

8. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject, or take other action on minutes of the November 7, 2022, regular Commission meeting.

9. Director's Report – J.D. Strong
 - a. Federal and Congressional Update
 - Oklahoma Legislative Update – Catherine Appling-Pooler
 - b. Calendar Items – discussion of upcoming department calendar items.
 - c. Agency Update – an update on current activity within each division of the agency.

10. Presentation of the October 31 and November 30, 2022, Financial Statements and consideration and vote to approve, amend, or reject miscellaneous donations – Amanda Storck, CFO and Chief of Administration.

11. Consideration and vote to approve, amend, reject or take other action to officially name the building at Hackberry Flat WMA after William H. "Bill" Crawford – Rick Holder, Commissioner.

12. New Business – Discussion of any matter not known about, or which could not have been reasonably foreseen 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.
13. Announce the February 6, 2023, Commission meeting will be in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
14. Adjourn

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MINUTES

Of the Regular Meeting on November 7, 2022, of the

OKLAHOMA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Held at the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on November 7, 2022. Commission meeting dates are filed with the Secretary of State, Office of Administrative Rules before December 15, annually. The agenda is listed on the Department's website and was posted at the entrance of the Wildlife Department Building on October 31, 2022, at 11:25 a.m.

Vice-Chairman James V. Barwick called the Commission in session at 9:00 a.m.

Rhonda Hurst, Executive Assistant, called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: JAMES V. BARWICK, Vice-Chairman
C. RICK HOLDER, Secretary
MARK H. MABREY, Member
D. CHAD DILLINGHAM, Member
JESS M. KANE, Member
TIM DIEHL, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: LEIGH A. GADDIS, Chairwoman
JOHN P. ZELBST, Member

Vice-Chairman Barwick introduced and welcomed new Commissioner Tim Diehl. Mr. Diehl has been appointed by the Governor to fill the unexpired term of the late Bill K. Brewster. Commissioner Diehl stated that Mr. Brewster's shoes would be hard to fill, but he appreciates the opportunity and looks forward to working with the Department.

J.D. Strong, Director, introduced the following guest: Herman Jones & Family, Landowner of the Year award recipient; Representative David Hardin; Laura McIver, Chris Lee, Jordan Menge and Eric Grohler, Quail Forever; Max & Denyce Pritchard and Mark Winters, Delta Waterfowl; Jarryd & Amie Robison, Robison Wildlife Solutions; Rick Nolan, Annie Farrell and Oscar Juanes, National Wild Turkey Federation; Tyler Talley, eCapitol; and Rick Grundman, Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation.

Director Strong presented the following tenure awards: Gary Emmons, District Chief – 20 years of service; Shane Fields, Game Warden – 25 years of service; Curtis Latham, Game Warden – 30 years of service and Jeff Pennington, Regional Supervisor – 30 years of service.

Amanda Storck, CFO & Chief of Administration, introduced Karla Beatty, Human Resources Officer, who gave an update on the Wildlife Resource Professional (WRP) program. Employees participate in 160 hours of interdivisional training over a 2-year period to learn about every aspect of the Wildlife Department. Ms. Beatty recognized the 2022 class of the WRP with a certificate to each employee. In total, 138 employees have completed this program since its inception in 1999.

Bill Dinkines, Chief of Wildlife Division, emphasized the importance of ODWC's partnerships with private landowners and the reorganization of Wildlife Division to include a Private Lands Section. He introduced Josh Richardson, Private Lands Program Supervisor, who gave an update on the program, employees and their efforts working with private landowners. Mr. Richardson introduced Nathaniel (Jr) Kester, Wildlife Technician. Mr. Kester presented a

slide show on the Herman Jones 1300-acre property in Adair County. Mr. Jones is the recipient of the 2022 Oklahoma Landowner of the Year award. State Representative David Hardin also presented Mr. Jones with a House of Representative citation of achievement. Mr. Jones stated that it is a great honor to receive this award and thanked Mr. Kester and the Wildlife Department for their partnership. He said he is glad he can do a small part in the conservation effort.

Bill Dinkines introduced Annie Ferrell, District Biologist for the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF). Ms. Ferrell stated that NWTF was happy to bring to the Department a large contribution of \$42,700 for habitat work on 4 northwest Oklahoma WMA's, law enforcement efforts, and support the National Archery in the Schools and the Scholastic Shooting Sports Programs. Motion was made by Mr. Dillingham and seconded by Mr. Barwick to accept the \$42,700 donation as presented. Motion carried with Commissioners Mabrey, Diehl, Barwick, Holder, Dillingham, and Kane voting "Yes".

Bill Dinkines introduced Paxton Smith, Migratory Bird and Wetlands Biologist who commented on the importance and necessity of partnerships with groups such as Delta Waterfowl. He stated that the Oklahoma Delta Waterfowl Chapter supports our youth waterfowl hunts. He introduced Max Pritchard, Delta Waterfowl Oklahoma Chapter President, who presented the Department with a \$500 donation. Motion was made by Mr. Holder and seconded by Mr. Dillingham to accept the \$500 donation as presented. Motion carried with Commissioners Mabrey, Diehl, Barwick, Holder, Dillingham, and Kane voting "Yes".

Bill Dinkines introduced Laura McIver, Regional Representative for Quail Forever/Pheasants Forever who presented the Commission with a \$2,500 donation from the Plainsman Chapter of Quail Forever/Pheasants Forever in Enid, to be used for red cedar removal on Sandy Sanders Wildlife Management Area. Ms. McIver emphasized the valuable relationship between QF and ODWC as well as the efforts of all other organizations. She said it takes everyone working together to accomplish the goal. Motion was made by Mr. Dillingham and seconded by Mr. Mabrey to accept the \$2,500 donation as presented. Motion carried with Commissioners Mabrey, Diehl, Barwick, Holder, Dillingham, and Kane voting "Yes".

Bill Dinkines introduced Tell Judkins, Upland Game Biologist who presented the Quail and Pheasant Season Forecasts. Every year in August and October, department employees drive 83 routes, each 20 miles long, to count quail observed along the survey route. Each March and August, 13 surveys are run twice to log pheasant calls and observations. Mr. Judkins presented the results of the 2022 surveys and copies of the data was given to the Commission.

Nels Rodefald, Chief of Communication and Education, discussed the ongoing efforts to Recruit, Retain and Reactivate (R3) Oklahoma hunters. He introduced Kasie Harriet, the R3 Coordinator with the National Wild Turkey Federation, but who also works in conjunction with ODWC under Colin Berg, Communication and Education Supervisor. Ms. Harriet gave a presentation on the efforts and activities of NWTF to recruit, retain and reactivate Oklahoma hunters in the 2022 year.

Motion was made by Mr. Kane and seconded by Mr. Dillingham to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2022 Commission meeting. Motion carried with Commissioners Mabrey, Diehl, Barwick, Holder, Dillingham, and Kane voting "Yes".

Director Strong gave a brief update and highlighted the Congressional report submitted by Brittnee Preston, the Department's part-time Federal and Congressional Liaison. This report was sent to all Commissioners and will be kept with the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Strong gave a Director's Report on calendar items and agency updates. This report was given to the Commission and will be kept with the minutes of this meeting. In addition to the report, Director Strong announced that the Legislative Liaison position had finally been filled with Catherine Appling. She is currently working in the Lieutenant Governor's office and will transfer to ODWC on December 1, 2022.

Director Strong introduced Rick Grundman, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation (OWCF). Mr. Grundman said the 2nd annual Call of the Wild Gala and the waterfowl festival held at G&H Decoys in October were great successes. He is hoping the waterfowl festival continues to grow and becomes an annual event. The 2023 Foundation Gala will be held on Friday, September 29 at the Omni Hotel. Mr. Grundman also mentioned that a Foundation fundraiser sporting clays event will be held at Cedar Gate on May 12, 2023.

Amanda Storck, CFO and Chief of Administration presented the Financial Statements for September 30, 2022. Motion was made by Mr. Dillingham, seconded by Mr. Mabrey to accept the financial statements as presented and approve miscellaneous contributions. Motion carried with Commissioners Mabrey, Diehl, Barwick, Holder, Dillingham, and Kane voting "Yes".

Ms. Storck also gave an update on the current license data:

Recreational Licenses - Number of licenses sold was down 3% from October 2021, down 7% YTD

- Resident Fishing - Down 4% for the month, Down 11% YTD
- Resident Hunting - Up 6% for the month, Up 13% YTD
- Resident Combo - Up 24% for the month, Down 8% YTD
- Nonresident Hunting - Up 8% for the month, Down 10% YTD
- Resident Deer Archery - Up 3% for the month, Up 10% YTD
- Resident Youth Deer Archery - Up 4% for the month, Up 13% YTD
- Lifetime Licenses - Down 7% for September, Down 5% YTD
- Lifetime Combo - Down 14% (Down 10% YTD)
- Seniors - Down 8% (Down 2% YTD)

Amanda Storck introduced David Sawyer from Definiti LLC who gave a presentation on the FY2022 Actuarial Valuation Report for the Wildlife Defined Benefit Plan. The valuation report contains important information regarding the funding status of the plan. This year the funded ratio decreased from 92.9% in 2021 to 92.1% in 2022 and the required annual department contribution increased from \$2.2 million in 2021 to \$2.3 million in 2022. Mr. Sawyer stated that the Defined Benefit Plan is currently 92% funded.

Motion was made by Mr. Mabrey and seconded by Mr. Kane to adopt the 2023 Commission meeting dates as follows: January 3 (Tuesday), February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, August 7, September 5 (Tuesday), October 2, November 6, and December 4. Motion carried with Commissioners Mabrey, Diehl, Barwick, Holder, Dillingham, and Kane voting "Yes". Commissioner Barwick noted that the January 3, 2023 Commission meeting will be held in Enid, Oklahoma.

Commissioner Barwick announced that the December 5, 2022, Wildlife Commission meeting has been cancelled.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

OKLAHOMA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Leigh A. Gaddis, CHAIRWOMAN

ATTEST:

C. Rick Holder, SECRETARY

January 2023 DIRECTOR'S REPORT



OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT OF
**WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION**

CALENDAR ITEMS:

Jan 5, 2023 Rulemaking Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m., ODWC Headquarters, OKC
Jan 5-8 WAFWA Mid-Winter Meeting, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM

AGENCY UPDATE

ADMINISTRATION

Accounting

- # of Claims Audited and Paid - 294
- Total Dollar Amount of Claims Paid - \$1,877,096.11
- Purchase Card Program:
- Total # Agency Cardholders - 190
- Total # Agency Approvers (no cards) - 16
- Total Agency Monthly Standard Spending Limits - \$350,000
- Total Agency Spending Limits w/ Approved Increase Requests - \$410,000
- # of PCard Spending Limit Increase Requests Approved - 22
- # of P/Card Transactions Processed - 529
- # of ODWC In-depth Audited Transactions - 69
- OMES documentation requests for PCard transactions - 4
- Total Dollar Amount of P/Card Purchases - \$197,539.60
- PCard Program Refresher Training - 5
- New Approver Training at OMES - 2
- New Cardholder Training at OMES - 1
- # of Purchase Orders/CO issued - 78

Risk Management

- OMES Surveys or Premiums Completed - 1
- New Cases Reported - 4
- Construction Site Visits 11/01/2022 - Cheryl Luetkemeyer & Rebekah Pennington - Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting - Cookson WMA Pond Construction, 11/07/2022 - Rebekah Pennington - Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting - Spavinaw WMA, 11/28/2022 - Rebekah Penning & Amanda Thomas - Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting - Kaw WMA Gun Range

Federal Aid

- Preliminary Apportionments Received: WR up 10%, SFR up 13.6%. Both trending toward the largest final apportionment on record for ODWC
- Federal Reimbursement Request: \$2,105,341.88
- Audit Repayment: \$155,533.04 (\$311,063.06 cumulative)
- New Grants or Amendments Submitted: 3
- Grant Reports Submitted: 34

- Fisheries and Wildlife division Pcard charges sorted into 323 unique combinations of Fund / Division / Grant number / Project number / Product Code / Area / Object Code for claim jacket preparation
- Subaward Invoices Processed: \$64,929.76
- Grants Specialist Milestones: Subaward issued to City of Lawton for Lake Ellsworth Boating Access project; Extensive review / documentation of invoice challenges with two subrecipients; WorkDay PMP training; AGA Professional Development Training; TRACS reporting refresher training to ODWC staff; Worked on multiple cooperative agreements for grants starting January 1
- Federal Aid Coordinator Key Meetings / Milestones: 50 CFR 80 Update working group meeting; RAWA Readiness planning; RAWA Guidance State Review Board meeting; Hackberry Flat pipeline planning meeting; CVR planning meeting w/PF; Meet with subrecipient's fiscal staff to discuss invoicing concerns; Next Level supervisor planning meeting; ARPA / Gondola Lake meeting w/OWRB; TRACS training regarding reporting.
- Other Milestones: Final retest of timesheet data from WorkDay; Grants Assistant interviews; Boating Access Coordinator and Shooting Range Coordinator interviews; Indirect Cost Rate proposal reviewed, finalized, submitted by contractor.

Human Resources

- # Open Full-time Positions - 36
- Positions Interviewed - 8
- Candidates interviewed - 27
- Positions Announced - 7
- Candidates Screened - 148
- See included personnel report that shows personnel actions for the month
- Temporary Employees Processed (Interns & Aids), - 7

Other misc:

- 2 - ODWC Computer Trainings
- DEI Relevancy Meeting
- 1 - MINRC Meeting
- NWOSU Career Fair
- WRP recognition at Commission Meeting
- 1 - Workday training for Law Enforcement District Chiefs
- Continue to answer Workday questions
- Myers-Brigg Type Indicator Facilitation Certification (Karla)
- 2 - Next level supervisor meeting (Vicky)

IT

- 69 inbound tickets for the month.

Upcoming and Ongoing Projects:

- Trained with OMES on their process for imaging their laptops so we can do this for ourselves while adhering to state standards.
- Recovered from a crash of our AV system.
- Continued talks with Pinnacle about the future of our server architecture needs.
- Activated 4 new phones for different departments throughout the agency.
- We have been working on a brand-new tool to help inventory management. This will help field users track items in the field from a web portal and will decrease the amount of time when the inventory report time comes around.

License

For November 2022, License Section:

- Processed over 600 orders, including 440 licenses/permits and 430 hard card orders (mail and walk-in orders) - \$90,066 in revenue
- Shipped over 444 in-house merchandise items (patches, books, etc), totaling over \$3,900 in revenue.
- Processed \$17,000 in miscellaneous revenue, such lease payments, fines restitution, etc.
- Reviewed over 1300 online applications for various licenses and permits.
- Work for November was completed with no delays, despite losing two employees (40% of staff) to transfer and resignation in the first eight days of the month.

Property

- Submitted PO for 29 new trucks for Law, Fish and C&E.
- Continued to distribute new 2022 F150 trucks to Law Enforcement in the field, while also working to rebrand numerous law, fish and wildlife trucks out the field at headquarters.
- Repairs to headquarters after damage to electrical lighting system due to power surge. Over 50 light fixtures had to have drivers replaced. Most repairs are complete with a few parts on back order to complete repairs.
- Placed order of new uniforms for current staff in early December, with estimated delivery mid-late January.

FISHERIES DIVISION

Statewide Fish Stockings			
Species	#Fish	Size	# Locations
Channel catfish	19,050	7"	6
Rainbow trout, USFWS	22,293	11" range	2
Rainbow trout, commercial	10,153	9"+	6
Rainbow trout, commercial	502	14-25"	6
TOTAL	51,998		14

Meetings

- Staff attended the Oka' Institute Water Sustainability Conference.

Activities

- The Ike Foundation donated \$1000 worth of additional rainbow trout that were stocked into Veterans Park Pond in Jenks, OK, to promote angling opportunities in urban areas so future anglers have a place to enjoy.
- General maintenance on hatchery grounds with attraction tasks including but not limited to painting the storage building, moving metal shop equipment into the new shop building, receiving new scraper/dirt mover for hatchery ponds and road maintenance, repairing water line leaks and replacing bad valves, and removed brush from pond levies.

- Hatchery staff installed stings and flagging on grow-out ponds to detour cormorant feeding and setup research ponds for River Otter depredation study.
- Staff Assisted several landowners with farm pond renovations/management.
- The North Central Region Fisheries staff completed the remodel of the 30x100 boat barn at their compound. Local wildlife staff and fisheries staff from Byron Hatchery, NWR, and SER assisted.
- Walls were repaired at the PRC to repair water damage.
- Trout continue to be stocked weekly at Blue River PFHA. Staff completed information kiosk build, improved access, and installed flashing lights highlighting license/passport requirement sign upon LE request.
- Worked OKC P&R trout fishing derby. 114 people attended. Education stations included: trout biology, tackle tips, water safety, outdoor ethics, casting, and knot tying.
- Staff conducted 5 angler survey days at Holdenville Lake. Trout creel survey at Perry CCC which included 100 interviews and at Medicine Park with 110 interviews.
- Survey questions and sign design coinciding with the Lake Ellsworth blue catfish mark recapture/gear comparison project were developed with the help of Betsey York.
- Staff gill netted and trap netted 14 lakes across the state including crappie at Foss, Tom Steed, Waurika, Webbers Falls, Sardis, Carl Blackwell, Liberty, Longmire, Durant City, Scott King, Thunderbird, Sooner, Arcadia, and Bell Cow Reservoirs.
- Performed winter paddlefish gillnetting and tagging at Oologah and Grand to assess population densities and conditions. Catch rate of juveniles was high for both lakes.
- We began tagging blue and flathead catfish at Lake Ellsworth for the mark recapture/gear comparison project.
- We began a project assisting an OSU student that investigates electromagnetic frequencies' effects on invertebrates/fish.
- Staff removed 281 cedar trees in two days and cleared an additional two acres with a new skid steer brush hog attachment at Lake Nanih Waiya.
- Staff cleared limbs and trash from Medicine Creek Trout Area.
- Invoiced, shipped holiday caviar sales, and prepared preseason paperwork and facility maintenance in preparation for 2023 season.
- Biologists attended required Workday Performance Review Online Training.
- Reported zebra mussel discovery at Arcadia Reservoir to ANS coordinator, City of Edmond G&F Committee, USACE Keystone Lake Project Manager and Arcadia Park Manger.
- ODWC (Fish/Wildlife/Law Divisions) is working with Chickasaw National Recreation Area staff to draft a new 5-year MOU for cooperative management at and around Arbuckle Lake.
- Submitted a paper for publication that developed methods to use historical fish community data to track species range changes through time. These methods will be used to update the Oklahoma Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy document in 2023.
- Revisions from the Journal of Fish and Wildlife Management were received for the manuscript titled "Effects of environmental factors on sucker catch rate, size structure, species composition, and precision from boat electrofishing".

- A manuscript titled "Surfacing response thresholds of Blue Catfish exposed to low-frequency electrofishing" was submitted to the North American Journal of Fisheries Management.
- A manuscript titled "Comparison of age estimates and population characteristics for green sunfish using two otolith methods" was published in the journal Lakes and Reservoirs: Science, Policy and Management for Sustainable Use.
- Three Oklahoma Academy of Science manuscripts were accepted and proofs accepted.
- Completed Streams Catfish Report for the Kiamichi River, submission of ANS grants, and completed grant interim report.
- SCR staff completed habitat/fish attractor enhancement at Catfish Bay (Lake Texoma) in conjunction with State Parks and Corps staff.
- ODWC began working with Canton FFA on a habitat project for Canton Lake. Students are building artificial structures that will be put in the lake this spring.
- Assembled bass tournament weigh-in kits for upcoming Last Bass Tournament at Lake Eufaula.
- Refurbished 2 CTHFP fish feeders, updated MOU document for CTHFP cooperators, and installed trail cameras at OKC trout ponds to monitor angling pressure.
- Worked OKC P&R trout fishing derby. 114 people attended. Education stations included: trout biology, tackle tips, water safety, outdoor ethics, casting, and knot tying.
- All boating and fishing access sites in the northwest region were inspected. No deficiencies were noted.
- Dam inspections were completed at American Horse, Elmer, and Etling. Only a few minor deficiencies were noted.
- Travelled to West Palm Beach, Florida to pick up and transport recently purchased aquatic vegetation harvester boat (Weedoo work boat).

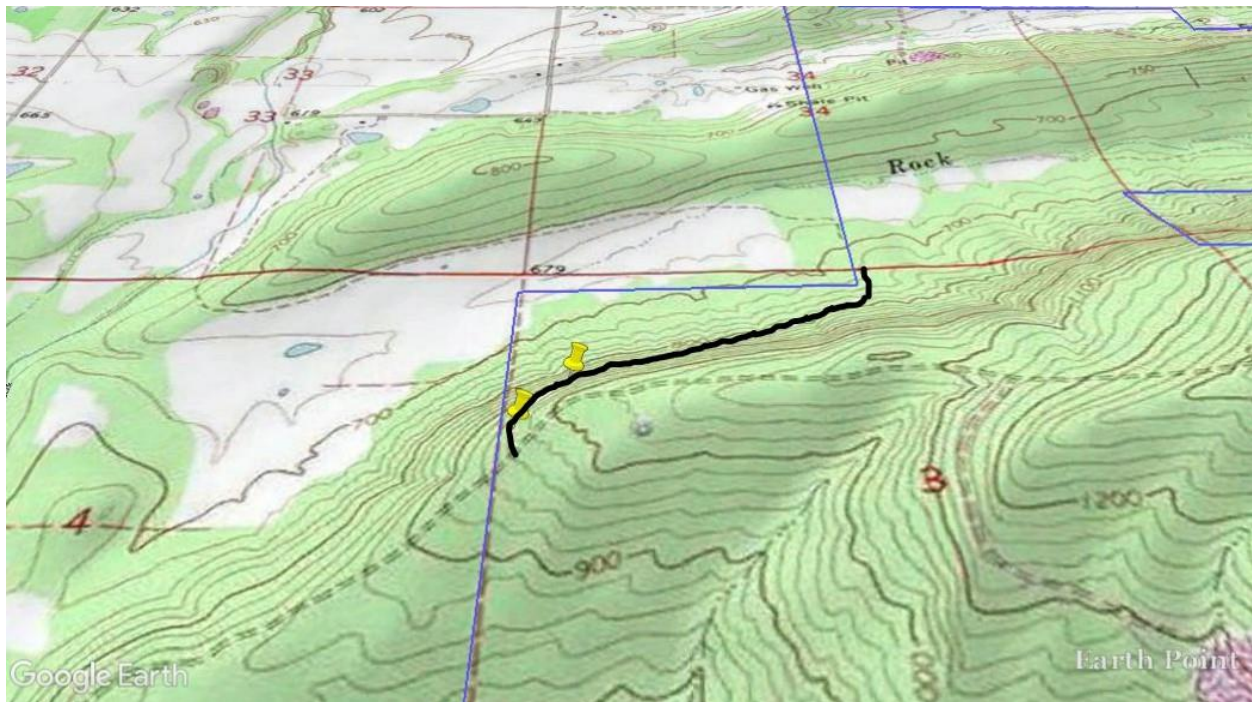
C&E DIVISION

- Blake Podhajsky, Darrin Hill and Todd Craighead worked to monetize Outdoor Oklahoma's YouTube videos. Ads will now be placed on all Outdoor Oklahoma videos in combinations of overlay ads, skippable and non-skippable ads, and mid-roll ads on longer form videos. ODWC does have the ability to manually select what type of ads we want to appear on our videos, as well as which videos we want ads on.
- Whitney Jenkins developed a plan for 2023 trade show attendance. Trade shows are an opportunity to promote ODWC as the state's fish and wildlife experts to hunters, anglers and those that love the outdoors. They help to increase brand awareness of the Department, its programs and mission. In 2023, ODWC will attend some events that are outdoors centric but not necessarily geared toward hunters and anglers specifically. We are also excited to begin selling new ODWC branded merchandise at these events.
- Sarah Southerland worked with fisheries to execute a successful #GarWeek social media campaign. The campaign generated 5.2 million impressions!
- Amanda Thomas joined C&E as the agency's first employee focused solely on Shooting Range Coordination.

- Michael Bergin reported impressive merchandise sales for October and November. Since partnering with Brandt and a third party drop ship company in October more than 1,000 hats and tumblers have been sold.
- Michael is also working with OnX to expand on the already successful partnership. OnX has offered to send push notifications to its Oklahoma users on behalf of the wildlife department. We used this opportunity in mid-December to emphasize antlerless harvest and promote WMAs open to the Holiday antlerless season.
- Excellent progress is being made at the Arcadia Conservation Education Area as Oklahoma County installs the culvert and will begin paving the roads soon.
- Betsey York organized workshop 3 for the Relevancy team. We created SMART objectives and action items for the three selected population segments and addressed what needs to change internally to accomplish relevancy goals for the agency.
- Interviews for Web Developer were conducted on Dec. 21.
- The Fisheries Private Pond Technical Assistance survey closed, and data analysis began and the questions for the Finalized the 2022 Game Harvest Survey were finalized. Betsey is also working with Jerrod Davis on a separate survey to better understand trapping barriers and perceptions.

WILDLIFE DIVISION

- Completed the major access road construction project on Sans Bois WMA and opened the road for public access.





- Campground upgrades to the deer hanging/skinning/process racks at Atoka, Stringtown and McGee Creek WMAs were completed. Work was conducted by Biologist Hunter Redden and Technicians Zackary Castro, and Jonathan (Taylor) Dealy, and total cost for each rack was \$472.61, + staff time.







- Hauled and spread 2,354 tons of gravel on WMA roads, renovating ~12 miles of roads. 72 food plots were planted (212) acres, maintained 14 camping areas, installed 197 boundary signs, and manipulate 88 acres of habitat (55 acres received chemical habitat manipulations 33 acres received mechanical habitat manipulations). Conducted
- 14 Controlled Deer Hunts and 27 quail covey counts on WMA's. Maintained shooting ranges, submitted regional rut reports and conducted opening day (deer, quail, waterfowl) surveys on WMA's. Staff conducted Pre-Bid conferences for road and pond work, monitored and inspected agricultural, hay, and grazing leases, and continued working on the Dashboard component of the WMA Plans.
- Staff continue preparing for upcoming dormant season burning, maintained 31 miles of fireguards in preparation for dormant season burning,
- Staff replaced 20 corners and 3 water gaps on grazing lease areas and worked on grazing lease renewals for the upcoming grazing season.
- Staff have conducted assigned waterfowl surveys and wetland status reports. Work continued on Wetland Development Unit equipment, 2 WDUs were pumped (Keystone, Love Valley), and others are completely dependent upon rainfall.
- Conducted a wildlife presentation to a conservation class (13 students).
- Completed private lands youth hunts.
- Received listing notices for the Lesser Prairie chicken and the tri-colored bat.
- Got an update from the Brandt licensing system software developers on a limited access management module which should provide very useful for managing and tracking hunter user on the limited access OLAP properties, which are predominantly those close to the OKC and Tulsa metro areas. This should allow us to substantially increase the amount of land leased for public access near major metro areas.
- The December elk hunts on the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge have been a little tough this year. The second hunt (Dec 6-8th) saw the second lowest hunter success

rate ever (83 hunters harvested only 37 animals (14 bulls and 23 cows) for a total success rate of only 45%. Normal success rates tend to run in the 60-65% range.

- As of Dec 13: Deer gun season totals for 2022 were 65,361 which was higher than both 2021 (57,149) and 2020 (61,083). Overall harvest is sitting at 115,392 with 40% of that being antlerless. We are on pace to a possible new record harvest! Only about 9k away with the Holiday Antlerless, January archery opportunities, and DMAP harvest yet to add to this total. Reminder that these are preliminary numbers and have not been verified through our post season analysis looking for duplicates or other mistakes. These are NOT final numbers.
- Oklahoma so far has missed any large-scale die-off's of migratory birds due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) that have been reported in other states across the region. Only reports of fewer than 20 birds per event have been made. Those mortality events have mostly consisted of geese and pelicans. Cases of dead and/or dying ducks have been reported as well but on a small scale. Drought conditions have led to poor habitat conditions fewer birds than we see in a "normal" year. Substantial prolonged cold temperatures will bring additional waves of migrating birds, so we expect to see increased numbers of birds and perhaps additional mortality events.
- We acquired a 150-acre inholding on James Collins WMA, that was purchased through an agreement with the Conservation Fund.
- Begin trapping efforts for wild turkey and pronghorns research projects.

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

- We have had two resignations in the last month. John Grellner (Canadian County D6) and Ben Haff (Wagoner County D2). With those two resignations it makes us have 11 openings as we close out 2022. Hopefully we don't lose more to the OHP bridge academy that is starting March 29th of this year with OHP making roughly \$38,000/year more and a 20-year retirement.
- The physical testing of new candidates is underway with interviews to follow. We will potentially be interviewing 24 candidates for 11 openings, with a hire date of March 1st for those that make it through.
- The Game Warden Academy will start March 1st in Oklahoma City and move to Camp Gruber on March 6th. It will be 9 weeks this year, 8 weeks at Camp Gruber and the last week in the OKC office for their final testing and badge pinning. More details will follow on the date and time of the badge pinning ceremony, for those wishing to attend.
- Game Wardens have been busy with hunting seasons and have been making numerous cases. Once the cases are finalized, we will include details in future reports.
- We will also have a new Field Training Officer program for the new hires this year. Capt. Loftis has spent many months of work updating and revamping the FTO program to one of the most up to date programs in the state. The new recruits will spend time with 3 different training officers (one of which from a different district) and their supervisors during the all-inclusive program.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 22, 2022

TO: OK Department of Wildlife Commission and Staff

FROM: Brittnee Preston

RE: Report on November and December Federal and Congressional Issues for January Commission Meeting

President:

President Biden has been busy with several things over the last couple of months including...

- negotiating an extension to a potential rail strike in November only to need Congress to intervene to avoid a strike in early December.
- negotiating a prisoner swap with Russia and bring Britney Griner home.
- requesting \$37.7B in new Ukraine aid to be included in the end of the year funding package.

The President also signed H.R. 263, the Big Cat Safety Act, into law. This bill revises requirements governing ownership of big cats and restricting direct contact of big cats with the public.

Congress:

General Congressional actions:

- Congress was in recess for the month of October and all but one week of November.
- Upon returning after the elections, Republicans official had taken the majority in the House, which prompted Speaker Pelosi to step down from her leadership role followed by Leader Steny Hoyer. Both have served as House Democrat leadership for many decades and have decided to open the path for the next generation of Democrats to lead the party. Rep. Hakeem Jefferies (D-NY) is expected to vie for the top Democratic leadership position.
- Leader Kevin McCarthy received the Speaker nomination from the Republican Conference, setting up a vote on his potential Speakership in January.
- Committee Chairmanships will now start to shake out. Both Congressman Cole and Congressman Lucas are up for Chairmanships in the House.
- Congress returned to a quickly approaching funding deadline and a laundry list of to-dos. Some of the big things on their agenda included: FY23 appropriations, tax reform package, health programs, defense reauthorization (NDAA) and a WRDA reauthorization.

NDAA & WRDA:

- A National Defense Reauthorization Act passed and was named in honor of Sen. Inhofe. Fittingly, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) was attached to the bill. These are two major pieces of legislation that Sen. Inhofe has been repeatedly active and influential on over his many years of service.
- The WRDA bill included several Oklahoma specific projects. The bill also included an increase in funding for the Aquatic Invasive Species management program under the Rivers and Harbors Act.

Recovering America's Wildlife Act –

- The push for Recovering America's Wildlife Act was in full force throughout the fall and yielded several almost successes to receive floor time or attach it to a larger bill moving through the process. A pay-for was negotiated, the Congressional Budget Office even scored the pay-for, which is typically only done for bills nearing floor consideration. The final push by the coalition was to attach Recovering to the end of the year Omnibus spending package. It remained in play through weeks of negotiations but ultimately was not included in the final hours before the bill text was finalized. While it was certainly disappointing to not cross the finish line, this is the furthest progress the bill has ever made and the coalition is ready to hit the ground running as soon as the 118th Congress convenes.

FY23 Appropriations

- After passing a Continuing Resolution in September, a nearly two-month recess, and a new political landscape coming down the pike post elections, the FY 23 funding negotiations seemed to drag on. Congress resolved to pass a one-week spending gap to December 23rd to give themselves more time to negotiate a final package.
- Agreement was made in the week leading up to Christmas on a \$1.7 trillion spending package without major tax reforms but including Ukraine aid and emergency disaster funding.
- Below is a summary of the topline issues and funding levels and wildlife and environment specific programmatic funding.

FY 23 Omnibus Summary (December 2022)

- \$1.7 trillion in FY 23 spending, \$45 billion in aid for Ukraine and \$38 billion in disaster assistance.
- Top line Totals:
 - Agriculture-FDA: \$25.4 billion
 - Commerce-Justice-Science: \$84.2 billion
 - Defense: \$797.7 billion
 - Energy and Water: \$54.65billion
 - Financial Services: \$27.7 billion
 - Homeland Security: \$86.5 billion
 - Interior-Environment: \$40.45 billion
 - Labor-HHS-Education: \$209.9
 - Legislative Branch: \$6.9 billion
 - Military Construction-VA: \$303.8 billion
 - State and Foreign Operations: \$61.8 billion
 - Transportation-HUD: \$91 billion

AGRICULTURE BILL

- Provides \$242 million in discretionary funding.
- Includes \$1.174 billion – \$61 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level – for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. This funding will support programs to help control or eradicate plant and animal pests and diseases
- Provides \$941 million for Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- Provides \$1.034 billion to help farmers, ranchers, and other private landowners conserve and protect their land.
- The bill's Explanatory Statement states *“The agreement directs NRCS to implement a multi-year cooperative agreement with appropriate funding support to an organization that supports efforts to conserve the lesser-prairie chicken and implements carbon sequestration conservation programs nationwide, and that can make conservation solutions and best practices accessible daily to private landowners.”*

COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND JUSTICE

- \$6.35 billion, an increase of \$474.8 million above fiscal year 2022
- \$1.09 billion for National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) operations, an increase of \$77.4 million above fiscal year 2022.

ENERGY AND WATER BILL

- Provides a total of \$8.66 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers, including \$8.31 billion in Division D and \$350 million in emergency funds. This is an increase of \$317 million above the fiscal year 2022 level and an increase of \$2.059 billion above the request. The Disaster supplemental includes \$1.13 billion in additional funds.
- Provides \$1.9 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation, an increase of \$30 million above the fiscal year 2022 level and \$517 million above the request.

INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT BILL

- The bill includes a total of \$38.9 billion in regular appropriations, an increase of \$850 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.
- Provides \$10.1 billion for EPA; an increase of \$576 million above fiscal year 2022.
- Provides a total of \$14.7 billion in discretionary appropriations for DOI – \$574 million above the 2022 enacted level. Of this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$1.5 billion for the Bureau of Land Management, \$83 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$81 million for sage-grouse conservation.
 - \$34 million for threatened and endangered species
 - \$62 million for the National Landscape Conservation System
 - \$1.8 billion for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, \$1128 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$296 million for Ecological Services, \$19 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.
 - \$542 million for National Wildlife Refuge System, \$23 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.
 - \$32.8 million for the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund.
 - \$53.8 million for the Migratory Bird Management Program
 - \$73.8 million for State and Tribal Wildlife Grants
 - \$50 million for Aquatic Invasive Species
 - \$541 million for the National Wildlife Refuge System
- \$3.5 billion for National Park Service, \$210 million above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$2.9 billion for Operation of the National Park System, \$156 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.
 - \$93 million for National Recreation and Preservation, \$9 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.
 - \$205 million for the Historic Preservation Fund, \$32 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level. Within this amount, the bill includes \$62 million for State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices.
- \$1.5 billion for the U.S. Geological Survey, \$103 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.
 - \$70 million for the Bureau of Land Management.
 - \$28.2 million for Cooperative Research Units
- \$3.9 billion for the USFS (non-fire and without LWCF)
- The bill allocates \$900 million in mandatory funds to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).
- Retains the provision prohibiting funds to regulate the lead content of ammunition or fishing tackle.

Agencies:

- > Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
 - The NRCS [announced](#) they plan to issue a series of revised conservation practice standards in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices (NHCP). Comments are due by January 18, 2023.
- > U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS)
 - The USFWS [announced](#) the FY 2023 Competitive State Wildlife Grant (C-SWG) Program funding opportunity. The deadline to apply is February 17, 2023.

- USFWS [announced](#) the preliminary migratory bird hunting regulations for 2023-2024. This is a proposed rule at this point. Comments were due on this by December 5, 2022.
- USFWS [announced](#) a funding opportunity for the Youth Engagement, Education, and Employment service program. Applications are due by September 10, 2023.
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gives [notice](#) of a public meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Wednesday and Thursday, January 11-12, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time each day.
- The USFWS [announced](#) a grant opportunity through the National Fish Passage Program from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for Fiscal Year 2023. The notice states that final proposals are due by “Dec 31, 2023. Letters of Intent must be received via email to the appropriate NFPP Regional Coordinator by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on December 16, 2022 (see Section G1 for contact information). Full proposals (by invitation only) are due in GrantSolutions by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on December 31, 2023. See Section D2 Content and Form of Application Submission for more information.”
- USFWS [announced](#) listing of the Lesser Prairie Chicken.
- USFWS [announced the listing](#) of the Lesser Prairie Chicken. Here is a link to the [Federal Register](#).
- USFWS [announced](#) a funding opportunity for refuges infrastructure enhancements. Applications are due by September 10, 2023.
- USFWS [announced](#) the reclassification of the Northern long-eared bat from threatened to endangered. This move removes the species specific 4(d) rule on the bat.
- The USFWS [announced](#) a proposed rule to revise the list of Migratory Birds, both adding and removing species. You can find a list of the species affected at the link above. The deadline to comment on this proposed rule is February 10, 2023.
- The USFWS [announced](#) a NAWCA grant opportunity. This funding opportunity provides matching grant program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Applications are due February 24, 2023.
- The USFWS is [seeking comments](#) on how to streamline the collection of information for the Federal Duck Stamp program. Comments are due January 12, 2023.

Coming up...

- > The 118th Congress convenes.
- > The Speaker election will take place on January 3, 2023.
- > The Farm Bill expires in 2023 and preliminary discussions on the next bill have begun.

***Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
Financial Statement***

For the period July 1, 2022 Through November 30, 2022

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Accounts Groups
November 30, 2022

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups		11/30/2022 Totals	11/30/2021 Totals
	General	Capital Projects		General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Debt		
Assets and Other Debits:							
Cash	15,281,350		4,181,205			19,462,555	20,828,420
Investments	0		251,154,328			251,154,328	284,235,352
Accounts Receivable	5,052,783					5,052,783	7,623,620
Monthly Lifetime License			375,925			375,925	388,325
Legacy Permit / Operation game Thief	4,560,339		7,000			4,567,339.00	5,454,651.00
Fixed Assets				77,748,596		77,748,596	76,538,851
Land				104,547,999		104,547,999	96,610,614
Other Debits:							
Amount To Be Provided For Payment of Compensated Absences					0 *	0	3,456,409
Amount To Be Provided For Payment of Net Pension Obligation					21,202,403	21,202,403	-3,924,890
	24,894,472	0	255,718,458	182,296,595	21,202,403	484,111,928	485,763,701
Liabilities and Fund Balance:							
Liabilities:							
Accounts Payable (accrual)	379,869					379,869	825,288
Due to Other Funds (current month Lifetimes)	375,925					375,925	388,325
Compensated Absences Payable (leave accrual)					0	0	3,456,409
Net Pension Obligation					21,202,403	21,202,403	-3,924,890
Total Liabilities	755,794	0	0	0	21,202,403	21,958,197	745,132
Fund Balance:							
Reserved for Employee Pension Benefits			122,454,409			122,454,409	141,445,518
Reserved for Defined Contribution Benefits (DC)			6,487,681			6,487,681	6,168,999
Investment in General Fixed Assets				182,296,595		182,296,595	173,149,465
Fund Balance	24,138,678		126,776,368			150,915,046	164,254,587
Total Fund Balance	24,138,678	0	255,718,458	182,296,595	0	462,153,731	485,018,569
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	24,894,472	0	255,718,458	182,296,595	21,202,403	484,111,928	485,763,701

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Trust Funds

Combining Balance Sheets
November 30, 2022

	Expendable Trust	Nonexpendable Trust	Pension Trust	DC Trust	11/30/2022 Totals	11/30/2021 Totals
Assets:						
Cash (Wildlife Heritage)	445,877	3,735,328			4,181,205	3,928,171
Investments	25,188,748	97,023,490	122,454,409	6,487,681	251,154,328	290,404,351
Due From Other Funds		375,925			375,925	388,325
Restricted Assets (OP. Game Thief)		7,000			7,000	7,000
	25,634,625	101,141,743	122,454,409	6,487,681	255,718,458	294,727,847
Fund Balance:						
Fund Balance Reserved for Employee Pension Benefits			122,454,409	6,487,681	128,942,090	147,614,517
Fund Balance	25,634,625	101,141,743			126,776,368	147,113,330
Total Fund Balance	25,634,625	101,141,743	122,454,409	6,487,681	255,718,458	294,727,847

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Fund
For the Period July 1, 2022 Through November 30, 2022

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	11/30/2022	11/30/2021	Percent of
	General	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	Totals	Totals	Inc. or Dec.
Revenues:						
Licenses (without Lifetimes)	11,305,247			11,305,247	10,428,224	8.41%
Other Wildlife Sales	1,171,276			1,171,276	1,237,103	-5.32%
Agriculture and Oil Lease	311,176			311,176	358,834	-13.28%
Grant Revenue	12,355,734			12,355,734	14,419,669	-14.31%
Investment Income	85,631		24,370	110,001	99,078	11.02%
Miscellaneous	515,402			515,402	794,842	-35.16%
Total Revenues	25,744,466	0	24,370	25,768,836	27,337,750	-5.74%
Expenditures:						
Administration	2,768,132			2,768,132	2,944,881	-6.00%
Wildlife	6,822,323			6,822,323	6,057,001	12.64%
Fish	4,158,648			4,158,648	4,732,441	-12.12%
Law Enforcement	4,932,395			4,932,395	5,198,559	-5.12%
Information and Education	1,464,419			1,464,419	1,355,454	8.04%
Capital Improvements	2,749,776			2,749,776	3,115,329	-11.73%
Land Acquisitions		972,710		972,710	0	0.00%
Total Expenditures	22,895,693	972,710		23,868,403	23,403,665	1.99%
Excess(deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	2,848,773	(972,710)	24,370	1,900,433	3,934,085	-51.69%
Other Financing Sources(uses):						
Sale of General Fixed Assets	0			0	0	0.00%
Operating Transfers In	4,098,363	972,710	4,862,171	9,933,244	3,936,817	152.32%
Operating Transfers Out	(972,710)		(4,098,363)	(5,071,073)	(1,612,543)	214.48%
Operating Transfers Out (215)			0	0	0	0.00
Total Other Financing Sources(uses)	3,125,653	972,710	763,808	4,862,171	2,324,274	109.19%
Excess of revenues & other financing sources over expenditures & other financing uses	5,974,426	0	788,178	6,762,604	6,258,359	8.06%
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year:	18,164,252	0	24,846,447	43,010,699	65,499,816	-34.33%
Fund Balances November 30, 2022:	24,138,678	0	25,634,625	49,773,303	71,758,175	-30.64%

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Trust Funds
For the Period July 1, 2022 Through November 30, 2022

	Fiduciary Fund Types				
	Nonexpendable Trust	Pension Trust	DC Trust	11/30/2022 Totals	11/30/2021 Totals
Operating Revenues:					
Licenses (Lifetime)	1,288,025			1,288,025	1,334,850
Other Sales (Senior Citizen Licenses)	65,025			65,025	67,530
Interest and Investment Income	0	5,497,960	357,895	5,855,855	2,512,817
Employer Contributions		1,125,000	284,916	1,409,916	860,473
Employee Contributions		225,382	182,102	407,484	408,505
Total Operating Revenues	1,353,050	6,848,342	824,913	9,026,305	5,184,175
Operating Expenses:					
Administration		131,740	2,710	134,450	131,894
Benefits and Participant Refunds	0	3,704,725	51,993	3,756,718	3,569,135
Total Operating Expenses	0	3,836,465	54,703	3,891,168	3,701,029
Operating Income	1,353,050	3,011,877	770,210	5,135,137	1,483,146
Nonoperating Expenses:					
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0
Total Nonoperating Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Net Income	1,353,050	3,011,877	770,210	5,135,137	1,483,146
Fund Balances, Beginning	99,788,693	119,442,532	5,717,471	224,948,696	244,075,434
Fund Balances, November 30, 2022	101,141,743	122,454,409	6,487,681	230,083,833	245,558,580



Wildlife Contributions Report

November 2011

Total Payment Amount	Name Of Individual Or Business	Description Of Contribution
\$2,500.00	Quail Forever	Wildlife/Sandhills WMA - cedar clearing project
\$500.00	Delta Waterfowl Foundation	Wildlife Division/Supplies for youth waterfowl hunts
\$3,000.00	Total	

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OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Accounts Groups
October 31, 2022

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups		10/31/2022 Totals	10/31/2021 Totals
	General	Capital Projects		General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Debt		
Assets and Other Debits:							
Cash	12,013,695		4,166,348			16,180,043	18,423,970
Investments	0		237,781,081			237,781,081	288,026,496
Accounts Receivable	4,246,868					4,246,868	3,587,662
Monthly Lifetime License			334,825			334,825	378,000
Legacy Permit / Operation game Thief	4,467,157		7,000			4,474,157.00	5,364,400.00
Fixed Assets				77,680,906		77,680,906	75,993,261
Land				104,295,709		104,295,709	96,610,614
Other Debits:							
Amount To Be Provided For Payment of Compensated Absences					0 *	0	3,428,123
Amount To Be Provided For Payment of Net Pension Obligation					21,202,403	21,202,403	-3,924,890
	20,727,720	0	242,289,254	181,976,615	21,202,403	466,195,992	482,530,236
Liabilities and Fund Balance:							
Liabilities:							
Accounts Payable (accrual)	413,826					413,826	931,864
Due to Other Funds (current month Lifetimes)	334,825					334,825	378,000
Compensated Absences Payable (leave accrual)					0	0	3,428,123
Net Pension Obligation					21,202,403	21,202,403	-3,924,890
Total Liabilities	748,651	0	0	0	21,202,403	21,951,054	813,097
Fund Balance:							
Reserved for Employee Pension Benefits			116,266,651			116,266,651	143,847,044
Reserved for Defined Contribution Benefits (DC)			5,978,307			5,978,307	6,249,840
Investment in General Fixed Assets				181,976,615		181,976,615	172,603,875
Fund Balance	19,979,069		120,044,296			140,023,365	159,016,380
Total Fund Balance	19,979,069	0	242,289,254	181,976,615	0	444,244,938	481,717,139
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	20,727,720	0	242,289,254	181,976,615	21,202,403	466,195,992	482,530,236

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Trust Funds

Combining Balance Sheets
October 31, 2022

	Expendable Trust	Nonexpendable Trust	Pension Trust	DC Trust	10/31/2022 Totals	10/31/2021 Totals
Assets:						
Cash (Wildlife Heritage)	440,075	3,726,273			4,166,348	3,914,920
Investments	18,847,458	96,688,665	116,266,651	5,978,307	237,781,081	294,276,336
Due From Other Funds		334,825			334,825	378,000
Restricted Assets (OP. Game Thief)		7,000			7,000	7,000
	19,287,533	100,756,763	116,266,651	5,978,307	242,289,254	298,576,256
Fund Balance:						
Fund Balance Reserved for Employee Pension Benefits			116,266,651	5,978,307	122,244,958	150,096,884
Fund Balance	19,287,533	100,756,763			120,044,296	148,479,372
Total Fund Balance	19,287,533	100,756,763	116,266,651	5,978,307	242,289,254	298,576,256

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Fund
For the Period July 1, 2022 Through October 31, 2022

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	10/31/2022	10/31/2021	Percent of
	General	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	Totals	Totals	Inc. or Dec.
Revenues:						
Licenses (without Lifetimes)	7,003,860			7,003,860	6,685,590	4.76%
Other Wildlife Sales	838,718			838,718	900,353	-6.85%
Agriculture and Oil Lease	311,176			311,176	317,279	-1.92%
Grant Revenue	9,022,742			9,022,742	8,130,837	10.97%
Investment Income	65,503		18,568	84,071	82,339	2.10%
Miscellaneous	414,958			414,958	648,202	-35.98%
Total Revenues	17,656,957	0	18,568	17,675,525	16,764,600	5.43%
Expenditures:						
Administration	2,143,576			2,143,576	2,283,025	-6.11%
Wildlife	5,559,995			5,559,995	5,019,703	10.76%
Fish	3,418,239			3,418,239	3,814,175	-10.38%
Law Enforcement	4,032,390			4,032,390	4,318,934	-6.63%
Information and Education	1,250,844			1,250,844	1,161,798	7.66%
Capital Improvements	2,815,039			2,815,039	2,849,974	-1.23%
Land Acquisitions		720,420		720,420	0	0.00%
Total Expenditures	19,220,083	720,420		19,940,503	19,447,609	2.53%
Excess(deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,563,126)	(720,420)	18,568	(2,264,978)	(2,683,009)	-15.58%
Other Financing Sources(uses):						
Sale of General Fixed Assets	0			0	0	0.00%
Operating Transfers In	4,098,363	720,420	(1,479,119)	3,339,664	5,623,594	-40.61%
Operating Transfers Out	(720,420)		(4,098,363)	(4,818,783)	(1,612,543)	198.83%
Operating Transfers Out (215)			0	0	0	0.00
Total Other Financing Sources(uses)	3,377,943	720,420	(5,577,482)	(1,479,119)	4,011,051	-136.88%
Excess of revenues & other financing sources over expenditures & other financing uses	1,814,817	0	(5,558,914)	(3,744,097)	1,328,042	-381.93%
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year:	18,164,252	0	24,846,447	43,010,699	65,499,816	-34.33%
Fund Balances October 31, 2022:	19,979,069	0	19,287,533	39,266,602	66,827,858	-41.24%

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Trust Funds
For the Period July 1, 2022 Through October 31, 2022

	Fiduciary Fund Types				
	Nonexpendable Trust	Pension Trust	DC Trust	10/31/2022 Totals	10/31/2021 Totals
Operating Revenues:					
Licenses (Lifetime)	912,100			912,100	946,525
Other Sales (Senior Citizen Licenses)	55,970			55,970	57,714
Interest and Investment Income	0	(1,439,339)	(69,733)	-1,509,072	4,421,769
Employer Contributions		1,125,000	232,182	1,357,182	811,712
Employee Contributions		182,675	146,203	328,878	326,995
Total Operating Revenues	968,070	(131,664)	308,652	1,145,058	6,564,715
Operating Expenses:					
Administration		131,012	2,620	133,632	130,273
Benefits and Participant Refunds	0	2,913,205	45,196	2,958,401	2,867,070
Total Operating Expenses	0	3,044,217	47,816	3,092,033	2,997,343
Operating Income	968,070	(3,175,881)	260,836	(1,946,975)	3,567,372
Nonoperating Expenses:					
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0
Total Nonoperating Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Net Income	968,070	(3,175,881)	260,836	(1,946,975)	3,567,372
Fund Balances, Beginning	99,788,693	119,442,532	5,717,471	224,948,696	244,075,434
Fund Balances, October 31, 2022	100,756,763	116,266,651	5,978,307	223,001,721	247,642,806



Wildlife Contributions Report

October 2022

Total Payment Amount	Name Of Individual Or Business	Description Of Contribution
\$4.00	Roy Plummer	General Contribution
\$4.00	Total	

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
J.D. Strong, Director

Personnel Actions
December 2022

New Hires

Catherine Appling – Legislative Liaison, Central Office, 12/1/22

Annie Ensey – Grants Assistant, Central Office, 12/19/22

Promotions

Alex Talbert – Fisheries Technician to Assistant Hatchery Manager, Holdenville State Fish Hatchery, 12/01/2022

Amanda Thomas – Accountant at Central Office to Shooting Range Coordinator, Statewide, 12/1/2022

Kenny Lawson – Warden, McCurtain County, to Warden Supervisor District 3, 12/01/2022

Billy Bob Walker – Warden, Marshall County, to Warden Supervisor District 4 12/01/2022

Transfers

Resignations/Terminations

John Grellner – Game Warden, Canadian County, 12/24/2022

Ben Haff – Game Warden, Wagoner County, 12/21/2022

Retirements

Johnny Hill – Property Manager, Central Office, 12/31/2022

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J.D. Strong, Director

Personnel Actions
November 2022

New Hires

Promotions

Paxton Smith – Wildlife Technician to Wildlife Biologist, Waterfowl & Migratory Birds, ACEA 11/01/2022

Todd Tobey – Law Enforcement District 3 Warden Supervisor to Captain, 11/01/2022

Transfers

Tammy St. Yves – License Assistant to Wildlife Administrative Assistant, Central Office, 11/01/2022

Resignations/Terminations

Alysse Matlock – License Assistant, 11/8/2022

Rebecca Fillmore – Hatchery Manager, Durant, 11/18/2022

Retirements