### **MINUTES FOR JULY 18, 2011**

# COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY

### OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

### CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD

The Cherokee County Commissioners met July 18, 2011. Chairman Jack Garner called the meeting to order, with Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present. County Clerk Crystal Gatewood submitted the minutes for July 11, 2011 and Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the minutes submitted; Commissioner Collins seconded the motion and Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand voted in favor, Commissioner Garner abstaining because he had not been present. Commissioner Collins, Hilderbrand, and Clerk Gatewood signed off the approved minutes.

### **MOTIONS**

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve and pass Resolution # 8-2011 regarding the financial statements and financial reports for the year ending December 31, 2010 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of the state and are not significant value to the Commissioners or the members of the general public of Cherokee County. Commissioner Hilderbrand seconded the motion with Commissioners Collins, Hilderbrand, and Garner voting in favor. Signing off on the resolution were Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins, and Clerk Gatewood.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve and pass Resolution # 9-2011 regarding the financial statements and financial reports for the year ending December 31, 2011 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of the state and are not significant value to the Commissioners or the members of the general public of Cherokee County. Commissioner Hilderbrand seconded the motion with Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. Signing off on the resolution were Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins, and Clerk Gatewood.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve and pass **Resolution # 10-2011** regarding an ordinance relating to the banning of outdoor burning and open fires in **Cherokee County until conditions improve.** Commissioner Collins seconded the motion with Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins voting in favor. Signing off on the resolution were Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins, and Clerk Gatewood.



It is duly noted that Resolutions #8-2011, #9-2011, and #10-2011 are attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to take a ten-minute break; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins, and Garner voting in favor.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to present the clock from K-Camp to Commissioner Collins, to keep at his home, for his years of service; Commissioner Garner seconded the motion with Commissioners Hilderbrand and Garner voting in favor and Commissioner Collins abstaining.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess for lunch; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the 2012 budget proposal presented by the Cherokee County Conservation District, committing \$25,000.00 for the year 2012; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins voting in favor. Commissioner Garner and Clerk Gatewood signed off on the documentation submitted.

### **COUNTY BUSINESS**

Paul Bone and Jeff Clark of the Conservation District came before the commission to submit their 2012 budget proposal. Commissioner Collins discussed with them the Spring River Watershed Restoration & Protection Strategy meeting he attended on July 14, 2011. The contents of the meeting that Collins attended are attached to the minutes as well as a copy of the Conservation District approved budget for 2012.

Russel Norvell came before the commission to discuss dump truck traffic on Chico Road. Norvell said the road is breaking down from the truck traffic by Rick Myers transporting topsoil. Commissioner Collins said he was aware of the trucks and the road and that the county would fix the road when Mr. Myers is done with his current project. The commission thanked him for coming in.

Larry Sharp of K-Camp came before the commission and discussed the county's current loss and liability ratio. Mr. Sharp reported that Cherokee County was at 37% and the overall average of the state was 72%, so Cherokee County was under the average. He also presented a wall clock to the commission for being with K-Camp for eighteen years and Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand made a motion to give the clock to Commissioner Collins for his years of service. Mr. Sharp also discussed the Risk Avoidance Grant available to the county, mainly the County Lot and Sheriff's Department. Sharp explained that they could go on line to apply for the grant funds available. The commission thanked him for coming in.



Rebecca Brassart of the Mapping Department and Janie Fletcher of the County Appraiser's Office explained that Lee's Avenue in the county was partially vacated by a county resolution, but the County Lot reported that Lee's Avenue was not accepted as a road. The commission advised them to send a letter to Fred and Nancy Evans, the property owners, explaining their findings.

Leonard Vanatta and Gene Langerot of the County Lot reported that the county is doing general road maintenance in the county. Commissioner Hilderbrand discussed the signage on Highway 400 near the roundabout. The commission thanked them for coming in.

Commissioner Garner signed off on the updated grant forms for the Health Department. Betha Elliott of the Health Department brought voucher #6886 for \$925.00, payable to Pro Ct, to purchase a laptop for the WIC Program and the money to pay for the voucher will come out of WIC Funds.

Ralph Houser gave an update on the elevator and work should be starting this month. Commissioner Collins asked Clerk Gatewood to get in touch with Betty McBride at the Exchange Bank to get the loan initiated for the county.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Garner made a motion to adjourn at 1:13 PM; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held July 25, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse.

Resolved and ordered this day, July 25, 2011

Cherokee County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Watershed Restoration & **Protection Strategy (WRAPS)** 

Stakeholder Leadership Team Meeting July 14, 2011 Baxter Springs, KS

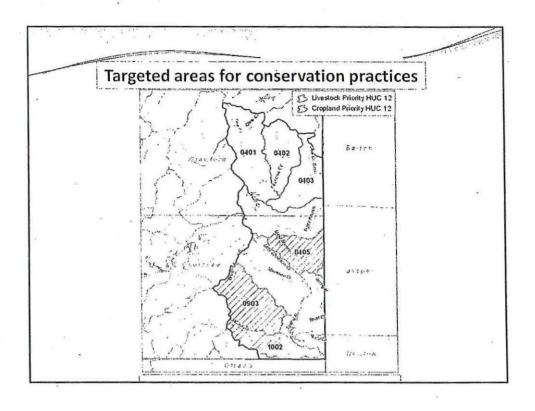
**Spring River** 

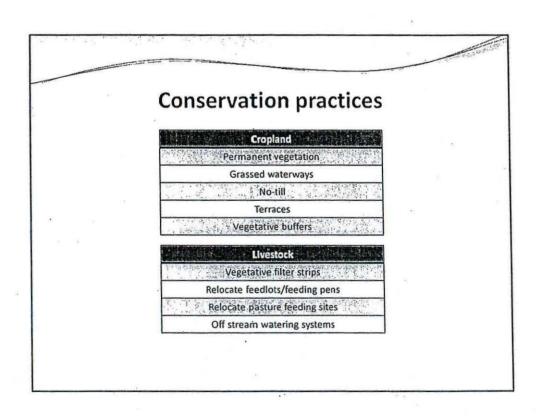
Robert Wilson & Josh Roe K-State Research & Extension



**TMDL** pollution load reductions Phosphorus Sediment 61,670 4,783 pounds/year tons/year

9 Elimer Plan PLAN





# Cropland BMP target adoption rates

ВМР	Increase	Treated Acres
Permanent vegetation	<b>1</b> 5%	2,417
Grassed waterways	<b>1</b> 20%	9,668
No-till	<b>1</b> 5%	2,417
Terraces	<b>1</b> 20%	9,668
Vegetative buffers	<b>1</b> 10%	4,834
Total Treated Ac		29,005

# Cropland BMP target adoption rates

BMP	Increase	402	401	403	405	1002	Treated Acres
Permanent vegetation	1 <b>♠</b> 5%	424	668	331	684	311	2,417
Grassed waterways	<b>1</b> 20%	1,695	2,673	1,323	2,735	1,243	9,668
No-till	<b>1</b> 5%	424	668	331	684	311	2,417
Terraces	<b>1</b> 20%	1,695	2,673	1,323	2,735	1,243	9,668
Vegetative buffers	<b>1</b> 10%	847	1,336	662	1,367	621	4,834
					Total Trea	ated Acres	29,005
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Acres o	of cropland	8,475	13,363	6,616	13,674	6,213	48,341

# Cropland BMP pollution reduction

Average Annual Runoff	402	401	403	405	1002	Average
Sediment (tons/acre)	2.49	1.90	1,90	0.84	0.84	1.6
Phosphorus (pounds/acre)	5.46	3.57	4.28	3.06	3.45	4.0

Pollutant	402	401	403	405	1002	Total	
Sediment (tons/year)	5,803	6,982	3,457	3,159	1,435	20,836	₹ 28%
Phosphorus (pounds/year)	10,989	11,326	6,725	9,938	5,091	44,069	<b>#</b> 24%

# **Cropland BMP implementation costs**

Pollutant	402	401	403	405	1002	Total
Total cost	\$642,239	\$1,012,691	\$501,407	\$1,036,286	\$470,868	\$3,663,490
Available cost-share	\$351,397	\$554,086	\$274,341	\$566,997	\$257,632	\$2,004,453
Net cost	\$290,843	\$458,604	\$227,066	\$469,289	\$213,236	\$1,659,037

# Livestock BMP target adoption rates

Livestock BMP	Installations
Vegetative filter strips	<b>1</b> 0
Relocate feedlots/feeding pens	<b>1</b> 10
Relocate pasture feeding sites	<b>1</b> 20
Off stream watering systems	<b>1</b> 40

# Livestock BMP pollution reduction

Practice	Efficiency	Estimated Phosphorus Reduction (pounds)	Installations	Est. Total Phosphorus Reduction (pounds)
Vegetative filter strips	50%	638	<b>1</b> 0	6,379
Relocate feedlots/feeding pens	95%	957	<b>1</b> 0	9,568
Relocate pasture feeding sites	50-90%	63	<b>1</b> 20	1,261
Off stream watering systems	85%	63	<b>1</b> ,40	2,522
			Total	19,731

# Livestock BMP implementation costs

Practice	Unit Cost	After Cost- Share (EQIP 50%) Unit Cost	Installations	Total Cost
Vegetative filter strips	\$714	\$357	<b>1</b> 0	\$3,570
Relocate feedlots/feeding pens	\$6,621	\$3,311	<b>1</b> .10	\$33,110
Relocate pasture feeding sites	\$2,203	\$1,102	<b>1</b> 20	\$22,040
Off stream watering systems	\$3,795	\$1,898	<b>1</b> 40	\$75,920
			Total	\$134,640

# Achieving TMDL pollution reductions

Pollutant	TMDL Load Reduction	BMPs	Livestock BMPs	Total BMP Reduction	TMDL	Years to Achieve TMDL
Sediment (tons/year)	4,783	20,836	0	20,836	435%	3
Phosphorus (pounds/year)	61,670	44,069	19,731	63,800	103%	20

# Cherokee County Conservation District 2012 Operations Fund Budget

	Pre	ceding Year Actual 2010 Column 1	urrent Year Estimated 2011 Column 2	Proposed Budget 2012 Column 3	•	Adopted Budget 2012 Column 4
Expenditure Classifications:		Column	Column 2	Column 5		Column 4
Salaries & Wages (gross)	\$	16,382.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$	30,000.00
Employee Benefits	\$	2,337.71	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$	4,000.00
Meeting & Travel Expenses	\$	1,428.94	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$	2,500.00
Operating Expenses	\$	4,308.53	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$	8,500.00
Equipment Purchases & Maintenance	\$	2,445.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$	20,000.00
Administrative Expenses	\$	144.85	\$ 300.00	\$ 550.00	\$	550.00
Investments - Securities	\$	25,000.00	\$ _	\$ 5,000.00	\$	5,000.00
Securities Redemptions/Reinvestments	\$	30,385.02	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$	20,000.00
Reimbursements & Fund Transfers	\$	20,357.56	\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00	\$	500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	317.25	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$	500.00
Information & Education	\$	920.30	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00	\$	350.00
Total Expenditures	\$	104,027.16	\$ 91,750.00	\$ 91,900.00	\$	91,900.00
Receipt Classifications:						
Cash on Hand, January 1*	\$	75,864.36	\$ 96,684.43	\$ 61,048.36	\$	61,048.36
a. Checking Account	\$	24,824.13	\$ 24,824.13	\$ -	\$	-
b. Savings/Investment Account	\$	4,733.21	\$ 4,733.21	\$ -	\$	-
c. Petty Cash & Other Currency	\$	<del>-</del>	\$ ÷	\$ 	\$	-
d. Short-Termed Securities	\$	43,307.02	\$ 43,307.02	\$ -	\$	-
e. NPS I&E Fund***	\$	3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
County Appropriation - General Fund	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
County Appropriation - Special Levy	\$	25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$	25,000.00
County Appropriation - Other Funds	\$		\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
State Appropriation (matching funds)**	\$	22,955.00	\$ 24,484.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$	25,000.00
State Appropriation (Soil Tech Wages)	\$	10,693.19	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Interest	\$	667.17	\$ 450.00	\$ 400.00	\$	400.00
Donations	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Investments - Securities	\$	25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$	5,000.00
Securities Redemptions/Reinvestments	\$	30,385.02	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$	20,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$	_
Refunds or Transfer of Funds	\$	10,146.85		\$ 	\$	
Total Receipts	\$	200,711.59	 152,798.36	\$ 136,448.36	\$	136,448.36
Less Total Expenditures	\$	104,027.16	 91,750.00	\$ 91,900.00	\$	91,900.00
Cash on Hand, December 31	\$	96,684.43	\$ 61,048.36	\$ 44,548.36	\$	44,548.36

<sup>\*</sup> The sum of Cash On Hand, January 1 must equal Cash On Hand, December 31 of previous year.

Please submit completed budget forms to the State Conservation Commission (SCC) following district adoption of the final budget. If unable to do so by September 1, please contact the SCC.

<sup>\*\*</sup> NOTE: As per K.S.A. 2-1907c, if state appropriations are insufficient to match county funds (not to exceed \$25,000/district), distribution shall be prorated in proportion to eligible amount.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> This fund cannot be used in the daily operations of the District, it can only be used for NPS I&E Program ralated tasks, equipment, or materials. This fund was eliminated as of June 30, 2010.

# **County Certification to District**

It is hereby c	ertified that the c	ommissioners of _	Cherokee	_ County, Kan	sas, have	approved a	nd
certified to th	e county clerk a	budget that include	s an allocation	of \$	fr	om the cou	nty's
general fund	and /or \$	from th	ne special mill l	evy, in accorda	ance with t	he provisio	ns of
K.S.A. 2-190	7b (Conservation	n District Law), and	i \$	from other	er funds fo	ra total of	
\$	for the	Cherokee	County Co	nservation Dis	trict for cal	lendar year	2012.
Passed by th	ne governing bod	y, the day o	f July	, 2011			
		County of		Cherokee		_, State of h	(ansas
		Signed:			, Commi	ission Chair	person
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In accordan		Certification to (complete afte	er district adop	ots final budge	et)		ad that
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		Cherokee					
Financial as		Cherokee vided, will not be us cestry.					
Budget for 2	2012 was adopte	d by the conservati	on district boa	rd, the c	lay of	July	_, 2011.
		17-9	Cherokee		County Co	onservation	District
		Signed:				District Cha	airperson
		Attest			, Distric	t Secretary	/Manager

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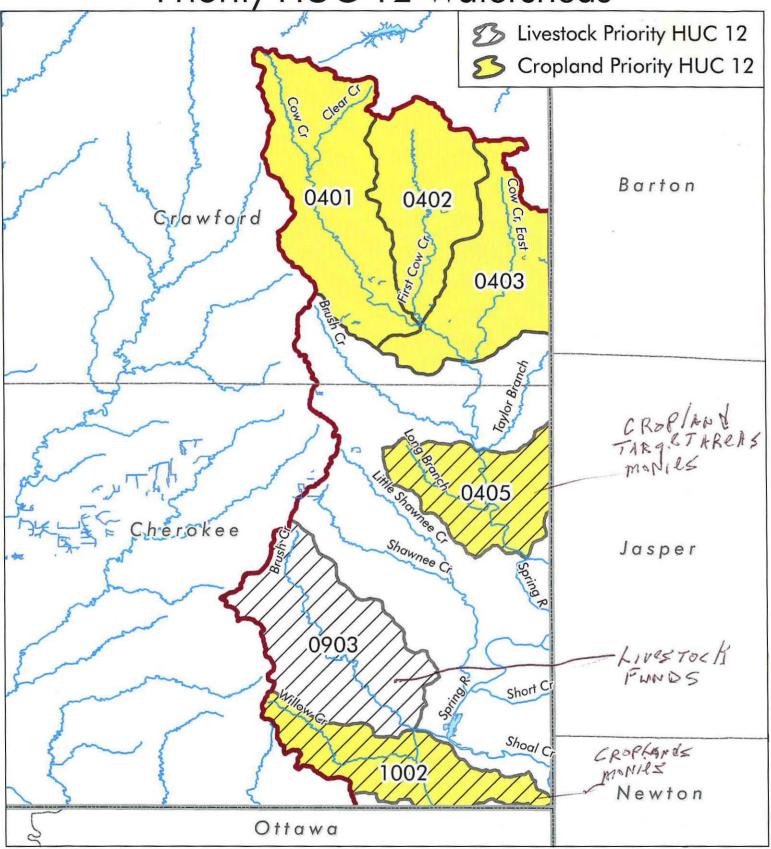
# Cherokee County Conservation District 2012 Enterprise Fund Budget

	Pred	ceding Year Actual 2010	rrent Year stimated 2011	F	Proposed Budget 2012	 dopted Budget 2012
		Column 1	Column 2		Column 3	Column 4
Expenditure Classifications:						
Operating Expenses	\$	-	\$ 100.00	\$	150.00	\$ 150.00
Annual Meeting Expenses	\$	843.75	\$ 950.00	\$	1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
Meeting & Travel Expenses	\$	110.29	\$ 150.00	\$	200.00	\$ 200.00
Fixed Assets Purchases	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -
Information & Education	\$	42.59	\$ 100.00	\$	150.00	\$ 150.00
Total Expenditures	\$	996.63	\$ 1,300.00	\$	1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Receipt Classifications: Cash on Hand, January 1*	\$	5,629.88	\$ 5,606.95	\$	5,516.95	\$ 5,516.95
a. Checking Account	\$	5,629.88	\$ 5,606.95	\$	0,010.00	\$ 0,010.00
b. Savings/Investment Account	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -
c. Petty Cash & Other Currency	\$	-	\$ 	\$	-	\$ -
Retail Sales & Services	\$	_	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -
Equipment Rental	\$	-	\$ 100.00	\$	350.00	\$ 350.00
Interest	\$	5.68	\$ 10.00	\$	15.00	\$ 15.00
Donations/Sponsorships	\$	968.02	\$ 1,100.00	\$	1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Miscellaneous	\$_		\$ 	\$_		\$ 
Total Receipts	\$	6,603.58	\$ 6,816.95	\$	7,081.95	\$ 7,081.95
Less Total Expenditures	\$	996.63	\$ 1,300.00	\$	1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Cash on Hand, December 31	\$	5,606.95	\$ 5,516.95	\$	5,481.95	\$ 5,481.95

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# Spring Kiver WKAPS Priority HUC 12 Watersheds



The purpose of this publication is to illustrate general watershed conditions in the state of Kansas. This map product is provided without representation or implied or expressed warranty of accuracy and is intended for watershed planning purposes only. The originating agency is not responsible for publication or use of this product for any other purpose. This product may be corrected or updated as necessary without prior notification.



# Risk MAP Discovery

# le Goal

To work closely with communities to better understand local flood risk, mitigation efforts, and other topics and spark watershed-wide discussions about increasing resilience to flooding. The Discovery process of FEMA's Risk MAP program helps communities identify areas at risk for flooding and solutions for reducing that risk.

# The Partners

During Discovery, FEMA partners with:

- Community and Tribal officials, including leaders, floodplain administrators, engineers, watershed council representatives, planners, emergency managers, and GIS specialists
- Federal, State, and regional, non-profit organizations concerned with flooding or land use
- Other locally identified stakeholders

# The Meeting

Once communities provide FEMA with local flood risk and other data, FEMA schedules a Discovery Meeting to:

- Review and validate the flood risk data gathered to date Discuss the community or Tribe's flooding history
- Discuss the community or Tribe's flooding history, development plans, flood mapping needs, and flood risk concerns.
- Review stormwater, floodplain management, and other community activities that relate to flood risk
- Discuss the vision for the watershed's future, as well as the importance of mitigation planning and community ourreach

# Learn More

To learn more about Discovery and the types and formats of data communities can contribute, contact Tom Pickering, Engineer, FEMA Region 6, Mitigation Division, at thomas pidering@dls.gov. We look forward to working with

# Related FEMA Programs

FloodSmart www.floodsmart.gov Hazard Mitigation Assistance www.fema.gov/government/grant/hma Community Rating System www.fena.gov/business/nfip/crs.shtm National Dam Safety Program www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/damfailure/ndsp.shtm Specific FEMA Region 6 information can be found at www.riskmap6.com



www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/tm\_main.shtm 1–877-FEMA MAP



# Risk MAP Discovery

Capturing a More Complete Picture of Your Watershed



RiskMAP

# Discovery and Risk MAP

The FEMA Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning, or Risk MAP, program helps communities identify, assess, and reduce their flood risk. Through Risk MAP, FEMA provides information to enhance local mitigation plans, improve community outreach, and increase local resilience to floods.

During Discovery, FEMA:

- Gathers information about local flood risk and flood hazards
- Reviews midgation plans to understand local mitigation capabilities, hazard risk assessments, and current or future midgation activities
- Supports communities within the watershed to develop a vision for the watershed's future
- Collects information from communities about their flooding history, development plans, daily operations, and stormwater and floodplain management activities
- Uses all information gathered to determine which areas of the watershed require mapping, risk assessment, or mitigation planning assistance through a Risk MAP project



# Local and National Flood Data Tell the Story

The data that FEMA has available at the national and regional levels only tells part of the story. For a holistic picture of a community's flood risk, FEMA relies heavily on information and data provided by the community itself.

# Data FEMA Requests from Communities

at the National/Regional Level

Data Available to FEMA

FEMA works with communities to collect and review\*:

- Areas of nuisance flooding
- Historical local flooding mitigation activities and grant projects, ongoing and planned
- · Comprehensive plans
- Local development and floodplain management plans
- Stormwater management activities
- · Community ordinances
- Infrastructure information, especially for levees and new bridges, dams, culverts, and road improvements

Related data from other Federal and State agencies

· National levee and dam inventories:

Average Annualized Loss (AAL) information

Numbers of flood insurance policies

Letters of Map Change

FEMA can access and review:
FEMA-approved mirigation plans

Previous flood studies

- Building footprints or parcel data
- · Boundary, hydrography, and transportation layers
- · Elevation data
- · Flood study needs
- Regional watershed plans
- · Details of the current flood risk communication process

# Why is this important?

Because flood hazards change over time, this effort provides a great opportunity to take a comprehensive look at the components and activities that contribute to your community's and your watershed's flood risk. In addition to providing another perspective, participating in this process will increase your understanding of your flood risk and help you identify proactive steps you can take to protect your community from losses to life and property that often accompany flooding.

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WHEREAS there are no revenue bond ordinances or other ordinances or resolutions of the municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) for the year ending December 31, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011 that the Commissioners requests the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) as they apply to the County of Cherokee for the year ending December 31, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioners shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of the County of Cherokee to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

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Be it resolved Cherokee County Commission

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

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Cheroku County Clerk

Be it resolved Cherokee County Commission

Hairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

# **CHEROKEE COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER: 10-2011**

# AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE BANNING OF OUTDOOR BURNING AND OPEN FIRES.

WHEREAS, from time to time sustained periods of dry weather in the Cherokee County. Kansas area produce extremely dry vegetation and ground cover in the Cherokee County. Kansas area, Cherokee County, Kansas is defined as all that land contained within the lawfully described area comprising Cherokee County, Kansas including all cities, townships, incorporated areas and rural areas,

WHEREAS, vegetation is highly combustible during those sustained periods of dry weather and outdoor burning of any kind under such conditions is extremely hazardous; and

WHEREAS, extremely dry conditions justify the imposition of an outdoor burning ban in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public; now therefore, in consideration of those home rule powers granted Cherokee County, Kansas by Kansas Statutes and the Kansas Constitution it is hereby ordained by the governing Board of Cherokee County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas as follows:

### SECTION 1. SCOPE OF ORDINANCE

This Ordinance shall apply to all areas of Cherokee County, Kansas but shall not interfere with the enforcement of nor supersede those ordinances adopted by the cities, townships or incorporated areas located within Cherokee County, Kansas. In plain language, those cities, townships or incorporated areas that have adopted ordinances relating to open fires within said entities shall remain in full force and effect.

# SECTION 2. AUTHORITY TO BAN OUTDOOR BURNING

A. The Governing Board of Cherokee County Commissioners, Cherokee County, Kansas shall have the authority to temporarily ban outdoor burning whenever they determine that there is a significant fire danger in all or part of Cherokee County, Kansas, in order to temporarily ban outdoor burning, the Board of Cherokee County Commissioners shall make a written finding that the health, safety and welfare of the general public would be enhanced by the imposition of a temporary ban on outdoor burning.

- B. Any such temporary ban on outdoor burning effectuated by the Board of Cherokee County Commissioners shall be effective immediately upon the signing of a written finding and resolution making the finding set forth in section" A" above. The temporary ban on outdoor burning shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days or until the temporary ban is rescinded, whichever occurs first. The Commission may extend the outdoor ban for successive thirty (30) day increments if conditions warrant. The Commission shall take reasonable steps to disseminate any findings, resolutions or bans issued under this ordinance. Reasonable steps to disseminate findings, resolutions or bans shall include, but not be limited to, press releases or publication in the newspaper or local television stations.
- C. No part of this ordinance shall be construed to affect prior resolutions or orders of this governing body concerning the issue of county-wide burn bans nor the inherent authority of the governing body to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Cherokee County, Kansas.

### **SECTION 3. PENALTIES**

- A. <u>Criminal Penalties</u>. First Offense: A person violating any provision of this Ordinance or who fails to comply with any of its requirements is guilty of a class C nonperson misdemeanor, if so determined by the Court, and each day or portion thereof during which a violation is committed, continued, or not permitted shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty for each violation upon first offense is a fine of not more than \$500.00 and/or incarceration in the Cherokee County Jail for a period not to exceed 30 days. Second or Subsequent Offense: A person violating any provision of this Ordinance and whose acts are adjudged by the Court to be a second or subsequent offense shall be guilty of a Class B non-person misdemeanor. The penalty for each second or subsequent violation is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,500.00 and/or incarceration in the Cherokee County Jail for a period not to exceed six months: for each successive violation.
- B. <u>Civil Action</u>. In addition to any criminal penalty provision provided herein, Cherokee County, Kansas may take civil action against any person who violates any provision of this ordinance or who fails to comply with any of its requirements. Such civil action includes, but is not limited to. injunctive relief, license revocation, and abatement or all of the above. If Cherokee County, Kansas prevails in a civil lawsuit, the Court may award the County reasonable costs including, but not limited to, the costs of the responsible official's time, witness fees, attorney fees, court costs, and the costs of the County for abatement or of enforcement of an injunction, or both. Any or all of the remedies articulated above may be used by Cherokee County, Kansas to enforce this ordinance. Nothing contained in this ordinance shall prevent the County from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

C. The term "person" shall mean an individual human, a partnership (including partners and members). a corporation (including board members, officers, and managers). or any other entity of any kind.

### SECTION 4. SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY

If any provision, or portion thereof, contained in this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable, such provisions, or portion(s) thereof, shall be deemed severed and the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication.

Jack Garner--Chairman

Pat Collins--Commissioner

Richard Hilderbrand--Commissioner

Attest:

Crystal L. Gatewood--County Clerk