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AS AMENDED

By: Grego of the House

and

Boggs of the Senate

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[ environment and natural resources - conservation
cost-share program - effective date ]
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~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:~~

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 27A O.S. 2011, Section 3-3-114, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-3-114. A. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission is hereby authorized to establish and administer a conservation cost-share program as funds become available. The conservation cost-share program shall provide monies to eligible persons for the purpose of implementing conservation or best management practices on such eligible land as described in conservation management plans according to rules promulgated by the Commission.

B. The Commission shall promulgate rules governing the cost-share program.

C. To implement the program, the Commission shall require conservation districts to enter into contracts for approved eligible

1 projects on eligible land detailing the eligible person's
2 responsibilities.

3 D. For purposes of the conservation cost-share program:

4 1. "Eligible person" means any individual, partnership,
5 corporation, legally recognized Indian tribe, estate, or trust who
6 as an owner, lessee, tenant, or operator participates in the care
7 and/or management of land within a conservation district;

8 2. "Eligible land" means:

- 9 a. privately owned land within the state,
- 10 b. land owned by the state or a political subdivision of
11 the state,
- 12 c. land owned by corporations which are partly owned by
13 the United States,
- 14 d. land temporarily owned by the United States or a
15 corporation wholly owned by it, which were not
16 acquired or reserved for conservation purposes,
17 including lands administered by the Farm Service
18 Agency, the U.S. Department of Defense, or by any
19 other government agency,
- 20 e. any cropland farmed by private persons which is owned
21 by the United States or a corporation wholly owned by
22 it, and
- 23 f. noncropland owned by the United States on which
24 practices are performed by private persons where such

1 practices directly conserve or benefit nearby or
2 adjoining privately owned lands of the persons
3 performing the practices and such persons maintain and
4 use such federally owned noncropland under agreement
5 with the federal agency having jurisdiction thereof;
6 and

7 3. "Eligible projects" means conservation practices determined
8 to be needed by a conservation district to:

- 9 a. improve or protect water quality, ~~or~~
10 b. reduce soil erosion, ~~or~~
11 c. accomplish both the objectives described in
12 subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph, or
13 d. reduce feral swine population by use of electronic hog
14 traps.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND WILDLIFE
17 April 8, 2019 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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