

Project Lower Bayou  
State Oklahoma

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1966, by and between the Soil Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture, hereinafter referred to as the "Service," and the Arbuckle Soil and Water Conservation District, hereinafter referred to as the "Sponsoring Local Organization," relates to the operation and maintenance of the following described Works of Improvement:

Carter  
Critical Area Treatment, CA-7 - ~~Arbuckle~~ County.

The estimated annual cost for operating and maintaining the works of improvement herein described is \$30.00 based on present construction costs.

**I. OPERATION**

The parties hereto agree as follows to the operation of the works of improvement:

- A. The Service will provide such technical services as are available for assistance in the proper operation of the works of improvement.
- B. The Sponsoring Local Organization will:
  - 1. Be responsible for operation of the works of improvement simultaneously with acceptance of the works of improvement from the contractor.
  - 2. Prohibit the installation of dikes or other structures which may decrease the capacity of the flood channel or deflect the flow from the constructed channel bottom.
  - 3. Take all other necessary steps to insure that the works of improvement are permitted to function in the manner for which they were designed, and are operated in accordance with any applicable State law.

**II. MAINTENANCE**

The parties hereto agree as follows to the maintenance of the works of improvement:

- A. The Service will:
  - 1. Inspect the works of improvement at least annually.
  - 2. Prepare and furnish to the Sponsoring Local Organization a report of inspection findings including recommendations for maintenance work needed and when such work should be completed.
  - 3. Provide such technical services as are needed and available for preparing plans, designs and specifications for needed maintenance of the works of improvement.

**B. The Sponsoring Local Organization will:**

1. Be responsible for maintenance of the works of improvement simultaneously with acceptance of the works of improvement from the contractor.
2. Inspect the works of improvement at least annually and after every major storm or the occurrence of any other unusual condition that might adversely affect the works of improvement to insure proper functioning and to check for possible damage or deterioration. Items to be checked at time of inspection may include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - a. Drops and diversions
    - (1) Settlement or cracking
    - (2) Erosion
    - (3) Leakage
    - (4) Rodent, wildlife or livestock damage
    - (5) Condition of vegetative cover
  - b. Fences and gates
    - (1) General condition - repairs needed
      - (a) Loose or damaged posts
      - (b) Loose or broken wires
      - (c) Accumulated debris
      - (d) Open gates
3. Perform, in accordance with any applicable State laws, all maintenance needs indicated by inspections and reports thereof within the time limits specified, if any, in such manner as not to damage the works of improvement in any way. Maintenance may include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - a. Remove and burn debris.
  - b. Refill, smooth and vegetate rilling on embankments, spillways, and drainageways.
  - c. Realign disposal channel where needed.
  - d. Repair fences and gates where needed.
  - e. Other maintenance work as indicated in Service inspection reports.
4. Prepare a report for each inspection performed and furnish one copy to the Service. Maintain a record of all maintenance work performed and make such records available for review by the Service.
5. Perform operation and maintenance by district equipment and local contract where applicable.
6. Obtain operation and maintenance funds from resources available to the District and contributions of work by benefited landowners.

III. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED THAT:

- A. Government Representatives shall have the right of free access to inspect the works of improvement at any time.
- B. Whenever possible the parties to this agreement will make their annual inspections jointly. It is desirable that the annual inspections be made during the month(s) of September. Any supplemental inspections then determined necessary will be scheduled and agreed to at that time.
- C. The Sponsoring Local Organization will secure prior Service approval of any agreement(s) to be entered into with other parties for any operation or maintenance of these works of improvement and furnish the Service with 1 copies of such agreements. If the agreement does not state a specific effective date, the Sponsoring Local Organization will notify the other parties to the agreement in writing of such date. 1 copies of the notification will be provided the Service.

No Member of Congress or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement, or to any benefit that may arise therefrom; but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this agreement if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

This action authorized at an official meeting of Board of Supervisors on 18th day of January, 1966, at Ardmore, State of Oklahoma.

ARBUCKLE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By Jean Neustadl  
 Title Chairman  
 Date Jan. 18, 1966

→ Attest: Jess Phipps  
 (Signature)  
Secretary  
 (Title)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

By C. A. Tidwell  
 Title State Conservationist  
 Date JAN 21 1966