

Project Lower Bayou  
State Oklahoma

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1965,  
by and between the Soil Conservation Service, United States Department of  
Agriculture, hereinafter referred to as the "Service," and the \_\_\_\_\_  
Love County 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:

Floodwater retarding structures 1 through 20, 38.17 miles of  
channel improvement, 1 grade stabilization structure, and  
treatment of critical areas 1 through 6.

The estimated annual cost for operating and maintaining the works of improvement  
herein described is \$ 9,563 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 gates or other obstructions of  
any kind being placed in any portion of the principal or  
emergency spillway(s).
  3. Prohibit any works to raise any portion of the spillways  
above the planned elevation or to deflect or decrease the  
planned flow through the spillways in any manner.
  4. 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.
  5. 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. Principal spillways.
    - (1) Damage or obstructions.
    - (2) Condition of outlet and riser.
      - (a) Signs of seepage.
      - (b) Separation of joints.
      - (c) Cracks or breaks.
      - (d) Differential settlement.
    - (3) Sediment level in relation to top of riser.
  - b. Emergency spillways - drainage ways.
    - (1) Erosion.
    - (2) Sedimentation.
    - (3) Weeds, logs and other obstructions or accumulations reducing channel capacity.
    - (4) Conformity with original design (deposition or sloughing).
  - c. Reservoir area.
    - (1) Undesirable vegetative growth.
    - (2) Cut or fallen trees.
    - (3) Slash and other debris.

- d. Embankments.
    - (1) Settlement or cracking.
    - (2) Erosion.
    - (3) Leakage.
    - (4) Rodent, wildlife or livestock damage.
    - (5) Condition of vegetative cover.
  - e. Flood channel.
    - (1) Sedimentation.
    - (2) Bank cutting.
    - (3) Debris accumulation.
    - (4) Condition of riprap and other works.
      - (a) Undermining.
      - (b) Damage or deterioration.
      - (c) Adjacent channel scouring.
    - (5) Adjacent property damage.
  - f. 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 drainage ways.
  - c. Realign disposal channel where needed.
  - d. Repair damaged riprap or other works.
  - e. Repair fences and gates where needed.
  - f. 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 by tax levy by the Love County Soil and Water Conservation District against benefited lands of said districts.

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.

