

**2015 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
TO THE OKLAHOMA DELEGATE BODY**

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PROPOSED STATE RESOLUTIONS

1 AGRICULTURE

1. OKFB should have a representative in the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry's (ODAFF) proposed pollinator plan to protect honey bees, because they are so vital to agriculture.
2. We encourage working with state agencies and other agricultural groups to update Emergency Action Plans.
3. We encourage producer education and increased use of new technologies that have been scientifically proven safe, effective and productive. We support producers' use of technologies that are beneficial to the well-being of animals and the environment.

106 Organic Farming

4. Superior Product – In addition, the law should not state or imply that such certified organic products are in any way superior to or more wholesome or nutritious than those produced by ~~commercial~~ conventional methods.

107 Regulating Agriculture

5. We encourage the Federal Aviation Administration to administer line of sight rules which provide landowners the opportunity to utilize UAVs across their private property, even if out of sight.
6. Cross pollination of plants/crops is a natural process and should not be a factor in ownership.
7. Custom Meat Processing – We support review and ~~reasonable~~ workable regulations to produce safe and affordable processing and reasonable regulations being imposed on custom meat processing plants in Oklahoma.
8. Some persons are making habitual pesticide use complaints which are unfounded or unproven. These complaints require the applicator to provide paperwork in each instance to prove he/she was in compliance with the law. These repeated complaints are onerous to applicators. Also, these complaints use ODAFF's limited resources. ODAFF should have authority to disregard

complainants when they have filed repeated complaints where no pesticide application violations have occurred. ODAFF should not accept anonymous complaints.

108 Right to Farm

9. We support passage and funding of State Question 777.

109 Support Oklahoma Agriculture

10. Oklahoma AgriAbility Ag4Life Project – We support fully funding of the Oklahoma AgriAbility Ag4Life Project, which assists disabled farmers and ranchers.

2 ANIMALS

201 Animal Health

11. It would be devastating to the beef industry in this state to lose the judicious use of remote injection technology (dart guns) for treatment and care of cattle.

203 Animal Welfare

12. ~~Abandoning Animals— There should be fine of no less than \$500 or jail time of no less than 60 days in the county jail for the dumping of live and/or dead animals onto another person's property of the public right of way. A second offense shall result in a fine of \$1000 plus court costs.~~

204 Brands / Thefts / Strays / Fences

13. ODAFF needs to hire more investigators for cattle rustling and agricultural theft.

206 Livestock Producers Protection

14. ~~Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)—We oppose the currently proposed changes in the Grain Inspections, Packers, and Stockyards Administration, USDA (GIPSA) proposed rules regarding livestock. The proposed changes to make a more competitive market could have unintended results by strictly limiting all levels of trade.~~

3 COMMODITIES

302 Commodity Commissions and Promotion

15. We support the creation of a state beef check-off of \$1 per head that is refundable and will be administered and controlled by the Oklahoma Beef Council.

16. ~~Consolidation of Oil Seed Crop Commissions—The consolidation of minor oil producing seed crop commissions will be supported by OFB provided that each commodity is represented in an equitable manner.~~
17. ~~Oklahoma Wheat Commission— We support the Oklahoma Wheat Commission using election procedures to select producers to be sent to the Governor for appointment to fill vacant positions on the Commission. This should be covered in the Commission rules since it is not addressed in the statute.~~

307 Wheat

18. ~~Wheat Check Off—We support changing the wheat check off from 1.5 cents to two cents per bushel.~~
19. ~~Exempt from Central Purchasing—We support the Oklahoma Wheat Commission being exempt from the state purchasing system and being able to select an auditor from competitive bid.~~

5 CRIME & PENAL SYSTEM

501 Crimes

20. ~~Cutting Fences— We support a change in the law making it a felony for trespassers to cut fences to gain access to others' property.~~

9 - ENERGY

21. ¹(State and National) We need to amend the Mining Lands Reclamation Act to ensure land owners have rights regarding the reclamation of our land.

10 ENVIRONMENT

1006 Invasive Species and Pest Management

22. ~~Feral Hogs—We recommend the dumping of wild hogs for sportsmen for later hunting be punishable by stiff fines. The State of Oklahoma and the federal government should make a concentrated effort to eradicate wild hogs.~~
~~—The Legislature needs to be more diligent in addressing the problem of feral hog eradication by increasing funds to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food and Forestry.~~
~~—We encourage the Oklahoma Department of Corrections to pursue the processing of feral hogs for use by state correctional facilities and any excess to be made available to any available markets, including food banks.~~
(State and National) ODAFF should take action through the administrative rules process to end the transportation of live feral hogs in Oklahoma. We support the eradication of feral hogs as an

¹ A resolution that is both state and national need be acted upon only once.

invasive species. All landowners should be encouraged to eradicate feral hogs on their land by any means possible. We do not support commercial sport hunting of feral hogs.

14 GOVERNMENT

1401 County Government

23. We support counties providing services to county district schools using existing equipment and materials to fix infrastructure issues.

1404 Property

24. (State and National) While we do not oppose historical preservation and marking of national cattle trails (i.e., the Great Western Trail and Chisholm Trail), we do oppose mandatory public access to these trails on private property.

1407 State Government

25. We encourage the Oklahoma Attorney General to file lawsuits on behalf of Oklahomans to restrict the federal government for noncompliance or overreach of laws enacted by Congress.

18 PROPERTY

1802 Easements

26. Easement Maintenance – Utility companies should be liable for their easements and should either maintain their easements or pay the landowner/tenant to maintain ~~it~~ them.

19 SAFETY & HEALTH

1901 Food Safety

27. (State and National) We oppose Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) labeling of food products at the state and national levels.

21 TAXES & FEES

2106 Income Tax

28. (State and National) We support making federal income tax code Section 179 permanent in the amount of \$500,000.

23 WATER

29. We affirm all of the 2015 water policy committee's additions, deletions and new resolutions (see attached).

2301 Infrastructure

30. We strongly support the efforts of Congressman Frank Lucas and his unyielding support of farm policy. With the passage of the Agricultural Act of 2014, the nation's agriculture policy was cemented for another five years. As chairman of the House of Representatives Agriculture Committee, Congressman Lucas was able to secure Oklahoma \$33 million in badly needed funds for the repair and construction of upstream flood control structures. It is estimated that Oklahoma's watershed infrastructure saved Oklahoma lives and property owners \$162 million from May through July of 2015. However, for Oklahoma to receive these funds requires a state match of \$9.1 million. We strongly support the USDA small watershed program, and we encourage the governor and state legislature to allocate the funds necessary to secure the federal dollars Congressman Lucas fought so hard to obtain.

2306 Water Quality

31. We support the ability of municipalities and rural water districts to treat high nitrate level water supplies on an individual residential basis for drinking water purposes only.

24 WILDLIFE

2405 Hunting Regulations

32. We support that the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation increase the number of hunting days and bag limits on elk in eligible counties, due to increased elk numbers and crop depredation.

OKFB INTERNALS

33. Oklahoma Farm Bureau should be the leader in working for the passage, financial support and coalition building for State Question 777 (Right to Farm). We encourage counties and individuals to financially support SQ 777.
34. Farm Bureau county employees and agents should be able to seek election to public office and retain their current employment, with approval from their County Farm Bureau Board.
35. OKFB should develop an exploratory committee to look into starting an Independent Expenditure option to support candidates for public office that are aligned with OKFB policies and beliefs.

OKFB COMMENDATIONS

36. We commend Robin Landrum for his years of service to Oklahoma Farm Bureau and the counties he served.
37. We commend Sam Knipp for his years of service to Oklahoma Farm Bureau Communications.
38. We commend Attorney General Scott Pruitt for pursuing all available legal opportunities to stop the implementation of the Waters of the United States Rule and to fight the Humane Society of the United States.

OKFB REAFFIRM

39. (State and National) We reaffirm all expiring policies and accept those revised by staff.

PROPOSED NATIONAL RESOLUTIONS

SECTION 1 – RURAL LIVING/LABOR/TRANSPORTATION

MISCELLANEAOUS

154 Health and Health Insurance

40. We oppose funding for abortion, Planned Parenthood, euthanasia and RU-486.

156 Litigation

41. The EPA should be prohibited from enforcing any new rules or regulations that are being litigated until said legal proceedings are completed.

SECURITY

177 General Border Security

42. We support nationwide elimination of sanctuary cities.

SECTION 2 – FARM POLICY/TRADE

FARM POLICY/FARM PROGRAMS

240 Sustainable Agriculture

43. We oppose the indefinable model of sustainability which requires the producer to be socially acceptable and environmentally sound.

TRADE/TREATIES

251 Global Environmental Agreements and Treaties

44. We oppose the Obama Administration's agreement with Iran regarding their nuclear program.

SECTION 3 – MARKETING/BARGAINING/ GOVERNMENT REGULATORY FUNCTIONS

307 Livestock and Poultry Health

45. Polyether ionophores (monensin, lasalocid) are used as a coccidiostat in poultry and function to reduce methane production in cattle. We should work with all appropriate entities, as well as elected officials, to ensure that producers' access and ability to use polyether ionophores is retained.

AQUACULTURE/EQUINE/LIVESTOCK/POULTRY

316 Wildlife Pest and Predator Control

46. (State and National) The USDA should take action through the administrative rules process to end the transportation of live feral hogs in the United States. We support the eradication of feral hogs as an invasive species. All landowners should be encouraged to eradicate feral hogs on their land by any means possible. We do not support commercial sport hunting of feral hogs.

FOOD: PROTECTION, QUALITY, AND SAFETY

47. (State and National) We oppose Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) labeling of food products at the state and national levels.

INSPECTIONS/STANDARDS

356 Grain Standards, Grading, Inspection, and Pricing

48. We support a federal single test procedure that can be used nationwide for aflatoxin testing in grains.

SECTION 4 – ENERGY/MONETARY-TAX/MISCELLANEOUS

ENERGY

402 Energy

49. We oppose the federal government's Clean Power Plan that addresses coal fired generation.

403 Mineral Development

50. (State and National) We need to amend the Mining Lands Reclamation Act to ensure land owners have rights regarding the reclamation of our land.

FISCAL/GENERAL ECONOMY

417 Fiscal Policy

51. All administrative rules and laws shall sunset two years after adoption unless affirmed by Congress.

439 Taxation

52. (State and National) We support making federal income tax code Section 179 permanent in the amount of \$500,000.

USDA: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

461 Research

53. We support research and development of methods to control weeds that are becoming resistant to chemical control measures.

SECTION 5 – NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

502 Clean Air

54. Rural Electric Cooperatives - Until all the legal arguments have run their course, we support extending the compliance date of EPA's Clean Power Plan to stop implementation of EPA's rules.

PROPERTY RIGHTS

536 Proprietary Data

55. The Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 (DMCA) shall not be invoked against equipment owners accessing their farm equipment software.

538 Right of Way Easement

56. (State and National) While we do not oppose historical preservation and marking of national cattle trails (i.e., the Great Western Trail and Chisholm Trail), we do oppose mandatory public access to these trails on private property.

WATER

547 Water Quality

57. We support defunding the Waters of the United States rule.

WILDLIFE/ENDANGERED SPECIES

567 Wildlife Management

58. We support removal of the black vulture (Mexican Buzzard) from protected status;

AFBF INTERNALS

59. We support the AFBF's efforts to "Ditch the Rule" to limit the EPA's rules on navigable waters.

60. OKFB and AFBF need to continue to take the lead and make it a priority to continue combating EPA rules and regulations like the Waters of the United States rule that affects private property owners.

AFBF COMMENDATION

61. We support Senators Jim Inhofe and James Lankford in their efforts to defund/repeal the Waters of United States regulations.

AFBF REAFFIRM

62. (State and National) We reaffirm all expiring policies and accept those revised by staff.

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OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU

Water continues to be the most important topic of discussion among Oklahoma Farm Bureau membership. The membership is and will continue to lead the discussion on our State's most precious resource. Last year, OKFB members passed the following resolution:

"OKFB needs to make it a priority to form a committee with members from across the State to review the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Policy Section 23 on water because of the growing interest in securing water across the State. Section 23 needs to be checked for misleading and conflicting policies and recommendations need to be made to improve wording, as soon as possible. The committee will report to the membership in the annual policy development book, as well as at the state convention."

As a result of this resolution, OKFB formed the statewide committee to review existing OKFB water policy. Members of the committee are:

Alan Jett, District 1
Leon Richards, District 1
Monte Tucker, District 2
Matt Muller, District 2
Rodd Moesel, District 3
Tyler Norvell, District 3
Jimmy Wayne Kinder, District 4
Adam Bohl, District 4
Gary Crawley, District 5
Brent Bolen, District 5
James Fuser, District 6
Josh Emerson, District 6
Keith Kisling, District 7
Roland Pederson, District 7
John Grundmann, District 8
Charles Rohla, District 8
Phyllis Holcomb, District 9
James Henson, District 9
Tom Buchanan, At-Large
Kitty Beavers, Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee, At-Large
Zac Harris, Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee, At-Large

The committee met several times to discuss and review Section 23 of the policy book. The OKFB Water Committee's suggested edits to current water policy are on pages 32-35. Suggested deletions are strikethrough. Suggested additions are underlined and bolded.

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23 - WATER

2301 Infrastructure 84

~~**Eminent Domain** - The use of eminent domain is prohibited for the purpose of constructing dams, pipelines, lakes or diversions for moving water out of state.~~

Flood Control Alliance - We support the Kansas-Oklahoma Flood Control Alliance in its mission to control flooding along the Neosho River and to get landowners compensation for flood damages above the already bought flood easements.

Irrigation - We encourage farmers and ranchers to utilize new or better technology in improving irrigation practices by working with Oklahoma universities, colleges, foundations and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, and encourage financial incentives for implementing these new technologies.

~~**Out-of-State Sales or Transfers** - Funds generated from out-of-state water sales or transfers should be spent on statewide water and wastewater infrastructure. While we do not support the sale or transfer of water out of state, we do believe that if such action takes place, The funds generated by this action shall be used to improve our water infrastructure in Oklahoma, including dam construction, water system repair, voluntary, locally led efforts to control non-point source water quality concerns through best management practices. on working land, dam repair, and the control of invasive species such as the salt cedar and the eastern red cedar to increase stream flow.~~

Reservoirs and Water Retention Funding - We encourage the state government to fund more reservoirs, aquifer recharge and water retention.

Revolving Fund - We support re-capitalizing the revolving fund.

Transferring Water - We support researching the economic and physical feasibility of transferring surface water from excess supply areas to water deficient areas of the state.

Surplus Oklahoma water should be transported efficiently to areas with deficient supplies. A gross production tax model should be followed to fairly compensate the water surplus areas of the state. OKFB supports the careful and judicious use of water and all other natural resources so as to prevent waste and encourage recycling whenever practicable.

Upstream Flood Control Maintenance - The state and federal government shall be required to maintain their flood control projects at their expense.

Upstream Flood Control Program - We support the upstream flood control program and suggest more emphasis be given to permanent soil conservation practices. We urge the state Legislature to provide matching funds for the rehabilitation of upstream flood control structures.

~~**Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013** - We support passage of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013 (WRRDA). The WRRDA addresses key needs of the Oklahoma McClellan Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System and its infrastructure. A single failure threatens to shut down the entire system, cutting off access to world markets for sale of our agricultural products and purchase of inputs such as fertilizer.~~

2302 Sale of Water 85

~~**Adoption of New Mexico's Law** - We support protecting Oklahomans' water interests in any out-of-state transfer or water sale by adopting something similar to New Mexico's law on the issue.~~

Compact to Sell Water - We oppose any compact between the State of Oklahoma and any Native American tribes to allow control and the sale of our water to Texas or any other entity without full legislative review and approval by the House and the Senate.

~~**Eminent Domain and Sale of Water** - We strongly oppose the use of eminent domain in the proposed sale of water from Oklahoma to Texas.~~

Fair Market Value - In the event Oklahoma is required or decides to sell stream water to out-of-state interests, arrangements shall be made to require payment for the water at fair market value at the time the water is delivered.

Groundwater Basins - Legislation should be enacted to require the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to safeguard the quantity of surface water in springs, lakes and streams and the perpetual supply of groundwater for all property owners in a groundwater basin, when granting permits to persons who sell, or transfer their rights to sell water for use outside the groundwater basin.

Notice to Landowners - Prior to any out-of-state sale of Oklahoma water, 120 days advance notice must be provided to all affected adjacent landowners

~~**Out-of-State Sales** - The State of Oklahoma should avoid selling water or water rights out of state, if possible.~~

~~Water in Oklahoma from any source (well, river, creek, spring, pond, lake, etc.) shall always remain in Oklahoma and may not be sold out of state without approval of the House and Senate.~~

~~**Tax** - Schools and local governments shall have the right to tax pipelines, dams, lakes and any other structures that are used in any way for moving water out of state with no cap on the rates.~~

Usage Study - We support the Oklahoma Water Resources Board doing a very extensive Oklahoma water usage study and comprehensive water plan before making any decision on the sale of Oklahoma water rights.

Water Pricing - We should work to promote the fair and nondiscriminatory pricing of water to ensure the availability of good quality water at affordable rates for rural residents.

2303 Rural Water Districts 85

Encroachment by Municipalities - We support providing protection of rural water districts from encroachment by cities and towns. Such action in effect disables the rural water systems and their ability to repay loans. It also hinders their ability to service the remaining fringes of a rural water area. We support the Oklahoma Rural Water Association in its efforts to restrict encroachment from municipal water districts into rural water districts.

Federal Loans and Grants - We strongly oppose any legislation that would prohibit or restrict federal loans and grants intended for rural water and rural wastewater projects.

Fees on Rural Water Systems - The Oklahoma Department of Health presently requires that rural water systems pay a construction permit fee of 10 cents per foot. That amount is frequently a substantial part of the total cost; therefore permit fees required by the Oklahoma Health Department of 10 cents per foot on rural water systems should be suspended. We recommend ending the fees of 10 cents per foot of pipeline of rural water lines by the Oklahoma Health Department.

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Rural Water District Boards - We strongly support legislation for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to communicate any changes to the Rural Water District Boards before they are made. Rural Water District Boards need more input in state decisions.

Rural Water Districts - We oppose any unreasonable fee, permit or rate increase imposed upon our rural water districts by any of Oklahoma's state agencies.

Rural Water Meters - We are against any government fee or tax levied on rural water meters. A tax is being proposed to be used by local governments.

Support - We support rural water districts, provided the rights of landowners are preserved and protected.

2304 Statewide Water Plan..... 86

Equitable for All Regions - We should work to make the state water plan equitable for all various regions of the state. The thirteen watershed basins are very diverse with each being unique, therefore the plan should address the differences of each of these basins.

Excess Water Management Plan and Study of Moving Water - We support an excess water management plan to be developed for the benefit of all Oklahomans. Make it a priority to start a study to explore our water and the feasibility of its movement and/or use.

Funding - We urge the Oklahoma Legislature to continue funding Oklahoma's comprehensive water plan. We support funding the state's first truly comprehensive water plan to ensure water supply for both urban and rural water customers.

Interests Represented - We support irrigation, agriculture, and domestic water users' interests being represented in the statewide water study.

~~**Oversight Commission** - We support an oversight commission comprised of farm and ranch stakeholders, to be appointed by the House and Senate Agriculture Committee chairmen, established to work with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) on the statewide water study to be conducted by the OWRB.~~

Panhandle Water Coalition - We support the formation of a Panhandle Water Coalition, including municipalities, livestock feeding operations and agricultural endeavors. Since our primary water source is groundwater (the Ogallala Formation), we are entrusted to protect and use the water source to the best economic use and discourage waste.

Priority Issue - The Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan, groundwater rights and control of groundwater rights, need to remain Oklahoma Farm Bureau's top priority of private property issues.

We should designate water issues as a priority item at least until such time as a water plan is approved by the legislature.

Regional Planning Groups - We support voluntary regional planning groups that are non-regulatory.

Regional Water Plan - We support the regional water plan within the state, in addition to a statewide water plan, to assure that regional needs are met.

2305 Water Law 87

Agency Overseeing Water Rights - We recommend control of water rights be left with the OWRB.

Classification of Water - We propose that water should not be classified as a mineral.

Conjunctive Use - ~~We oppose the use of conjunctive use management anywhere in Oklahoma.~~ **We want to protect private property rights and groundwater rights when conjunctive water use proposals are being discussed.** We need to be watchful of legislation when formulating surface water laws, as to meeting the needs and the rights of the private property owners' groundwater rights, in relation to the conjunctive use of groundwater in meeting stream water needs.

Conservancy Districts - We support full and detailed information on location, costs and assessed benefits to be given to landowners before conservancy districts are established.

Conservation, Recycling and Reuse - We encourage water conservation, recycling and reuses of municipal and industrial water. We support the use of unused municipal water collections for agricultural use.

Domestic Use - We support protection of the domestic water supply for all farmers and ranchers.

Drought - During drought conditions, the rural customers on a city water system need to be protected against being shut off.

Eminent Domain and Water Rights - We should seek legislation that prohibits the use of eminent domain to condemn water rights. We support safeguards for landowners' rights in surface, water and water rights condemnation cases.

Farm Ponds - We oppose legislation regulating the use of water from farm ponds.

Fencing - We oppose requiring fencing of rivers, streams, and ponds.

We oppose the fencing of waterways in range and pasture land, or if forced on landowners, the enforcing agency should pay for the fencing of same. Farm Bureau should work to require cities and towns to abide by the same policies on fencing of waterways.

Maximum Annual Yield - OFB supports legislation that the maximum annual yield withdrawn from an aquifer should be based on 100 years rather than the present period of 20 years.

Medium Sized Dams - We support more funding and fewer restrictions on medium sized (5,000 to 15,000 yard earthen dams) ponds and reservoirs or other devices to retain water.

Non-navigable Waterways - We oppose federal and state regulations on non-navigable waterways.

Ownership of Groundwater - We should make private property water rights legislation a top priority. We support continued private ownership of underground water.

Property Owners Rights - We support the property owners' rights to use any water above or below ground on their property. All underground and surface water rights must remain with the land. We support ownership by the landowner of the surface water flowing across his land and not in a definite stream. Local, state and federal agencies should not be allowed to put in or take out any structure that would change in any way the existing flow of water without approval of the affected landowners.

Rainwater - We oppose any restriction on catching and utilizing rainwater on private property in Oklahoma.

~~**Regional Representation on Board** - To assure consideration of local issues, OFB should support a requirement for regional representatives on the Oklahoma Water Resources Board of Directors.~~

Support for Quality and Quantity Monitoring - We should work to continue funding the OWRB and OCC in water quality and quantity monitoring. Also, OFB should encourage volunteer water quality and quantity monitoring of private property through the Conservation Districts.

Surface Water - Surface water is a natural resource, not a commodity, and should be protected for residents and producers of Oklahoma.

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Surface Water Management During Drought - When waterways are no longer running and the only water in the creek bed is in pools, outside entities, such as oil companies, should not be allowed to siphon water from them. In many cases, this is the only water remaining for agriculture use and for wildlife.

Water Wells and Permits - We oppose any attempt by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to require any new fees for water wells or permits. Before an assessment (fee) can be made by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board they must notify every affected permitted well owner, individual, municipality, or rural water district.

2306 Water Quality 88

Base Levels - We support the establishment of reasonable base levels on water quality so people will know what to expect on testing.

Certified Labs - Oklahoma Farm Bureau should support Oklahoma Panhandle State University in its efforts to **establish maintain** a certified lab to test water. ~~The only certified sites are Oklahoma City and Tulsa and this creates a hardship in transporting samples in the allotted times.~~

Credible Data - We should pursue making the State of Oklahoma require credible data when making water quality impairment decisions.

Desalinization - We support the desalinization of water taken from bodies of water high in salt that would not pose a threat to local environment to be used for agricultural or domestic purposes.

Educating the Public - We support educating the public about production agriculture's efforts to protect water quality.

Grass Carp - We recommend Oklahoma Farm Bureau examine the science behind the recommendation to cities that grass carp be introduced into their water supply lakes to help control the increasing algae problems.

Legislative/Regulatory Authority over Ag - We support requiring that any legislation/regulation on water quality be administered through the Department of Agriculture and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission regarding farming and ranching practices.

Nutrient Limited Watersheds and Nutrient Vulnerable Groundwater Areas - OFB shall seek to create and support legislation that will exempt such property owner from land use restrictions arising as a result of being located within a Nutrient Limited Watershed or Nutrient Vulnerable Groundwater Area.

Oil Field Use - We oppose the use of fresh water in secondary oil recovery.

Public Water Supply - We support the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality approving and promoting new technology and protocols for public water supplies in order to produce safe, good tasting and affordable drinking water to the consumer.

Tribal Control of Water Quality - We oppose the transfer of control of water quality to tribes because control by numerous entities within a state causes confusion for property owners and industry. This shall be a priority issue.

Voluntary Monitoring - Oklahoma Farm Bureau should support a voluntary water monitoring program with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

Wellhead Protection Areas - We oppose attempts to regulate land use within wellhead protection areas without compensation of the landowners.