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Photo Submission Winner

Amy Brandley

Canadian County

Storm 5/8/07



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Comments from the Chair

It's a new OFMA year – Welcome! Thank you for the honor of serving as your Chair for 2008-2009 and to represent you throughout this coming year. There are many issues to address in this new OFMA year and together with your assistance we will.

A further word of welcome goes to our new Officers and Board Members. Dr. Ellen Stevens, P.E., CFM, Consulting Engineer, is our new Vice Chair. Carolyn Schultz, CFM, USACE, continues in her role as Treasurer and our new Secretary is Amy Brandley, CFM, Canadian County FPA. Ken Morris, CFM, continues to be our sage and esteemed Executive Director and Gavin Brady, CFM, ably represents OWRB as the State NFIP Coordinator.

Do You Know Who Your Regional Representative Is?



OFMA Regions

We have reorganized our Regions and have three new Regional Representatives: Region 2 (Northeast) – David Cross, CFM, from Tulsa; Region 4 (Southwest) – Dale Lasley, CFM, from Ft. Cobb; and Region 5 (Northwest) – Clint Strawn, CFM, from Alva. They join our other Regional Representatives from Region 1 (Central) – Leslie Lewis, P.E., CFM, Oklahoma City and Region 3 (Southeast) – Joseph Marquardt, CFM, Durant, OK. Each of these individuals places great emphasis on their service and duties to their communities and to OFMA. We commend them for their undaunted efforts and ask our members to coordinate your needs and desires through the Regional Representatives. They are also the points of contact for local training provided by the OFMA Training Cadre that will come to your area to conduct training and workshops.

GET INVOLVED – JOIN A COMMITTEE!

THIS IS YOUR ORGANIZATION – IT NEEDS YOUR ABLE HELP TO RUN AND BE EFFECTIVE IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA!

Bill Robison, CFM, is our new Committee Chair for Mapping and is looking for some map conscious members. Our returning Committee Chairs are: Janet Meshek BFE Editor and Andy Hamilton BFE Editor; Carolyn Schultz Budget Committee Chair; Joe Robinson Education Committee Chair; Tom Leatherbee Insurance Committee Chair; Ana Staggs Legislative Committee Chair; Omeed Mollaian Membership Committee Chair; Cecil Bearden Mitigation Committee Chair & Joe Remondini PDCC Committee Chair and Honorary Board Member.

The 18th Annual Conference received an excellent commendation and drove home Climate Change and its impact on us as Flood Plain Managers, but there is more and OFMA will continue to explore the ramifications of this change in the coming year as we explore better ways to organize and manage the floodplain in our respective drainage basins. I would like to thank you all for your attendance as this was

one of, if not the largest attendance ever. The CD's for the program are being developed and will be mailed to you very soon. I extend a grateful thanks to our vendors and sponsors who help offset a large part of our financial obligations for the conference.

We look forward to the Legislative Reception at the Capitol on March 10th, 2009; the Spring Technical Conference at Jenks; the 19th Annual Conference at the OSU Student Center; and to the 2010 ASFPM National Conference in Oklahoma City. OFMA has a primary and important role in being involved in the planning and execution of the 2010 National Conference as well as its execution and you will hear more about this as the date approaches.

A NEW YEAR – MANY ISSUES

The New Year brings many new issues as well as the continuance of old.

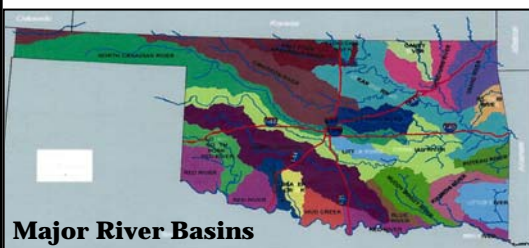
DRT

The OFMA Disaster Response Team (DRT) so ably introduced at the 18th Annual Conference and activated at the Blackwell flooding disaster by our Past Chairman Bill Smith will see dynamic growth and development with application for funding of operations and field development. This is a historic step for OFMA with far reaching results. As noted in the DRT Concept Statement:

"The purpose of creating the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA) Disaster Response Team (DRT) is to assist our neighboring communities in times of flooding or other natural disasters. OFMA DRT members would volunteer to go into Oklahoma communities (cities, towns, counties) that are about to have or just had a disaster and assist the local floodplain administrator (FPA) and community staff to deal with necessary tasks to evaluate flood damage or other natural disaster damage. This action would occur from the imminent time of disaster until a Federal Disaster Declaration occurs and Federal/State involvement is initiated under the Federal Declaration."

OFMA participation in the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan

Do you Know Which Drainage Basin Your Community Lies In?



As noted in the Oklahoma Drainage Basin Map above, your community is located in one of the drainage basins and possibly a sub basin. There is no integrated floodplain management planning to approach the drainage basin system – nor is there a one stop location to obtain identifying facts on how the system functions and the relative importance of floodplains within the system nor the impacts of rainfall in the system as to your community. OFMA is exploring funding possibilities under the WERDA Act

to provide support to OWRB on management planning for those floodplains. **THIS IS A NEW** approach to managing the floodplain in Oklahoma. **More later...**

Map Modernization continues to be wrapped up across the State. Oil and Gas Permitting



Issues continue at the forefront as OFMA strives to Amend Title 82 to provide for easier entry of communities into the NFIP; new developments, etc., Floodplain Administrator certification - State Statute requires this to be certified annually. Not only does this requirement comply with State law, but it educates local officials about how to implement and maintain a floodplain management program in your local community. As floodplain administrator you ensure that the "promotion of sound floodplain management practices and the natural and cultural benefits of the floodplain" are met. Your duties and responsibilities are to protect the lives and properties within the community in regard to ensuring proper floodplain management objectives are met. OFMA and OWRB continue to work hand-in-hand to provide the necessary training and tools to help the local floodplain administrator perform these duties. This is provided for you in workshops, but if you register YOU MUST ATTEND. That fulfills the basic tenet of OFMA – to support our local floodplain administrators. However we may help, we will.

Conference Changes at Strategic Retreat

Your Board has an important agenda planned for the Strategic Retreat which will be held at USACE/PORT OF CATOOSA – January 22-23, 2009. Agenda items for consideration will be: Public Outreach, Insurance underwriters, approval of a \$10.00 registration fee for OFMA Training Workshops; Advanced SDE and LOMC for the rest of the year (2009); consideration and action on increasing Annual dues to \$35.00; consideration, discussion and action on Annual Conference Changes which include – a Standing Conference Chair, registration procedure, Exhibitor and Vendor arrangements, Luncheon options, Tours – local site visits, the Hospitality Suite, new Agenda items and Publicity and Press Release/Attendance.

Therefore the Agenda is full, the responsibility is great and we depend on all to support floodplain management in Oklahoma – critical to our communities, critical to our quality of life.

I wish you and yours a wondrous and joyful Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year.

OFMA Chair

Clark M. Williams, CFM

Floodplain Managers in Oklahoma were especially busy this year dealing with the astonishing weather activity; from the ice storm recovery of January through and including narrowly missing the aftermath of two vicious Hurricanes that hit the Gulf coast—Gustav and Ike. The wild ride in the weather experienced by the residents of Oklahoma highlighted the importance of Hazard Mitigation as well as the need for OFMA to provide the state with continued direction in Floodplain Management. OFMA's 18th Annual Conference, *Oklahoma Floods—How Prepared Can We Be In A Changing Climate*, dealt with this very gripping subject and attendees gained understanding of the difficult and complex challenges facing our State and Nation.



The Annual Conference was held in Midwest City, Oklahoma, at the Reed Conference Center, from September 21st to 24th, 2008. Over 300 OFMA members, including local floodplain administrators, engineering consultants, vendors, and sponsors attended the Association's functions. The Conference continues to be an essential training forum for Floodplain Administrators around the State. This year's storms are clear reminders of why we do what we do. From the open-



ing meeting to the closing discussions, the OFMA Annual Conference highlighted the impact Floodplain Managers have upon where we live and work. Enjoying the wonderful interior of the Sheraton Midwest City Hotel mixed with the stunning weather of mid-



September, participants at the conference enjoyed a very pleasurable setting to experience all that was offered.

The OFMA Golf Tournament was held on Sunday, September 24th, 2008, at

the Lincoln Park Golf Course in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. While everyone involved had great fun there could only be a few winners among the highly competitive teams involved.



The Conference was designed to provide educational opportunities in the form of tracks – Track 1 – Basic Training, Track 2 – Intermediate Training, and Track 3 – Special Issues. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board also provided a Floodplain 101



training opportunity for floodplain administrators to receive their six (6) hours of required certification training under Oklahoma State statute.

Monday morning began the three days of expert presentations, small-group discussions, training sessions and exhibits as well as opportunities for sight-seeing and socializing. Dr. Ken Crawford, State of Oklahoma



Climatologist, began the presentations by the specialists with "The Times are Changing - Climate." Richard Roths, AICP, URC Chicago, presented "Using Zoning to Reduce Food Damage," which is a must for municipal officials. Bill Smith outlined OFMA's Disaster Response Team which will provide critical support to Oklahoma communities.



Monday evening featured the Vendor's Social at Sheraton Plaza. Entertainment for the event was an extra special treat consisting of Karaoke and a Hypnotist. On Tuesday evening the OFMA



Awards Banquet was held to honor those floodplain administrators who endeavor to go "above and beyond" their minimum duties in protecting the citizens of their communities. Afterwards, live entertainment featured Ronnie Kay, KOMA DJ in the Reed ABC Room.



On Wednesday Duane Smith with the OWRB presented an "Agency Update." He was followed by Greg Main, CFM, ASFPM Vice Chairman and Indiana State NFIP Coordinator with National Policy "Where We Are Closing out the Albert Ashwood, Chairman, Director of the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and Ross Richardson, Floodplain Management and Insurance Branch Chief, DHS/FEMA Region VI.



With Impacts Going." day were Past OFMA



The 18th Annual Conference came to a close with the passing of the gavel. Vice-Chair Clark Williams accepted his new position as Chair, and now former Chair Bill Smith was presented with an honorary gavel to commemorate his time as OFMA Chair. Ellen Stevens was elected Vice-Chair and



will serve under Chair Williams for the year.

Click the *Archives* link then *Past Conferences* at www.okflood.org to view a slideshow of pictures from this Fall's 2008 Annual Conference.



Notes from the State NFIP Coordinator

Gavin Brady, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, NFIP State Co-

The Community Rating System (CRS) In Oklahoma

The Community Rating System (CRS) made a huge and immediate impact in Oklahoma when the voluntary program was implemented in 1990. 14 Oklahoma communities enrolled in the CRS in just the first 3 years. To put that in perspective, Oklahoma has 12 communities currently participating in the CRS with only Ponca City joining since 2000.

The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System was implemented to recognize and reward communities that have floodplain management programs, which exceed the minimum standards. The goal of the CRS is to 1) reduce flood losses, 2) facilitate accurate insurance ratings and 3) promote the awareness of flood insurance. A community is awarded points based on 18 creditable activities that fall under these 4 categories: Public Information, Mapping and Regulations, Flood Damage Reduction and Flood Preparation. Over 1,050 communities participate in the CRS with nearly 3.4 million policies. Although less than 5 % of the total 20,300 NFIP participating communities are in the CRS, it accounts for 67% of all flood insurance policies written.

Why has Oklahoma's interest in the CRS declined over the years? Are those communities not participating missing an opportunity to reward themselves and their citizens? The CRS is not for every community. Does your community have the policy base to make it worth your while?

The City of Dewey only has only 40 policies and participates yet the City of Oklahoma City has over 2,000 policies and doesn't. Who does this program benefit? Every community participating in the NFIP should evaluate their floodplain management program and determine if the benefits outweigh the cost to implement the CRS.

One of the most aggressive proponents of the CRS, not only in Oklahoma but also nationally, is the City of Tulsa. Tulsa is currently rated as a class 2 community in the CRS. Most communities enter the CRS as a class 9 meaning there will be a 5% reduction in flood insurance premiums located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). A class 8 would receive a 10% reduction. With Tulsa's class 2 rating, individuals with flood insurance located in the SFHA will receive a 40% reduction in their premiums. A significant savings to a community that had major problems with their floodplain management program less than 30 years ago. Way to go Tulsa.

Please consider the benefits of participation in the CRS and research the possibilities. Go to www.fema.gov/nfip/crs and explore. The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA) recognizes the CRS communities every year at the Oklahoma Municipal Leagues annual conference. We are very proud of those communities that go "above the minimum".

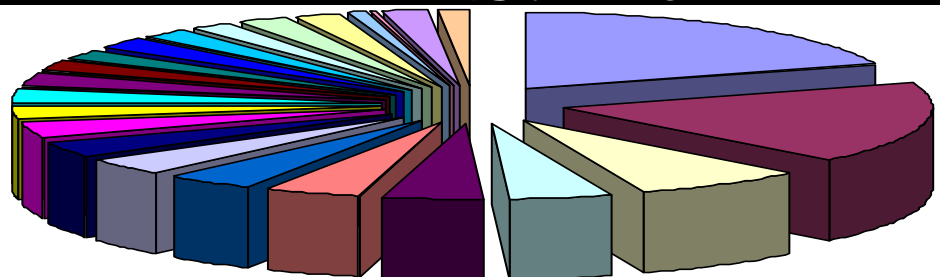
Gavin Brady, CFM
NFIP State Coordinator



Flood Insurance Policies in Oklahoma

Community	Number of Policies	Coverage
Oklahoma City	2,062	\$341,319,000
Tulsa*	1,844	\$371,283,900
Lawton*	802	\$120,174,600
Bixby	470	\$64,770,200
Miami	450	\$36,503,500
Tulsa County	440	\$68,730,500
Del City	422	\$37,828,600
Norman	384	\$80,130,100
Bartlesville*	358	\$45,275,300
Pauls Valley	351	\$31,197,200
Woodward	307	\$25,258,700
Broken Arrow*	295	\$61,050,500
Chickasha*	271	\$32,225,800
Moore	239	\$34,242,900
Wagoner County	239	\$46,007,700
Enid*	233	\$29,097,800
Edmond*	225	\$48,996,300
Midwest City	223	\$30,399,000
Stillwater*	222	\$32,014,000
Rogers County	203	\$37,570,300
Blackwell*	88	\$6,884,500
Dewey*	40	\$5,994,000
Sand Springs*	193	\$26,948,800
Ponca City*	146	\$15,843,800

BY THE NUMBERS



Oklahoma City	Tulsa*	Lawton*	Bixby	Miami
Tulsa County	Del City	Norman	Bartlesville*	Pauls Valley
Woodward	Broken Arrow*	Chickasha*	Moore	Wagoner County
Enid*	Edmond*	Midwest City	Stillwater*	Rogers County
Blackwell*	Dewey*	Sand Springs*	Ponca City*	

*CRS Community

The best investment that \$30.00 can buy in the future of your state is a membership in the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association.

Dues Schedule:
First-Year dues for joining OFMA are listed below. The fiscal year for membership starts October 1st and ends September 30th.

Full Membership	\$30.00
Student Membership	15.00
Associate Membership	20.00
Agency Membership	50.00
(Plus \$10.00 per employee designated by the Agency)	
Corporate Sponsor	100.00

An Invitation to Join OFMA



OFMA Regions

The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association is a non-profit organization primarily dedicated to providing information and education to the public about reduction of loss of life and property due to flooding.

New Member: ☐ Renewal: ☐ Detach and Mail to:

Region (see map): 1 2 3 4 5
Committees:
Mitigation _____ Conference _____
Certification _____ Research _____
Mapping and Engineering _____
Education/Legislative _____

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Name: _____ Phone: _____ Co./Org.: _____

Title: _____ Email: _____ Address: _____

OFMA Membership Application

An Awards Banquet is held each year at the OFMA Annual Conference. Awards are presented to those who have made exemplary contributions to floodplain management in Oklahoma and recognize excellence in flood loss reduction during this past year. Awards presented by Bill Smith.



Dan Carey



Ruth Walters

SILVER SCOOP AWARD

For key individuals who contribute significantly to the Association...

And the winners are:

- Dan Carey
- Julie Matthews
- Ruth Watlers
- Kathy Koon
- Cathy Poage



Julie Matthews



Kathy Koon



Cathy Poage

OUTSTANDING RECOGNITION AWARD



Chris Henderson



Tom Leatherbee

To individuals in floodplain management who have demonstrated excellence in an endeavor worthy of recognition...

And the winners are:

- Mike Chapman for the City of Ponca City—CRS Program
- Tom Leatherbee for the City of Del City—FPA

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

To individuals in floodplain management who have demonstrated excellence in an endeavor worthy of recognition...

Mike Chapman for the City of Ponca City—CRS Program



Mike Chapman

Board Member Service Awards: Carolyn Schultz, Treasurer; Ellen Stevens, Secretary; Laureen Gilroy, Past-Chair; Clark Williams, Vice Chair; & Bill Smith, Chairman.

Chairman Awards: R.D. Flanagan; Leslie Lewis; Phillip Beauchamp; Joe Romondini & Ellen Stevens

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Pictured left to right: Stanley Marquardt, Phillip Beauchamp, Jeff Bigby, Leslie Lewis and Marc Bolt (not available).

Regional Representatives



RONALD D. FLANAGAN PROJECT AWARD

For Oklahoma communities or agencies that go above and beyond the minimum...

PLATINUM AWARD—CITY OF BIXBY

Ray Bowen & Mickey Webb



Pictured left to right: RD Flanagan, Ray Bowden, Bill Smith and Mickey Webb.

BEN FRIZZELL MEDIA AWARD

For the production of outstanding floodplain management-related stories and publications...

Kenosha Corridor Flood Action Committee



Kenosha Corridor Flood Action Committee

GOLD AWARD—CITY OF KINGFISHER

Bill Tucker



Pictured left to right: RD Flanagan, Bill Tucker and Bill Smith.

OWRB State Floodplain Newsletter



OWRB "Flood Current" State Floodplain Newsletter—Brian Vance (left) James Leewright and Darla Whitley.

PUBLIC OFFICIAL OF THE
YEAR

Holmes Willis



To the public official who has implemented public policy initiatives that demonstrate excellence in addressing present and future floodplain management needs for his/her community...

FLOODPLAIN MANAGER OF THE YEAR

For individuals who have demonstrated particular excellence in the field of floodplain management...

Amy Brandley, CFM – Canadian County

- Initiated floodplain management for oil companies drilling in the floodplain and followed it through to a national level.
- Stayed active and informed during Canadian County's map mod process.
- Proactive and prepared with GIS mapping of homes in flood prone areas.
- Works with the state to coordinate and not duplicate efforts.

Amy Brandley



CHARLES DON ELLISON MEMORIAL AWARD

To recognize an Association member who has demonstrated significant long-term leadership and support that clearly influenced and advanced OFMA...

Jeff Bigby, CFM– City of Broken Arrow

- Joined OFMA and became a Certified Floodplain Manager in 2001.
- Has served as the City of Broken Arrow Floodplain Administrator since 2003 and he helped Broken Arrow implement a Stormwater Utility in 2002. Jeff's job as Stormwater Manager includes stormwater systems review and design, master drainage plan implementation, stormwater utility account maintenance, and implementation of the City of Broken Arrow NPDES Phase II Stormwater Program for water quality.
- Has continually held regional meetings and taught seminars to keep floodplain administrators educated and informed.
- Has remained active and helpful with the Map Mod process in coordinating meetings with FEMA representatives and the OFMA mapping committee to discuss our concerns.
- When City of Broken Arrow was hit with a rare 0.2% (500-yr) rainfall event, he documented the entire process so that we could learn from his experience.

Jeff Bigby



2010 ASFPM National Conference

June 13th—19th, 2010, Renaissance Hotel & Conference Center, Oklahoma City, OK

The week of June 13th—19th, 2010, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) will convene the world's principal floodplain management conference. The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA) is the local host for this exciting event. At this once-in-a-life-time opportunity local, state, and federal officials, as well as consultants, industry leaders and additional interested parties will be gathered together attending sessions relevant to a single theme.

During the week industry experts will organize plenary and concurrent sessions and share progressive information in techniques, programs, and resources to accomplish flood mitigation, watershed management, and other community goals.

Please plan now to join with participants from across the nation at this electrifying event. Look to upcoming issues from the *BFE* or ask OFMA, P.O. Box 8101, Tulsa, OK 74101-8101; website: www.okflood.org for more detailed information as we draw closer to this occasion.

Calendar of Educational Opportunities

- **2008 Floodplain Management 101 or Map Modernization; the Map Adoption Process, & Advanced Floodplain Management Floodplain Management Class Schedule.** Apply online or Contact Cathy Poage (580) 256-1014
 - January 15, 2009 - 101 in Norman, Advanced in Tulsa
 - February 2-6, 2009 - Week long CFM in Norman
 - February 12, 2009 - 101 in Norman, Substantial Damage Estimator in Norman
 - March 3, 2009 - 101 in Lawton, Advanced in Lawton
 - March 5, 2009 - 101 in Woodward, Advanced in Woodward
 - March 10, 2009 - 101 in Bartlesville, Advanced in Bartlesville
 - March 12, 2009 - 101 in Norman, Substantial Damage Estimator in Tulsa
 - March 24, 2009 - 101 in McAlester, Advanced in McAlester
 - April 9, 2009 - 101 in Norman, Advanced in Norman
 - May 12, 2009 - 101 in Norman, Letter Of Map Change in Norman
 - May 14, 2009 - 101 in Norman, Letter Of Map Change in Tulsa
- **ASFPM Annual Conference Green Works to Reduce Flood Losses:** June 7-12, 2009; Orlando, FL. Sponsored by ASFPM; website: www.floods.org
- **29th Annual Governor's Water Conference & 6th Annual OWRRI Water Research Symposium:** October 28-30, 2008; Sheraton-Reed Conference Center, Midwest City, OK, 73110.
- **National Floodproofing Conference IV:** November 17-20, 2008; New Orleans, LA
- **2008 National Hydraulic Engineering Conference:** August 26-29, 2008, Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME, 04101. Sponsored by FHWA, MDOT and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Cold Research Laboratory; website: www.maine.gov/mdot/workshops-conferences-events/workshops-events.php
- **OFMA 18th Annual Conference:** September 21-24, 2008, Sheraton Midwest City Hotel at the Reed Conference Center, Midwest City, OK, 73110. Contact: OFMA, P.O. Box 8101, Tulsa, OK 74101-8101; website: www.okflood.org.
- **2010 ASFPM National Conference:** June 13th-19th, 2010, Oklahoma City OK. Local Host OFMA; website: www.okflood.org.

Web Sites

OFMA www.okflood.org
ASFPM www.floods.org
OWRB www.owrb.state.ok.us
FEMA www.fema.gov
OEM www.ok.gov/oem
Corps of Engineers (USACE)
www.swt.usace.army.mil
U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
ok.water.usgs.gov
Advanced Study Institute
web.uccs.edu/geogenvs/natoasi
CLOMR/LOMR Forms:
www.fema.gov/fun/fcm_form.shtml
EPA NPDES Phase II site:
www.epa.gov/npdes/
SMRC Stormwater Mgr Resource Center:
www.stormwatercenter.net
FEMA Official NFIP Site:
www.floodsmart.gov
Link to: 44 CFR Ch. I (10-1-02 Edition)
<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/fr/wais-idx-02/44cfrv1-02.html>
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CURRENT FLOODPLAIN ACT BLOCKS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

The Oklahoma Floodplain Management Act became law in May 1980 and at that time was primarily enacted to allow Board's of County Commissioners to establish five member floodplain boards. At that time, counties had little authority for regulating development in their rural areas. This law, O.S., 82, Sections 1601-1618, as amended, authorized county floodplain board's to draft and adopt floodplain management regulations. Prior to this time only Planning Commissions in the county areas could do this. In 1980, Rogers and Tulsa County were the only counties with planning commissions that had adopted flood ordinances and this was for only portions of each county.



makes it extremely difficult to find five people to sit on this board that live in the town. To elaborate on this bureaucratic snafu, many small communities that have flood maps are sanctioned from receiving Hazard Mitigation Funds from FEMA after a disaster and other forms of disaster assistance. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board has been working with a number of small communities after the flood events of the 2007 summer so that they could qualify for HMGP funds. Sawyer, Slick, Minco, Grady County, the Town of Dacoma and others have expressed an interest in the NFIP, but this 1980 Act stands in their way. For

instance, Ms. Pam Inman, Woods County Clerk, began assisting Dacoma officials with the NFIP participation process in 2005 and due to several Act requirements; the Town of Dacoma still is not in the NFIP.

Today, this law is making it extremely difficult for small communities and counties to join the National Flood Insurance Program. Small towns have a very difficult time in finding five individuals to make up the floodplain board as required by this state law. The law requires a floodplain board to have two members for two years, two members for four years and one for six years. After each term is up, the new board member is then appointed for six-year terms. A small town with a population of 200 to 2,500

The solution to this 1980 legislative hurdle is to change the Act and allow communities to join the NFIP without having to establish a five-member floodplain board. Most cities and towns have statutory authority to adopt and approve flood damage prevention ordinances; they don't need a floodplain board to do this. Oklahoma has about 280 cities and towns that were in the NFIP prior to 1980 and aren't required to establish a floodplain board. Also, some of these 280 communities may have established some type of floodplain committee, but they chose to do that anyway without a state law requirement.



Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association

Vision

The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association advocates the protection of the natural functions of the floodplain through education, training, and service to Oklahomans.

Mission

We encourage and support, with our partners, flood-safe development and flood mitigation. We promote sound floodplain management practices and the natural and cultural benefits of the floodplain. We support the floodplain management profession through education and certification.

Saving lives from floods and reducing property loss from floods are paramount to us.

From the Desk of the Executive Director

Hello, it is the beginning of fall with the leaves turning beautiful shades of crimson and yellow and falling to the forest floor, with white tailed deer and wild turkeys moving



about more. I can feel the winter chill in the air letting me know that ole man winter is right around the corner, burr! But with our Indian Summers I love this time of year and enjoy the Oklahoma outdoors. Down to business, I continue to reflect about our fantastic 2008 18TH Annual Conference and the program that Clark Williams designed; and believe it was truly the best conference yet. I believe we had record attendance and have developed several very important partnerships as a result of the conference. For one, OFMA is back on the radar for the Association of County Commissioners thanks to Regional Representative Clint Strawn, OFMA's first County Commissioner to be elected to the Board. OFMA was given the opportunity to have its booth at the ACCO Annual Conference in Oklahoma City with Amy Brandley and Ellen Stephens taking charge of that endeavor with help from Canadian County Commissioner Phil Carson. Amy and Ellen have the new TADD Calendar's to pass out and two new Water Board brochures on floodplain management; Bulletin No. 7 on the State Accreditation Program and a new program brochure on Floodplain Management. Contact Cathy Poage at 580-256-1014 if you would like some. Next year ACCO will allow us to be on the agenda and give a workshop on floodplain management. Currently, OFMA is working on planning our very important Strategic Planning Retreat and our Annual Legislative Session. More information on both can be found in the November BFE and on the OFMA web site. Thank you for your time and membership in OFMA and keep the spirit that you do make a difference. Our Association is all about its people and OFMA has very extraordinary, enthusiastic, professional and dedicated members. Thank you.

W.K. Morris
Executive Director



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