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RJ Parrish Newly Appointed to Serve on the Oklahoma Wheat Commission Board

Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture, Blayne Arthur, newly appointed Raymond (RJ) Parrish to a five-year term on the Oklahoma Wheat Commission Board. Parrish, a wheat producer from Hunter, will represent District 1, which includes Alfalfa, Garfield, Grant and Major counties.

“We are excited that RJ has been appointed to the Oklahoma Wheat Commission board,” said Mike Schulte, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Wheat Commission. “His knowledge and experience with wheat production as a farmer and active roles with Oklahoma Wheat Growers Association (OWGA) and the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) will make him a valuable leader for the wheat industry on both state and national levels.”

Parrish’s responsibilities as a member of the commission include working with the other members to develop and oversee the implementation of policy and programs, approve budget expenditures, direct the funding of research, market development and public education, represent district producer interests, and promote Oklahoma wheat.

RJ and his wife Peggy farm approximately 2,400 acres with 1,000 acres of that in wheat production. Other crop production includes corn, soybeans, and grain sorghum in Garfield and Grant counties. He currently serves as President of Grant County Farm Service Agency and on the Garfield County Rural Water District #6 Board. Raymond has served in the United States Army, Hunter Volunteer Fire Department and Pond Creek-Hunter School Board in numerous positions. Raymond is a member of Oklahoma Ag Leadership Class IV, Oklahoma Retired Firefighters Association, Oklahoma Cattleman’s Association, and Farmer’s Grain Cooperative of Pond Creek. Raymond is a member of Hunter First

Baptist Church.

He has joined current commission members, Michael Peters, Okarche; David Gammill, Chattanooga; Don Schieber, Ponca City and Tom Stephens, Guymon. The Oklahoma Wheat Commission promotes greater utilization of wheat in both domestic and international markets through research, market development and public education.

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