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State employee. Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission minutes (1961–1969); monthly reports (1958–1969); financial reports (1963–1969); budgets (1962–1970); federal aid budgets (1966–1970); correspondence (1961–1970); fisheries reports (1962–1968); deer and game reports (1958–1969); legislation (1962–1968); wildlife and conservation publications, and government documents relating to the Little River Reservoir (Lake Thunderbird), all accumulated by Cooksey while he was a member of the above commission.

**Box 1: The Norman Project, 1957-1961**

**Folder:**

1. Drafts of Senate bill 1892, 1959.
2. Senate report 872. 1959.
3. Senate subcommittee hearing on Senate bill 1892. 1959.
4. House of Representatives subcommittee hearings on H.R. 7060 and S. 1892. 1960.
5. House of Representatives reports 1644 and 1982. 1958-1960.
6. House of Representatives bill 1047, and committee substitute for House bill 851. 1961.
7. *Congressional Record*, Volume 106, No. 99. June 1, 1960.
8. Senate document no. 13: *Development of Water and Land Resources of the Arkansas-White and Red River Basins*. 1957.
9. Correspondence and drafts of H.R. bill. 1961.
10. Statement of Central Oklahoma Water Users Association to Senate subcommittee, 1959.
11. Petition to the Oklahoma Supreme Court, 1959.
12. Statement of Central Oklahoma Water Users Association to H.R. subcommittee, 1959-1960.
13. Statement of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District to H.R. subcommittee, 1960.  
Statement of the Central Oklahoma Water Users Association to H.R. and Senate subcommittees, 1961.
14. Project HOW: Harnessing Oklahoma's Water conference proceedings, 1958.
15. U.S. Dept. of Interior, Plan of Development for Norman Project, 1954.

**Box 2: Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Department Projects, 1954-1966**

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1. U.S. Dept. of Interior, Plan of Development for Norman Project, 1954.
2. Little River Project Report for Norman, 1961.
3. Report on water supply sources in re: the Little River Project, 1959.
4. Radioactivity log, account sheet, and related materials on the Norman Project, 1958-1961.
5. Report on the Norman Project, 1959.
6. Correspondence; and a thesis by William F. Wade on the Little River Reservoir, 1962-1966.

7. Agreement between the United States and the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission on the Little River Reservoir, 1963.  
Agreement between the United States and the University of Oklahoma regarding the development of a biological research lab on the Norman Reservoir, 1962. Both agreements include related maps.
8. Application to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for the Elm Creek Reservoir, 1960.
9. Diagrams and maps on Elm Creek Reservoir, 1960.
10. Report on the Cheney Division Wichita Project, 1957.
11. Report of Asst. Commissioner E. G. Nielsen on the Cheney Division Wichita Project, 1957.
12. Statements of Rep. Edward H. Rees before H.R. and Senate subcommittees on the Cheney Division Wichita Project, 1959.
13. Summary statement of the city of Wichita, Kansas, on the Cheney Division Wichita Project, 1959.

### **Box 3: OWCD Projects, 1959, and OWCD Meeting Minutes, 1961-1965**

#### **Folder:**

1. Complete statement of the city of Wichita, Kansas, on the Cheney Division Wichita Project, 1959.
2. Joint statements of Senators Andrew F. Schoepel and Frank Carlson before H.R. and Senate subcommittees on the Cheney Division Wichita Project, 1959.
3. Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Dept. meeting minutes, 1961
4. OWCD meeting minutes, 1962
5. OWCD meeting minutes, 1963
6. OWCD meeting minutes, 1964
7. OWCD meeting minutes, 1965

### **Box 4: Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Department Meeting Minutes, 1966-1969**

#### **Folder:**

1. OWCD meeting minutes, 1966
2. OWCD meeting minutes, 1967
3. OWCD meeting minutes, 1968
4. OWCD meeting minutes, 1969

### **Box 5: Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Department Reports, 1956-1969**

#### **Folder:**

1. Wildlife conservation guidelines, 1964-1965
2. Wildlife management plans, 1965, 1967
3. Reports on public land use policy, the Choctaw Game Area, fisheries, and Seminole water improvement, 1963-1968.
4. Correspondence, and policies and procedures of the OWCD, 1959-1963.
5. Meeting minutes and committee reports, 1961-1962.
6. Project progress reports and related materials, 1965-1967.
7. Project progress reports, 1967.
8. Administrative planning reports, 1966-1969.
9. Planning Dept. reports, wildlife management plans, policies and procedures, and related

- materials, 1968-1969.
10. Accelerated public works program, 1962.
  11. Correspondence, news clippings, and statements on the encroachment of Ft. Sill onto the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge lands, 1966-1967.
  12. Diagrams and estimate for Sandy Creek Watershed, 1964.
  13. Planning documents for Washita County Lake and Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, 1966-1967.
  14. Planning documents for a fencing project for the Lexington game management area, n.d.
  15. Investigational reports on various lakes, dams, and parks. Includes info on fishery surveys and opening school lands to hunting and fishing, 1963-1968.

**Box 6: Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Dept., Monthly Activity Reports, 1964-1968**

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1. OWCD monthly activity reports, 1964.
2. OWCD monthly activity reports, 1964.
3. OWCD monthly activity reports, 1965.
4. OWCD monthly activity reports, 1966.
5. OWCD monthly activity reports, 1966.
6. OWCD monthly activity reports, 1967.
7. OWCD monthly activity reports, 1968, 1969.
8. OWCD monthly activity reports, 1968.

**Box 7: Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Dept. Reports, 1958-1969**

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1. OWCD monthly activity reports, 1969.
2. Monthly statistics, lists of commissioners, 1961-1963.
3. Quarterly reports, 1963-1964.
4. OWCD biennial report, July 1, 1966 - June 30, 1968.
5. Progress, coordination, and quarterly reports; and related materials, 1962-1963.
6. Progress, coordination, and quarterly reports; and related materials, 1962-1963.
7. Correspondence and keynote address at the International American Association for Conservation Information Conference, 1962.
8. Meeting minutes, departmental, coordination, project, and semi-annual reports, 1958-1962.

**Box 8: Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Dept. Reports, 1963-1969**

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1. Coordination reports, 1963-1965
2. Coordination reports, 1966-1967
3. Coordination reports, 1967-1969
4. Job completion reports, 1965-1966
5. Job completion reports, 1966-1967
6. Job progress report, 1968
7. Correspondence, policies, and reports on departmental vehicles, 1961-1963.
8. Communications report, April 1964
9. Communications handbook, 1967

10. Miscellaneous reports, including progress and investigative reports on Lake Raymond Gary Spillway, Ft. Cobb Lake, hatcheries, Oologah Public Hunting Area, and others, 1966-1967.
11. Fishery reports, press releases, uniform policy, and quail season information, 1966-1969.
12. Grazing permit application and information, 1967.
13. General correspondence; news clipping regarding H. Drew Owen of the Oklahoma Wildlife Federation, 1964-1970.
14. Report on OWCD housing facilities, 1968.

**Box 9: Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Department Financial Reports, 1963-1969**

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1. OWCD financial reports, 1961-1963
2. OWCD financial reports, 1964
3. OWCD financial reports, 1965
4. OWCD financial reports, 1966
5. OWCD financial reports, 1967
6. OWCD financial reports, 1968
7. OWCD financial reports, 1969

**Box 10: Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation, Budgets and Related Reports, 1959-1970**

**Folder:**

1. Purchasing manual, 1959
2. OWCD budgets, 1962-1964
3. OWCD budgets, 1964-1966
4. OWCD budgets, 1966-1968
5. OWCD budgets, 1967-1969
6. OWCD budgets, 1967-1968
7. OWCD budgets, 1969-1970
8. OWCD financial reports, 1964-1965
9. OWCD financial reports, 1966
10. Budget-capital improvements: inventory, blueprints, Department of Wildlife Building, 1961.

**Box 11: Payroll and Travel, 1961-1969**

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1. Payroll, 1961
2. Payroll, 1962
3. Payroll, 1963
4. Payroll, 1964
5. Payroll, 1965
6. Payroll, 1966
7. Payroll, 1967
8. Payroll, 1968
9. Payroll, 1969
10. Travel and subsistence, 1960-1963
11. Travel, 1964-1966

12. Travel, 1967
13. Travel, 1968-1969
14. Employees' telephone charges

**Box 12: Claims, Estimated Needs, 1968 Audit, 1960-1969**

**Folder:**

1. Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation: audit report, 1968.  
Job requirements and qualifications manual for rangers.
2. Estimated needs, 1963-1964
3. Estimated needs, 1961-1963
4. Claims over \$100, 1960-1961
5. Claims over \$100, 1962
6. Claims over \$100, 1963
7. Claims over \$100, 1964
8. Claims over \$100, 1965
9. Claims over \$100, 1966
10. Claims over \$100, 1967
11. Claims over \$100, 1968
12. Claims over \$100, 1969
13. Licenses sold, 1960

**Box 13: Federal Aid Budgets and Programs, 1966-1970**

**Folder:**

1. Federal aid budgets, 1969-1970
2. Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration manual, 1967
3. Reports: federal aid Projects, 1967
4. Reports: federal aid Projects, 1967-1968
5. Reports: federal aid Projects, 1968-1969
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9. Reports: federal aid projects, 1966-1969

**Box 14: Bid Records, 1961-1968**

**Folder:**

1. Invitations to bid, 1964-1965
2. Invitations to bid, 1961-1963
3. Bid records, 1961-1963
4. Bid records, 1966-1967
5. Bid records, 1963-1965
6. Bid records, 1967-1968
7. Bid records, 1967

**Box 15: Legislation and Legal Records, 1962-1969**

**Folder:**

1. Legislative progress reports, 1967

2. Legislative progress reports, 1968
3. List of members of the Oklahoma State Senate, n.d.
4. County chart, and folding poster of the members of Oklahoma's 31st Legislative Session, 1967.
5. List of legislative committees in the House and Senate, 1966-1967
6. Minutes of OWCD-related public hearings, 1962
7. Senate bills, 1965-1967
8. OWCD resolutions and Senate bills, 1962-1963
9. Proposed legislation, 1963
10. Resolutions, 1963, 1965-1967
11. Legislative proposals, n.d.
12. Senate and House bills, 1967-1969
13. Bills and resolutions, 1961-1963
14. Affidavits: Cleveland County, 1966
15. Agreements: easements, 1965-1966
16. License policies and statistics, 1962-1967
17. Land lease information, 1965-1966

**Box 16: Legal Legislation, Land Records, Contracts, Misc., 1958-1969**

**Folder:**

1. Gun legislation information, 1968
2. House of Representatives bills, 1965-1967
3. Resolutions, laws, and proposed legislation on wildlife, 1964-1965.
4. Senate Journal: 29th legislature, May 14, 1963.
5. Public hearings: miscellaneous, 1966
6. Petitions: miscellaneous, 1968-1969
7. Correspondence: miscellaneous, 1964-1966
8. Contracts: gasoline and salary, 1968-1969
9. Leases: Harmon County and Camp Gruber, 1967
10. Office of the Attorney General: opinions and correspondence, 1963-1967
11. Building contracts and legal opinions: petition against J. Howard Edmondson and others, 1958-1962.
12. House and Senate resolutions, 1968-1969
13. Report: *Fite Grant and Correlated Lands*, 1966.
14. OWCD land records by county, 1965.
15. Correction quitclaim deed, 1951.
16. Correspondence and legal documents on commercial fishing in Texoma, 1969.

**Box 17: Legal Violations, Law Enforcement, 1960-1969**

**Folder:**

1. Ranger reports: arrests, 1960-1961
2. Violations: ranger arrests, 1962-1963
3. Ranger reports: arrests and convictions, 1964
4. Violation reports, 1965
5. Violation reports, 1966
6. Violation reports, 1967

7. Violation reports, 1968
8. Violation reports, 1969
9. Law enforcement division, 1969
10. Law enforcement: miscellaneous, 1961

**Box 18: Personnel Materials, 1958, 1963-1969**

**Folder:**

1. Personnel retirement, 1963-1965
2. Personnel retirement: 1964, 1968-1969
3. Retirement system, 1966-1969
4. Retirement system, 1968-1969
5. Retirement system, n.d.
6. Retirement system, n.d. (contents of file on loan)
7. Retirement committee agenda, Dec. 7, 1964.
8. Accident report, 1964
9. Position responsibilities of Director, 1964
10. Wage and salary study, 1968; Job evaluation committee, 1969.
11. Job evaluation committee, 1968
12. Employee evaluations, 1966
13. Promotions, 1968
14. Employee directories, 1964, 1966-1967, and n.d.
15. Salary schedules and related information, 1968 and n.d.
16. OWCD Manual, 1958

**Box 19: Personnel Materials, 1965-1969**

**Folder:**

1. Hiring manual and related information, 1966-1967
2. Director's personnel agenda, ca. 1968; List of position titles, n.d.
3. Hiring correspondence, 1968
4. Hiring correspondence, 1965
5. Applications for the position of director, 1968
6. Personnel changes, 1965-1967
7. Merit examinations, 1967
8. Merit examinations, 1968
9. Correspondence regarding the dismissal of Preston C. Hurt, 1966.
10. Resignation of Wayne Wallace, 1966
11. Dismissals and resignations, 1968
12. Committee on Personnel: information on applicants for the position of director, 1962-1963, 1969.
13. Merit examinations, 1967

**Box 20: Correspondence, 1961-1964**

**Folder:**

1. Correspondence, 1961-1962
2. Correspondence, 1962
3. Correspondence, 1963 (including Jarmon, Steed, C.J. Rogers)

4. Correspondence: 1963-1964
5. Correspondence: Bureau of Reclamation, 1964

#### **Box 21: Correspondence, 1964-1970**

##### **Folder:**

1. Correspondence, 1964-1965
2. Correspondence: wildlife, 1964-1965
3. Correspondence: federal aid concerning game area project submission, 1966-1967. Includes letter from Governor Henry Bellmon.
4. Correspondence, 1967
5. Correspondence, 1968-1969
6. Correspondence, 1968 (includes newspaper articles)
7. Correspondence, 1968-1969
8. Correspondence, 1969. Includes letter from Senator Phil Smalley to Governor Dewey Bartlett, and a commission organizational chart.
9. Correspondence, 1966-1970. Includes letter from Rex Privett.

#### **Box 22: Correspondence: Director Wendell Bever, 1964-1969**

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1. Correspondence: Wendell Bever, 1964
2. Correspondence: Wendell Bever, 1965
3. Correspondence: Wendell Bever, 1966
4. Correspondence: Wendell Bever, 1967
5. Correspondence: Wendell Bever, 1968
6. Correspondence: Wendell Bever, 1969

#### **Box 23: Fisheries Reports, 1962-1968**

##### **Folder:**

1. Reports and correspondence: Fisheries Division, 1967-1969.
2. Reports: Oklahoma Fishery Research Laboratory, 1968.
3. Reports: Oklahoma Fishery Research Laboratory, 1962-1965.
4. Reports: Oklahoma Fishery Research Laboratory, 1964, 1968.

#### **Box 24: Deer and Game Reports**

##### **Folder:**

1. Deer season reports, 1960-1964
2. Deer season reports, 1965-1967
3. Report: experimental gigging, n.d.
4. Reports and correspondence: game seasons, 1967-1969.
5. Resolutions of Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission, 1965.
6. Policy and correspondence on quail stocking, 1965, 1967
7. Hand written notes on quail hearings, 1967.
8. Hunting results report, 1958-1964; and an accident form, 1963.
9. Correspondence and resolutions on game seasons, 1967-1969.
10. Game farm report; and report on exotic gamebird production, 1968.
11. Reports: game fowl, 1961-1965. Includes letter from Gov. Henry Bellmon.



12. State game farm reports of birds received by sports clubs, 1965-1966.

**Box 25: Miscellaneous, 1949-1967**

**Folder:**

1. Reports and correspondence: Land and Water Conservation Fund, 1964.
2. Oklahoma Fishery Research Lab reports: growth of freshwater drum, and a fishery survey in Lake Lawtonka, 1960.
3. Oklahoma Fishery Research Lab reports: Arbuckle Reservoir, and the use of oil field brine in farm ponds, 1959-1960.
4. Oklahoma Fishery Research Lab reports, and other misc. fish reports, 1958-1961.
5. Annual Report: Okla./Kan. District of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1962; First annual yearbook of the National Wildlife Federation, 1952.
6. Misc. article reprints on fish and wildlife, 1951-1961.
7. Articles reprinted from the proceedings of the Oklahoma Academy of Science, 1949-1951.
8. Articles reprinted from the proceedings of the Oklahoma Academy of Science, 1953-1954.
9. Articles reprinted from the proceedings of the Oklahoma Academy of Science, 1955-1961.
10. Various publications on wildlife research programs, 1966-1967.
11. Various reports on water quality and related issues, 1957-1966.
12. *Soil Conservation*, 1965, 1966
13. Reports and publications on solid waste disposal and pollution research, 1965.
14. Various reports and surveys on fishing and wildlife, 1960-1962

**Box 26: Miscellaneous, 1961-1969**

**Folder:**

1. Maps: Hulah Reservoir, Fourche Maline Creek, Lakes of Duncan, Lincoln Co., state and counties.
2. Invitation: Wildlife Management Institute, 32nd Natural Resources Conference, 1967.
3. Research contracts and related correspondence, 1966-1967.
4. List of speakers for the Soil Conservation Society, 1965.
5. Personnel changes; various project reports, 1964-1965.
6. Reports: Information Education Division, 1963.
7. Agreement: Southeastern State College and OWCD, 1968.
8. Meeting invitation: Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners, 1969.
9. Green Cross: wildlife food and cover planting, 1964.
10. Scenic Rivers Association of Oklahoma newsletter, 1970.
11. Outdoor Recreation Conference: Oklahoma Academy of Science, 1963. Includes telegram from Ed Edmondson.
12. Proceedings of the 55th Convention of the International Association of Game, Fish, and Conservation Commissioners, Portland, Oregon, 1965.
13. Various committee meeting minutes and agendas, 1964-1965, 1968-1969.
14. Agenda: Reclamation Association, 1964; Sport Fishing Report, 1962.
15. Agendas for various conservationist meetings, 1968-1969.
16. Miscellaneous census statistics: wildlife, 1967-1968.

17. Report: hunting season recommendations, 1965-1967.
18. Report: complaints of pheasant hunters, 1965.
19. Conservation award certificates
20. Correspondence and related material on the dedication of the new building, 1966.
21. Wildlife conservation commission meeting program/miscellaneous, 1968-1969.