



TEXAS STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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May 24, 1949

The State Soil Conservation Board met in Bryan on May 17 at 9:00 A.M.

Present were, S. J. Payne, Chairman; C. M. Caraway; J. P. Martin; and W. W. Cardwell. Others present were, H. H. Goss, Chief, Engineering and Planning; John B. Cole, Jack F. Lynch, and John A. Sands, Assistant Planning Engineers.

Minutes of the meeting of April 30 were read and approved.

A determination of need for the annexation of additional territory to the Concho Soil Conservation District, No. 201, was approved. A determination that the operation of a district is administratively practicable and feasible in the Runnels District No. 232 was approved.

The Board then adjourned to meet with the P.M.A. Committee at College Station. Mr. Vance, Chairman of the P.M.A. Committee stated this meeting was held at the request of the State Board and called upon Mr. Payne to conduct the discussion. Mr. Payne opened the meeting, saying it was the duty of the State Board to coordinate the efforts of the various agencies with the soil conservation districts, that it was the desire of the Board to discuss the over-all picture with the P.M.A. Committee with the hope that a better understanding and more cooperation would result. A panel discussion was then held, from which it was apparent that a better understanding of the problems involved had been the result. All agreed that more cooperation was necessary to get the job done. The meeting adjourned at noon.

The State Board met with the Home Demonstration Staff at 1:00 P.M. Chairman Payne explained to the staff members it was the duty of the State Board to coordinate the work of all the agencies, state and federal, with the soil conservation districts, and that it was the desire of the Board to secure the assistance of the Home Demonstration Department of the Extension Service in the educational work in the Soil Conservation Districts. A general discussion followed with the staff members present, the results of which were very satisfactory. Mrs. Martin, for the staff, assured the Board of their desire to assist in every way possible.

The Board adjourned at 2:00 P.M. to meet again in Liberty on Wednesday, May 18, at 10:00 A.M. with a group of supervisors of the following districts: Lower Trinity, Trinity Bay, Lower Neches, Coastal Plains, Coastal, and the Brazoria-Galveston. This was a very fine meeting, with Mr. J. W. Trousdale, Chairman of the Lower Trinity District, presiding. Talks were made by representatives of several of the agencies, pledging their support of the districts in their efforts to facilitate the work of soil and water conservation.

In the afternoon a field tour was made to note the problems of the coastal area, especially in the rice growing belt. The night of May 18 was spent in Galveston and the field tour resumes the following morning in the Brazoria-Galveston District. Much progress was noted in the pasture improvement program of this district. This tour was in charge of Waters S. Davis, Jr., Chairman of this district.

This trip wound up with lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, where a meeting of the board of the Brazoria-Galveston District was scheduled for the afternoon. The board adjourned at this point to return to their homes.

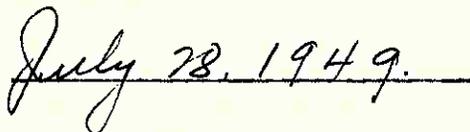


S. J. Payne, Chairman



A. L. Liles, Secretary

Minutes read and approved



July 28, 1949.