**Meeting Minutes**
**TEXAS STATE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BOARD**
**November 15, 2006**

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on November 15, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. in its Hearings Room at 311 North 5th Street, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present were:

Jerry Nichols, Vice Chairman
Reed Stewart, Member
José Dodier, Member
W. T. (Dub) Crumley, Member
Larry Jacobs, Member
Joe Ward, Member

Board Member absent:

Aubrey Russell, Chairman

Staff members present were:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
Andy Garza, Regional Office Coordinator
Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor
Ben Brooks, Planner
Jack Foote, Program Specialist
Bob Gruner, Program Specialist
Ben Wilde, Program Specialist
Joe Freeman, Program Specialist
Adrian Perez, Program Specialist
Kendria Ray, Program Specialist
David Powell, Program Specialist
Joel Clark, Program Specialist
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist
Kenny Zajicek, Fiscal Officer
John Foster, NPS Team Leader
T.J. Helton, NPS Grant Coordinator
Aaron Wendt, NPS Watershed Coordinator
Laurie Fleet, NPS Project Manager
Donna Long, NPS Project Manager
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator
Clyde Gottschalk, Program Specialist
Vicki Davis, Administrative Coordinator

Others present were:

Jim Cox, NASCA

A work session was conducted which covered all agenda items in detail. Questions were taken and answered.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes**
**TEXAS STATE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BOARD**
**November 16, 2006**

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on November 16, 2006, at 8:00 a.m. in its Hearings Room at 311 North 5th Street, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Jerry Nichols, Vice Chairman
W. T. (Dub) Crumley, Member
Larry Jacobs, Member
Joe Ward, Member
Reed Stewart, Member
José Dodier, Member

Board Member absent:

Aubrey Russell, Chairman

Staff members present were:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
Andy Garza, Program Supervisor
Judy Albus, Program Supervisor
John O'Connor, Program Supervisor
Steve Jones, Program Supervisor
Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor
Mark Cochran, Program Supervisor
Jack Foote, Program Specialist
Bob Gruner, Program Specialist
Ben Wilde, Program Specialist
Joe Freeman, Program Specialist
Adrian Perez, Program Specialist
Kendria Ray, Program Specialist
David Powell, Program Specialist
Joel Clark, Program Specialist
Don Brandenberger, Program Specialist
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist
Kenny Zajicek, Fiscal Officer
John Foster, NPS Team Leader
Lee Munz, NPS SWCD Liaison
T.J. Helton, NPS Grant Coordinator
Aaron Wendt, NPS Watershed Coordinator
Laurie Fleet, NPS Project Manager
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator
Clyde Gottschalk, Program Specialist
Dawn Heitman, HR Coordinator
Vicki Davis, Administrative Coordinator

Others present were:

Norman Bade, Natural Resources Conservation Service

George Noelke, Office of the Attorney General

Vice Chairman Nichols called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. and welcomed those present.

**AGENDA ITEM 1.** Reports from Agencies and Guests

Norman Bade, Natural Resources Conservation Service reported that the close date for EQIP and WHIP applications was December 15th. Funding has been approved for the applications but at this time they do not have an operating budget.

**AGENDA ITEM 2.** Minutes from the September 27-28, 2006 Board Meeting

Vice Chairman Nichols called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27-28, 2006 meeting as emailed. Mr. Dodier moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 3.** District Director Appointments

Ms. Davis presented district director appointments for the Board's consideration and verified they were in order and met all qualifications with the exception of Mr. Ball's paperwork being faxed copies. Mr. Stewart moved the appointments be approved contingent upon all original paperwork being received in the Temple Office. Mr. Ward seconded and the following appointments were unanimously approved:

Mark Hartman, Sherman County #159, Zone 1, Replace Steve Pemberton
Tom Ball, Llano County #233, Zone 1, Replace Kenneth Brandenberger **(FAX)**
Harold W. Yates, San Saba #250, Zone 3, Replace Regan Kirk
Ed Compton, Lower Clear Fork of the Brazos #551, Zone 1, Replace Craig Winters

**AGENDA ITEM 4.** Review and Approve Requests for Waiver as per §523.6(e)(2)(B)(E), TAC

Mr. Garza reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved the request for waiver from Matagorda SWCD be approved as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 5.** Approval of Statewide Water Quality Management Plan Cost Share Requests

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Crumley moved the Board approve the requests for statewide cost-share funds as presented. Mr. Dodier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6.** NASCA Dues

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved the Board approve the payment of 50% of the NASCA yearly dues, a total of $1,500.00. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jacobs stated he would like to see a limited commitment of time from agency employees for NASCA activities. Mr. Nichols asked that "Report on NASCA Activities" be a standard agenda item as long as dues were being paid.

**AGENDA ITEM 7.** Future State Meetings

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Board members directed Mr. Davis look into Fort Worth, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, South Padre Island and Galveston as possible sites for 2008/2009 State Meetings and report on his findings at the March 2007 Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 8.** 2006 Annual State Meeting

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 9.** 2007 Annual State Meeting

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Board members asked that Mr. Isom appoint a committee to formulate a plan for changes to the State Meeting for 2007 and report their findings to the Board. Mr. Crumley suggested that field reps get input from local district directors and present their findings to the committee. In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Noelke recommended that the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts sponsor the golf tournament at the State Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 10.** NACD Meeting – February 4-7, 2007 – Los Angeles

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information stating that early registration for the meeting had been extended to December 1st.

**AGENDA ITEM 11.** Coordination of MOA Activities with TCEQ

Mr. Wendt reported that a meeting was held on October 31st between State Board Nonpoint personnel and representatives from TCEQ. Mr. Wendt distributed the meeting agenda, covered the items discussed and stated that another meeting will be held in February. Mr. Foster stated that some type of formal report on joint activities will be presented at TCEQ and State Board meetings in the future.

**AGENDA ITEM 12.** Task Force on Bacteria TMDLs

Mr. Wendt reported that a well-attended conference call was conducted on October 24th to discuss the first draft of the Task Force report. The report contains no recommendations at this time. Mr. Wendt stated that he would forward a copy of the agency's comments to the Board Members.

**AGENDA ITEM 13.** Joint TWDB/TSSWCB Water Conservation Report

Mr. Foster reviewed the agenda information and took questions from the Board.

**AGENDA ITEM 14.** Coastal Coordination Council Report

Mr. Dodier reviewed the agenda information and stated the next meeting would be held December 7th in Austin.

**AGENDA ITEM 15.** NACD Report

Mr. Dodier reported: NACD personnel are busy preparing for the meeting in Los Angeles, Krista Harding attended the Annual State Meeting and NACD is active in Washington at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM 16.** Human Resources Report

Ms. Heitman reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 17.** Public Information/Education Report

Mr. Gottschalk reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 18.** Fiscal Report

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 19.** Brush Control Program Update

Mr. Oswald distributed the final North Concho River Pilot Brush Control Project brochure and the tx $H_2O$ booklet.

**AGENDA ITEM 20.** Poultry Program Status Report

Mr. Cochran reported on Sanderson Farms activities in Waco and the TCEQ rule changes concerning dry litter poultry.

**AGENDA ITEM 21.** Dairy Manure Export Support Program

Mr. Helton reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 22.** Clean Water Act, Section 319 Grant Program

Mr. Helton reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 23.** Watershed Protection Plan Program

Mr. Wendt reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 24.** Total Maximum Daily Load Program

Mr. Wendt reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 25.** Set Date of Next Board Meeting

Mr. Crumley moved that the next board meeting be scheduled for January 17 and 18. Mr. Stewart seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Nichols called the meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Vice-Chairman

Secretary

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I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board meeting held on November 15-16, 2006.

3/7/07
Date

Executive Director