

MINUTES OF STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 19, 1942

TEMPLE, TEXAS

The State Soil Conservation Board met in the board room at Temple, Texas, December 19, 1942. The meeting was called to order at 10 AM, with members C. M. Caraway, J. P. Martin, H. K. Fawcett, Wm. G. Kennedy present. Others in attendance were V. C. Marshall, Administrator, Howard H. Goss, Field Representative, L. G. Black, Administrative Assistant, and P. H. Walser, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service.

In the absence of chairman Walter W. Cardwell, Mr. Kennedy was elected temporary chairman. Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Fawcett.

Mr. Marshall read the minutes of the State-wide meeting of district supervisors held in Dallas on November 5 and 6, 1942.

The minutes of the last board meeting were read by the secretary and adopted as read, with the deletion of "about 3,000 acres" from the paragraph relative to the part of Fort Bend County that drains into Buffalo Bayou.

The practicability and feasibility of the Upper Pecos Soil Conservation District was acted upon favorably by the board. Motion by Mr. Fawcett, seconded by Mr. Martin.

Elections were granted by the board for the Brazoria-Galveston, the Matagorda County, and the Wilbarger-Wichita Soil Conservation Districts. Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Caraway.

Mr. Marshall stated that he had had a letter from the County Judge in Foard County requesting that Mr. Goss meet with a delegation in that locality, relative to the creation of a soil conservation district in Foard and Hardeman Counties. He also said that a petition for the Burnet-Lampasas District was pending, but that no early action on it was expected. Mr. Kennedy stated that a petition for a district in Motley and Cottle Counties would likely be submitted soon. Mr. Marshall made a statement that the Lynn County Soil Conservation District had submitted one of the best Plans of Work that has been received to date, and Mr. Kennedy said that Don Turner, the County Agent of Lynn County, was largely responsible for its preparation.

Mr. Marshall read a list of supervisors appointed or reappointed since the last meeting, and all of the appointments were confirmed by the board. Motion by Mr. Caraway, seconded by Mr. Martin.

Mr. Martin stated that in East Texas farmers, generally, were not building terraces for fear that the terraces they build would not meet AAA specifications. He said that certain groups of farmers in East Texas have tentative plans for the county to employ a man to be trained by the Soil Conservation Service for thirty days, and then to supervise terrace construction in conjunction with the AAA.

Mr. Marshall exhibited the reconnaissance survey map of Lynn County as an excellent example.

Mr. Marshall stated that he had been unable to get much information on the oil tax situation from Colonel Thompson and others, and that he did not believe it likely that anything could be done in the way of additional taxes on oil during the coming session of the Legislature.

Mr. Marshall said that Mr. Goss would spend a week or ten days with the new districts in the coastal area on the preparation of their Programs and Plans of Work, and that after the first of the year, he (Mr. Marshall) and Mr. P. H. Walser expect to visit every Soil Conservation Service District Conservationist in the State.

Mr. Kennedy brought up the matter of his resignation due to the removal of his residence from the state district that he represents. Mr. Marshall stated that the terms of office of board members Fawcett and Martin will expire in May, 1943, and that the term of office of board member Kennedy will expire in May, 1944.

Mr. Walser stated that State Senator George Moffat, in a meeting at Memphis, expressed opposition to an increased Peanut Program in Wilbarger County. He said that the peanut allotment for Texas for the next year is set at 1,300,000 acres, compared to 1,056,000 acres for the current year, and that emphasis would be placed on long-staple cotton for next year. A discussion on peanut allotments, peanut prices, and farm machinery followed.

Mr. Walser discussed a simple practice program for soil conservation, and the need for district supervisors to take the initiative. Also, the AAA terracing program was discussed, and Mr. Walser recommended that district supervisors should not take the responsibility for such terracing. He gave the dates and purposes of the increased food production meetings to be held throughout the state on December 28, 29, and 30, 1942.

Mr. Walser made the announcement that the Comal-Hays-Guadalupe District Supervisors had voted to attend meetings even if it becomes necessary to perform the travel to the meetings on horseback, and cited several other splendid examples of the attitude of various boards of supervisors for continued work and operation of soil conservation districts during the national emergency.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.


Chairman


Secretary

SUPERVISORS APPOINTED AND RE-APPOINTED

Since 11/4/42 meeting

<u>DIST No.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
514	G. E. MOORE	SUCCEEDS T. S. HOOSER
209	J. O. KINGSTON	RE-APPOINTED
528	TROY P. MILLER	SUCCEEDS W. T. NEELY
101	RILIE R. WOOTEN	RE-APPOINTED
504	O. G. WADLEY	SUCCEEDS A. D. LEATHERMAN
419	F. L. MARTIN	SUCCEEDS S. C. BULLARD
207	EARL BROWN	RE-APPOINTED
421	Z. BROUGHTON	RE-APPOINTED
504	DOUGLAS BOURLAND	SUCCEEDS H. H. ATLAS
105	W. G. McDONALD	RE-APPOINTED