



TEXAS STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

SECOND FLOOR DENMAN BUILDING

TEMPLE

January 26, 1949

The State Soil Conservation Board met in its office at Temple at 9:30 A.M., January 21, 1949. Present were H. K. Fawcett, Chairman; C. M. Caraway; J. P. Martin; W. W. Cardwell and S. J. Payne; also, V. C. Marshall, Executive Director; John B. Cole, Assistant Planning Engineer; Paul H. Walser, State Conservationist; P. G. Haines, Specialist, Extension Service, A & M College; Gail Whitcomb, Rancher; and Dan Clinton, County Agricultural Agent, Harris County.

The minutes of the meeting held November 8, 1948 at Brownwood were read and approved.

Employment of Miss Martha Bowmer as secretary and Mrs. Faye Marrs as stenographer was approved.

The Board approved the need for the annexation of additional territory to the North Concho Soil Conservation District No. 208, public hearing having been held on December 29, 1948. They also approved the practicability and feasibility of the operation of a district in Pecos County to be called Trans-Pecos District No. 231, the vote being 108 to 0; also a district in Harris County to be known as Harris District No. 442, the vote being 482 to 41.

Mr. Paul Walser, State Conservationist, reported that Mr. Roberts, having charge of the lands operated by the State eleemosynary institutions, was cooperating with the soil conservation districts, and Mr. A. C. Spencer, former employee of the State Board and now with the Friends of the Land in educational work, was doing a fine job with county schools, also colleges, particularly stressing the activities of soil conservation district work.

Mr. Marshall reported having received a number of annual reports of soil conservation districts showing a very definite improvement in their activities.

Member J. P. Martin invited all present to attend a Soil Conservation meeting in Nacogdoches February 11, at which time Lewis Bromfield would address the meeting.

Mr. Gail Whitcomb, rancher and businessman of Houston, and Dan Clinton, County Agricultural Agent of Harris County, met with the Board and reported their activities in educational work down in Harris County in the interest of a soil conservation district for Harris County. The Board instructed Mr. Marshall to prepare a resolution of appreciation for their efforts, also the press and radio.

Resolution:

The State Board desires to commend Gail Whitcomb, rancher and businessman, and Dan Clinton, County Agricultural Agent, the press and radio for the very thorough manner in which they publicized the campaign in the interest of a soil conservation district in Harris County.

It was acknowledged by the Board that the coverage in the educational program in Harris County has not been excelled or equalled in the process of organization of any of the 147 soil conservation districts heretofore approved.

Mr. Marshall, executive director, was requested to arrange a meeting with the P.M.A. Board in College Station near March 1.

This being the time for election of a chairman of the Board for the new year, Mr. Cardwell made a motion that S. J. Payne be elected. J. P. Martin seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Marshall also reported an increasing interest in the Highway Department of the State in soil conservation work.

No further business appearing for attention, the Board adjourned at 12:00 noon subject to call.


Horace K. Fawcett, Chairman


Secretary

Approved this 16 day of March 1949.



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November 8, 1948.

The State Soil Conservation Board met in Brownwood, Texas, November 8, 1948, at 9 p.m., with Horace K. Fawcett, Chairman, presiding, with J.P. Martin, C.M. Caraway, W.W. Cardwell and S.J. Payne, members of the Board. Others present were, V.C. Marshall, Executive Director, Howard H. Goss, Louis B. Dawkins, John A. Sands, John B. Cole, Jack F. Lynch and Paul Haines of the Extension Service.

The minutes of the last meeting held September 10, 1948, held in the office at Temple, were read and approved.

The Board approved the Determination of Need for the organization of a Soil Conservation District in Harris County, the Public Hearing having been held on November 4, 1948, also the Practicability and feasibility of the operation of a District to be known as Maverick, in Maverick County, Texas, the vote being 198 to 1.


Mr. Fawcett reported having met with Mr. Compton, who is in charge of the leasing of the land for the State University regarding the applying of conservation practices on the land under lease. Mr. Compton suggested that a meeting be arranged with the land committee of the University.

The Executive Director was instructed to proceed with the organization of the Trans-Pecos District which held an election on November 6, 1948, but returns had not been received.

Mr. Fawcett requested Louis B. Dawkins to report on conditions in Mitchell, Potter, Randal and Deaf Smith Counties, which were discussed in detail.

Nothing further appearing for attention the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.


Horace K. Fawcett, Chairman


Secretary

Approved this 21 day of January 1949.