



TEXAS STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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April 19, 1948.

The State Soil Conservation Board met in Amarillo, Texas, April 19, 1948, at 8 a.m., with the following State Board Members present; C.M. Caraway, J.P. Martin, W.W. Cardwell and S.J. Payne. Others present were Knox Parr, District Agent for the Extension Service, A.P. Bralley, County Agent, Potter County; H.M. Nichols, County Agent, Carson County; assistant Planning Engineers of the State Board, Louis B. Dawkins, A.C. Spencer and John B. Cole; V.C. Marshall, Executive Director; Jay Linn, "Uncle Jay" of Radio Station KGNC; Paul H. Walser, State Soil Conservationist of S.C.S.. Mr. S.J. Payne acted as Chairman in the absence of Mr. Horace K. Fawcett.

The Minutes of the meeting held in College Station, February 22 and 23, 1948, were read and approved.

A referendum having been held in Bandera County, the vote being 113 to 2 it was therefore considered and determined that the operation of a S.C.D. in this area was practicable and feasible.

A referendum having been held in the N.W. Comanche County Annexation to S.C.D. No. 525, the vote being 40 to 0, it was therefore considered and determined that the inclusion of additional territory in this district was practicable and feasible.

A Public Hearing having been held on the Petition from Hudspeth County for the annexation of the territory north of Highways Nos. 62 and 180, to the New Mexico State line. A favorable report having been made by Howard H. Goss, a determination of need for the annexation of this territory to the El Paso-Hudspeth S.C.D. No. 205 was approved. There being less than 100 landowners in this territory it was also determined that the addition of this territory to this district was practicable and feasible.

A Public Hearing having been held at Van Horn and Sierra Blanca on a Petition from Culberson, Hudspeth and Jeff Davis Counties for the formation of a S.C.D., of all the territory in these counties not now in a S.C.D., and a favorable report having been made by Howard H. Goss, a determination of need for the organization of a S.C.D. in this area was approved and an election ordered.

There was then held a general discussion for some three hours of the water and range conservation problems of the Plains country.

The Board adjourned at Noon and after lunch proceeded to the Bushland to inspect the work being done by the Experimental Station there which specializes in grasses for the Plains Country as well as proper grazing. Much information was secured as this station is doing a fine job.



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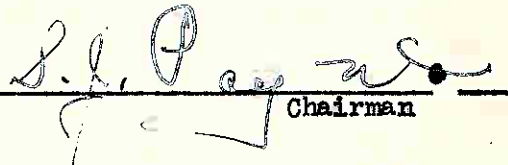
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The Board then proceeded to Dalhart where a meeting was held with the Dallam County S.C.D. Supervisors, E.D. Sheets, Chairman, O.V. Hartshorn, Secty, and E.S. Pritchard. A number of farmers, ranchers and business men attended the meeting. This is one of the younger Soil Conservation Districts and it was pleasing to the State Board to learn of the fine interest and cooperation the Supervisors were receiving from the ranchers, farmers and business men in this territory. Mr. E.D. Sheets acted as Chairman of the meeting. Most everyone present expressed a desire to cooperate in the Soil and Water Conservation movement.


The night was spent in Dalhart and Tuesday morning a tour of inspection of a portion of the old dust bowl area was conducted by the Dallam County Supervisors. It was evident that much progress has been made in revegetating much of this territory from Texline to Stratford on the east.

From Stratford the Board repaired to Tulia for dinner with Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Payne in their lovely home which was a very enjoyable occasion.

The Board adjourned at 8 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary.

Approved and signed June 25, 1948.