

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD HELD SEPTEMBER 4,
1943, at TEMPLE.

The State Soil Conservation Board met in the Board Room at Temple, Texas, September 4, 1943. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A. M. by Chairman Walter W. Cardwell, with members J. P. Martin, W. M. Deck, Horace K. Fawcett, and C. M. Caraway present. Others in attendance were V. C. Marshall, Administrator, Howard H. Goss, Field Representative, L. G. Black Administrative Assistant, and P. H. Walsler, State Conservationist, S. C. S.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary and adopted as read.

The secretary read a list of supervisors appointed and re-appointed since the last meeting of the board, and all of the appointments were confirmed by the board on a motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Deck.

A financial statement of the appropriations for the State Soil Conservation Board for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1943, was read by the secretary and approved by the board on a motion by Mr. Caraway seconded by Mr. Martin.

On a motion by Mr. Deck, seconded by Mr. Caraway, the board affirmed Mr. Marshall's granting of an election on the proposed annexation of the remainder of Comanche County to the Upper Leon Soil Conservation District.

An election was granted for the proposed Upper Clear Fork Soil Conservation District on a motion by Mr. Deck seconded by Mr. Martin. An election was granted for the proposed Southmost district on a motion by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Deck.

A public hearing was granted for the proposed Menard County Soil Conservation District and a public hearing was granted for the proposed Upper Guadalupe S. C. D. contingent upon the receipt of a forthcoming petition, on a motion by Mr. Fawcett, seconded by Mr. Caraway.

Mr. Marshall read a letter that he had sent out to all district supervisors and all county agents, and representatives of various other state and federal agencies, regarding the election of supervisors to be held October 5, 1943.

Mr. Caraway raised the question of disqualifying inefficient supervisors. Mr. Marshall cited the provision of the State Soil Conservation Law providing that supervisors may be re-moved by the State Board for malfeasance in office.

Mr. Marshall stated that he had talked recently with Senator Moffett

in regard to supplementing Mr. Goss' salary with a deficiency appropriation by the Governor. He said that Mr. Goss' salary should be raised to \$4,200. per annum, and that he believed the governor would take this action if it were found to be legal. The board members concurred in the propriety of this action.

Mr. Marshall stated that Representative Chambers should be asked to address the next State-wide meeting of district supervisors regarding representation of soil conservation districts in the legislature. Mr. Goss stated that he is informing boards of supervisors of the lack of support of the State Soil Conservation Board appropriations by the legislature, and that it will be necessary that they contact candidates for the legislature before the next election and get definite commitments from them regarding their attitude on such appropriations. He said that it was also important to have an active supervisors' association well supported financially.

Mr. Marshall stated that he had sent lists of district supervisors as of June 26, 1943, to all of the United States Representatives from Texas, and that he had received many favorable replies from them.

Mr. Deck suggested that soil conservation districts' progress information be sent to Senators and Representatives by State Board Members or members of boards of supervisors who reside in the respective districts represented.

Mr. Walser stated that boards of supervisors are catching hold, and he read an excerpt from a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Sulphur-Cypress district commending Mr. Goss' work. He also read from the minutes of the Bedia Creek district setting out personal interests of supervisors in district work. He stated that this increased interest is very encouraging.

Mr. Walser said further that in spite of a cut of \$1,667,000.00 in the appropriation for the S. C. S. that agency would be able to supply assistance to eight additional districts during this fiscal year, this being made possible by a cut in administrative cost. He went on to say that the S. C. S. expects to put new work units at Stinnett, San Augustine, Albany, Muleshoe, Bryan, Knox City, Brenham, and Canadian. He then gave a resume of the administrative reorganization of the S. C. S. and reviewed some of the resulting problems and their expected solutions.

Mr. Walser further stated that conservation leaders furnished a fine opportunity for leadership and a link between farmers and district work.

Mr. Walser said that Mr. Vance at College Station had told him that he had had protests from a number of supervisors about the requirements that the A.A.A. check all terraces before compliance payments are made, and that he was putting out instructions to remedy the situation. He said that he lately received in his office a AAA form for certificate to be filled out and certified by S.C.S. employees, but that he rejected it, and told Mr. Vance that it was not satisfactory on account of the liability placed on S. C. S. employees. He said that he was now awaiting further developments. This was followed by a general discussion of AAA compliance certificates read by Mr. Caraway.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

Walter Lardwell
Chairman

J. E. Block
Secretary

SUPERVISORS APPOINTED AND RE-APPOINTED SINCE JUNE 25, 1913

<u>DIST. No.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
119	R. C. WOOS	SUCCEEDS P. E. ASKEW
214	JOE E. ROGERS	NEW DISTRICT
214	H. H. KNIGHT	NEW DISTRICT
431	JOHN M. MOORE	SUCCEEDS GRADY HANOVER
108	F. G. BLACKMAN	SUCCEEDS GROVER C. GILLETT
107	W. F. WEBB	SUCCEEDS JOE GILMORE
317	EM ROBINSON	NEW DISTRICT
317	J. E. JUNKER	NEW DISTRICT
528	A. E. HOLLINGSWORTH	SUCCEEDS JOE E. SMITH
422	C. D. BASKIN	SUCCEEDS L. E. DAVIS
318	R. S. STANGER	NEW DISTRICT
318	H. C. FINGER	NEW DISTRICT

Handala - Grady

Coastal Plains

Brazoria - Galveston

THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING OBLIGATIONS:

Per diem of Supervisors	3,600.00 (Est.)
Per diem of Board Members	400.00 (Est.)
Travel Expense - Administrator and Administrative Assistant	150.00 (Est.)
Travel Expense - Field Representative	200.00 (Est.)
Office Rental	100.00
Heat, Light, Water and Contingent	75.00
Office Equipment and Furniture	3.65
Stationery and Printing	71.27
Telephone and Telegraph	35.00 (Est.)
Publication Notice of Public Hearing	9.69
District Referenda - Polling Superintendent	100.00 (Est.)
Mileage - District Supervisors	2,000.00 (Est.)
	<u>6,744.61</u>
	TOTAL

STATEMENT OF TEXAS STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD AS OF AUGUST 31, 1943

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balances	Total Appropriation	Total Expenditures	Balance of outstanding Appropriation obligations	Estimated balance for fiscal year 1942-1943	Estimated balance for fiscal year 1943
Election of State Board - Per diem of Delegates	816.00	308.00	508.00					
Mileage of Delegates	1,000.00	698.10	301.90					
Per diem of supervisors	36,000.00	10,232.00	25,768.00					
Salary - Administrative Officer	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00					
Salary - Administrative Assistant	2,700.00	2,700.00	0.00					
Salary - Secretary	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00					
Salary - Stenographer	1,350.00	1,346.37	3.63					
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Salary - Field Representative	3,200.00	3,199.92	.08					
Per diem of Board Members	2,500.00	830.00	1,670.00					
Travel expense - Board Members	1,800.00	693.48	1,106.52					
Travel expense - Administrator and Administrative Assistant	1,400.00	776.11	623.89					
Travel expense - Field Representative	2,000.00	1,626.01	373.99					
Office rental	1,200.00	1,100.00	100.00					
Heat, Light, Water and Contingent	1,000.00	345.20	654.80					
Office equipment and furniture	1,000.00	47.43	952.57					
Stationery and printing	2,500.00	138.03	2,361.97					
Telephone and Telegraph	700.00	331.27	368.73					
Postage and express	750.00	750.00	0.00					
Publication notice of public hearings	200.00	134.25	65.75					
District referenda - polling superintendent	400.00	72.00	328.00					
Mileage - district supervisors.	10,500.00	5,491.10	5,008.90					
				77,466.00	35,919.27	41,546.73	6,744.61	34,802.12
Postage stamps on hand		147.92						
Credit in postage meter		295.26						
Total		443.18						