

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD HELD OCTOBER 23rd,  
1943, AT TEMPLE

The State Soil Conservation Board met in the board room at Temple, Texas on October 23rd, 1943. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 A. M. by chairman Walter W. Cardwell, with members J. P. Martin, W. M. Deck, and C. M. Caraway present. Others in attendance were V. C. Marshall, Administrator, Howard H. Goss, Field Representative, A. L. Liles, Administrative Assistant, and Paul H. Walsler, State Conservationist, S. C. S.

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

Mr. Marshall reported to the board that in the election held October 5th, for the election of supervisors in all districts, that some subdivisions had not held conventions; that a letter had been sent out to the chairman of each board wherein elections had not been held, asking them to suggest a date to elect supervisors in the subdivisions wherein no convention had been held.

Mr. Caraway asked if there is a provision in the law allowing the board to set another date, and Mr. Marshall stated that the law provides that a supervisor will hold office until his successor has been qualified. Mr. Deck asked if these elections for supervisors also applied to Wind Erosion Districts, and Mr. Marshall explained that the supervisors of Wind Erosion Districts were appointed by the County Judge. Mr. Goss stated that there was quite a bit of confusion in Wind Erosion Districts with reference to the October 5th elections.

On motion by Mr. Caraway, seconded by Mr. Deck, the date for the conventions for the purpose of electing supervisors in subdivisions where no convention was held on October 5th, was set for December 11th, 1943.

A petition from Johnson and Hill Counties was presented, and Mr. Marshall reported to the board that a letter had been sent to the petitioners and the county agents asking when the hearing should be held, but no reply had been received. The board requested Mr. Marshall to set the date for this hearing when this information was received.

Mr. Marshall reported on public hearings held in Menard, Kerr, and Kendall Counties, and that the best interest was at Boerne and Menard. The original petition had been for Kerr and Kendall Counties together, but since there was more interest in Kendall County than in Kerr County, he suggested that they be allowed to vote separately, and form two districts.

It was recommended that elections be granted for each of the three counties, Menard, Kendall and Kerr, as it was indicated they would do better separately.

On Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Deck, the date for the elections in Collin County, Menard County, and Kendall County was set for November 20th, and in Kerr County, On November 27th, 1943.

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Mr. Marshall reported that ~~public~~ hearings had been set in Hardeman and Forad Counties, and Motley and Cottle Counties. Results of the election recently held in Nolan and Fisher Counties was 218 to 7 in favor of the creation of a district.

Meetings held at Carrizo Springs and Johnson City by Mr. Marshall were reported, and a petition for a public hearing is expected soon.

The Board signed a Determination of Practicability and Feasibility for the Upper Clear Fork Soil Conservation District (Nolan and Fisher Counties), and a determination of Need was made for Menard County, Kendall County, and Kerr County. The results of the election in Commanche County as to annexation to Upper Leon Soil Conservation District, No. 525, was reported as failing of adoption by a vote of 108 for and 110 against. The board signed a Determination that the inclusion of this territory in the Upper Leon District is not Administratively Practicable and Feasible at this time.

Mr. Marshall stated that he had made investigations concerning the meeting place for the State-wide meeting of supervisors, and that he had found that Dallas, Temple, Austin, and Waco were definitely out for a meeting place. A letter had been received from the Chamber of Commerce in San Angelo, stating that they could accommodate the meeting. Accommodations can be had at Cisco.

On motion by Mr. Deck, Seconded by Mr. Caraway, the date for the State-wide meeting of Supervisors was set for December 14th and 15th, at Cisco, Texas.

Mr. Goss reported that he had spent about ten days making district meetings of the Texas Farm Bureau in Dallas, Wichita Falls, Amarillo, Lubbock, Big Springs, Abilene, and Waco; he also stated that he had met with a few of the old boards of supervisors, and had outlined to them very definitely the story of what had happened at the State Legislature in the last session, and had outlined the stpes he thought were necessary for the supervisors to take before the next session of the legislature, that is, to educate their representatives and senators as to the needs in soil conservation districts. He reported that he was getting good response in all districts. He also reported that he had made a series of district conventions of the Extension Service, devoted to post-war planning.

Mr. Walser then reported to the State Board on a meeting he had had with the farmer supervisors in the Hutchinson County Wind Erosion District. He stated that in his opinion, this board of supervisors was one of the best in that section.

At this time there was a general discussion of soil conservation, its problems and importance in our national life.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary