

Official Minutes
State Soil Conservation Board Meeting
February 3, 1959

The regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board was held in the Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas beginning at 5:00 p. m. February 3, 1959.

Members present were: S. J. Payne, E. W. Wehman, A. F. Leesch, and J. C. Porter.

Others present were: A. C. Spencer, H. D. Davis, O. F. Armstrong, and Garner Jones of the State Soil Conservation Board; W. P. Coleman and Henry Van De Walle of the Alamo Soil Conservation District; J. A. Dickson, E. B. Stull, and Elmer Pape of the San Antonio River Authority.

The minutes of the January 7, 1959 meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Coleman stated that the group from San Antonio were present in behalf of the Salado Creek Watershed Application.

Mr. Dixon discussed the need for a flood prevention project on Salado Creek. Mr. Dixon stated that an agreement had been made with the Federal Government whereby easements and rights-of-way could be obtained on Military Reservations.

Mr. Van De Walle discussed the benefits of recharge of underground water in the San Antonio Area from a project on Salado Creek.

After considerable discussion, A. C. Spencer stated that the results of a preliminary survey on Salado Creek show that a flood prevention project would be practicable and feasible. A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by A. F. Leesch to approve Salado Creek as being practicable and feasible. The motion carried.

A letter was presented from the Wood Soil Conservation District requesting the withdrawal of the Big Sandy Creek Watershed Application. Due to the Wood District being the sponsor of the Big Sandy Application, a

motion was made by A. F. Leesch and seconded by E. W. Wehman to permit the application to be withdrawn. The motion carried.

A. C. Spencer stated that a Certificate of Organization had been received for the Wharton County Soil Conservation District and that election notices had been mailed for the election of three supervisors to complete the Board of supervisors.

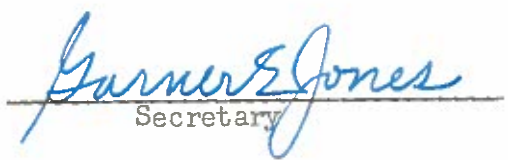
Garner Jones discussed the presentation of the Trinity Report to the Trinity Authority and the State Board of Water Engineers.

A. C. Spencer discussed the need for a statewide irrigation study and stated that details were being worked out for making the study.

The Board discussed the procedure to follow in justification of the State Board's Departmental budget before the finance committees of the House of Representatives and Senate. By mutual consent the Board agreed to change the title of the Executive Assistant to Assistant Executive Director and to press the request that the salary of the Assistant Executive Director be placed on a par with the Field Planning Engineers. The Board also agreed to request that the Item 10 - Travel Expense - Board Members and Staff, District Supervisors, and Delegates, including District Supervisors and Delegates Per Diem be increased to \$80,000.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p. m.


Chairman


Secretary