

OFFICIAL MINUTES
State Soil Conservation Board
May 4, 1957

The regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board was called to order by Chairman J. P. Martin in the Texas Hotel in Fort Worth at 1:30 P.M.

Members of the Board present were: J. P. Martin, J. C. Porter, S. J. Payne and A. F. Leesch.

Others present were: A. C. Spencer, H. D. Davis, O. F. Armstrong, and L. F. Stewart of the State Soil Conservation Board; Paul Walser, Homer Taff, W. T. Moon, Leland Barnes and V. W. Woodman of the Soil Conservation Service; W. C. Howard and H. B. Boswell of the Association of Soil Conservation Districts; and G. G. Gibson of A & M College.

The minutes were read and approved.

Homer Taff explained the "Basic Policies" to be used in carrying out the Great Plains Conservation Program (Public Law 1021).

V. W. Woodman read Memorandum No. 1396. This Memorandum is the U. S. Department of Agriculture's policy statement on determining Soil and Water Conservation Needs in the United States.

Mr. Woodman stated that 13 agencies including the State Soil Conservation Board make up the State Committee for the National Inventory of Soil and Water Conservation Needs in Texas. Mr. Woodman also stated that three years was the time given to determine the inventory.

A motion was made by A. F. Leesch and seconded by S. J. Payne to disapprove the following watershed pending a preliminary survey:

1. Pond Creek - Central Texas Soil Conservation District No. 509

The motion carried.

Favorable reports having been received on the following watersheds from preliminary surveys, a motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by A. F. Leesch

to approve these watersheds for planning:

1. Cabeza Creek - De Witt County Soil Conservation District No. 339
and Karnes County Soil Conservation District No. 302
2. Hondo Creek - Karnes County Soil Conservation District No. 302
3. Castleman Creek - McLennan County Soil Conservation District No. 512
4. Elm Creek - McLennan County Soil Conservation District No. 512 and
Central Texas Soil Conservation District No. 509.

The motion carried.

Leland Barnes explained how the preliminary survey was made on Village-Farmers Creek located in the Upper Elm Red Soil Conservation District No. 524 and the results that were determined.

Due to an unfavorable report having been received on Village-Farmers Creek, a motion was made by S. J. Payne and seconded by A. F. Leesch to disapprove this watershed application. The motion carried.

A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by S. J. Payne to use the attached criteria as a guide for establishing priorities for making detailed plans of watersheds in the future. The motion carried.

W. T. Moon stated that the Edwards Plateau Soil Conservation District No. 222 had \$15,000 available for making a detailed plan on Lowrey Draw. Mr. Moon also stated that a survey party would be available about August 1, 1957.

A motion was made by A. F. Leesch and seconded by J. C. Porter to set priority for planning on Lowrey Draw. The motion carried.


A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by S. J. Payne to approve the changes in zone boundaries as requested by the King-Stonewall Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors. The motion carried.

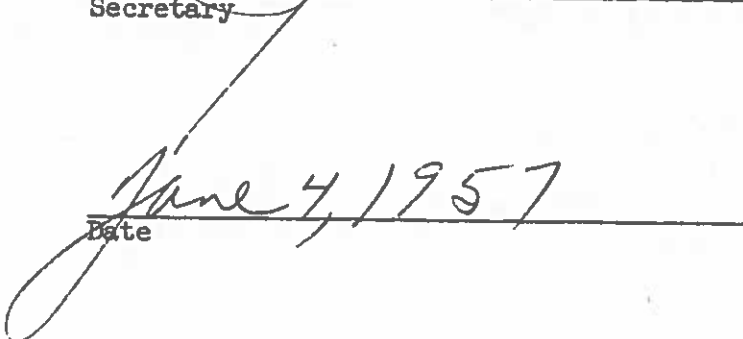
A motion was made by A. F. Leesch and seconded by S. J. Payne to give A. C. Spencer authority to set a date for a Public Hearing on the annexation of the Northeast corner of Edwards County not now in a Soil Conservation District to the Upper Llanos Soil Conservation District No. 225. The motion carried.

Mr. G. G. Gibson stated that he was well pleased with the manner in which the new Memorandum of Understanding between Local Soil Conservation Districts, The State Soil Conservation Board and the A & M College System was working out.

Mr. J. P. Martin expressed his appreciation of the State Board Members and Employees. Mr. Martin stated that he would retire from the State Board when his term expires on May 7, 1957.


Secretary


Chairman


Date June 4, 1957