

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD
July 23, 1957

The regular meeting of the Texas State Soil Conservation Board was held in its office in Temple, Texas at 8 P. M., July 23, 1957.

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

Others present were A. C. Spencer and H. D. Davis of the State Soil Conservation Board.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

After receiving a favorable report on a Public Hearing, a motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by S. J. Payne to make a determination of need and a determination of practicability and feasibility for the annexation of that part of Edwards County not now in a Soil Conservation District to the Upper Llanos Soil Conservation District No. 225. (Description of property annexed attached). The motion carried.

A. C. Spencer explained that a revised edition of the Manual of Fiscal Operations for districts was being printed at the present time and would be in the hands of Supervisors by August 31, 1957.

A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by J. C. Porter not to annex any territory to the Maverick Soil Conservation District that does not join said district. The motion carried.

A. C. Spencer stated that applications had been made by the five districts for their funds that were appropriated by the legislature.

A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by S. J. Payne to approve applications for funds for the following districts:

1. Randall-Potter No. 147
2. Hartley - 152
3. Lower Sabine-Neches - No. 446
4. Upper Nueces-Frio - No. 238
5. West Nueces-Las Moras No. 236

The motion carried. (Copy of applications attached).

A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by J. C. Porter to disapprove the following watershed applications pending preliminary surveys:

1. Pecan Creek - Hamilton-Coryell SCD No. 506
2. Grassy Creek - Navasota SCD No. 440
3. Deep Creek - Upper Colorado SCD No. 115
4. Buck Creek - Salt Fork SCD No. 133

The motion carried.

Due to favorable reports having been received on the following watersheds from preliminary surveys, a motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by S. J. Payne to approve these watersheds as being practicable and feasible:

1. Pine Creek - North Texas SCD No. 415
2. Big Creek - Brazos-Robertson SCD No. 431
3. Town Branch -Bedias Creek SCD No. 428
4. Berry Creek - Bosque SCD No. 522 and Hood-Parker SCD No. 529
5. Allen's Creek - Austin-Washington SCD No. 314
6. Darrs Creek - Little River-San Gabriel SCD No. 508
7. Donahue Creek - Little River-San Gabriel SCD No. 508

The motion carried.

Due to an unfavorable report having been received from a preliminary survey on the Elm and Bush Knob Watershed (Miller-Brazos SCD No. 526) a motion was made by J. S. Sharp and seconded by E. W. Wehman to finally disapprove this application. The motion carried.

A. F. Leesch suggested that a letter be written to Gary Finch and R. F. Mosty to determine if the people in the Verde Creek Watershed are still interested in a watershed program.

J. C. Porter reported on the N.A.S.C.D. Area Meeting held at Kingston, Oklahoma, July 8th & 9th, 1957.

A. C. Spencer stated that Governor Daniel had accepted an invitation to be on the program of the 1958 Annual Meeting of Supervisors and that Marion Monk, Chairman of the State Soil Conservation Committee of Louisiana had also accepted an invitation to be on the program.

E. W. Wehman stated that he and A. F. Leesch had met with the Executive Committee of the Association of Soil Conservation Districts on July 1, 1957 to work on the program for the 1958 Supervisors Meeting. It was agreed upon to change the program to the extent that a social evening would start the meeting and it would close with a banquet. Also, instead of having area breakfasts there be area lunches.

A. F. Leesch reported on the Great Plains Meeting that he and A. C. Spencer attended at A & M College.

A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by E. W. Wehman to present each soil conservation district supervisor with a certificate showing that he is a Public Official under the State Soil Conservation Act.

The Board recessed at 10:30 P.M. until the next morning.

July 24, 1957

The State Board resumed its meeting at 8 A. M.

The Board decided to hold hearings on the following watersheds to determine which ones would be granted a priority for detailed planning:

Rock(Dry) Creek - Sept. 3, 10 A.M., Mineral Wells

East Keechi - Sept. 3, 11 A.M., Mineral Wells

Upper Bosque - Sept. 3, 3:30 P. M., Stephenville

Tehuacana - Sept. 4, 10 A.M., Waco

Big Creek - Sept. 4, 3:30 P. M., Marlin

Elm Creek - Sept. 5, 10 A.M., Temple

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Plum Creek - Sept. 10, 10 A. M., Lockhart

West Yegua - Sept. 9, 3:30 P. M., Giddings

Upper Bois d'arc - Sept. 12, 10 A. M., Bonham

Caney Creek - Sept. 12, 1:30 P. M., Bonham

Upper Sabine - Sept. 12, 8 P. M., Greenville

Pine Creek - Sept. 13, 10 A. M., Paris

Langford Creek - Sept 13, 3:30 P. M., Clarksville

The Board decided to write letters to the above watersheds to determine:

1. Percent of land above the proposed structures under Basic district agreement.
2. Percent of land treatment above the proposed structures.
3. Percent of land in the entire watershed under basic district agreement.
4. Percent of land treatment in the entire watershed.

The next State Board Meeting was set for September 19, 1957, at 7:30 P.M., in its office in Temple.

The Board left at 11 A. M. for a conference with Governor Daniel at 2:30 P. M. in Austin on the watershed protection and flood prevention work being carried on in Texas.

The Board adjourned at 3:30 P. M. at the Governor's office in Austin.

Harvey Davis
Secretary

W. D. Beach
Chairman

Sept. 20, 1957
Date