

OFFICIAL MINUTES
Texas State Soil Conservation Board
Courthouse, Fort Stockton, Texas
August 8, 1956

The regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board was called to order by Chairman J. P. Martin in the Courthouse, Fort Stockton, Texas at 8 P.M., August 8, 1956.

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

Others present were: A. C. Spencer and H. D. Davis of the State Soil Conservation Board, Jack Barton, Soil & Water Specialist of A & M College, Clayton Puckett of Fort Stockton, Frank Fulk and Gerald Puckett of the Trans Pecos Soil Conservation District No. 231, Rod Richardson of Fort Stockton, Howard Boswell of the State Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Paul Walser of the Soil Conservation Service and Loyan Walker of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The minutes were read and approved.

A motion was made by A. F. Leesch and seconded by E. W. Wehman to disapprove the following watershed applications for planning assistance pending preliminary surveys:

1. Langford Creek Watershed - Red River County SCD
2. Bitter Creek; Oaks Creek; John Man Creek; Polecat Creek Watershed - Hall County and Donley County SCD's

The motion carried.

Favorable reports having been received on the following watersheds from preliminary surveys, a motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by S. J. Payne to approve these watersheds:

1. Upper Bois d'arc Creek - Fannin and Upper Elm-Red SCD's
2. Lower Bois d'arc Creek - Fannin SCD
3. Logan Creek - North Texas SCD
4. Lowrey Draw - Edwards Plateau SCD

The motion carried.

An unfavorable report having been received on the following watershed from a preliminary survey, a motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by A. F. Leesch to disapprove this watershed.

1. Dry Devils River and Lowrey Draw - Edwards Plateau and Eldorado-Divide SCD's.

The motion carried.

A. C. Spencer discussed the watersheds that have been approved by Congress.

These watersheds consist of:

1. Upper Brushy Creek
2. Lower Brushy Creek
3. Cummins Creek
4. Turkey Creek
5. Johnson Draw

Mr. Paul Walser of the Soil Conservation Service stated that \$20,000 had been placed in a trust fund for planning in the York Creek Watershed and recommended a priority be set on this watershed. A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by A. F. Leesch to set priority on the York Creek Watershed. The motion carried.

A. C. Spencer explained the following districts had not received any funds from the State:

1. West Nueces-Las Moras 236
2. Upper Nueces-Frio 238
3. Lower Sabine-Neches 446
4. Hartley 152
5. Randall-Potter 147

A motion was made by A. F. Leesch and seconded by S. J. Payne to request an appropriation for these districts. The motion carried.

J. C. Porter discussed the provisions of the proposed memorandum of agreement between the A & M College System, the State Soil Conservation Board and Soil Conservation Districts. Action was delayed until further study could be made.

A National Meeting of State Boards, Commissions or Committees and their Executive Officers to be held on October 23rd in conjunction with the dedication of N.A.S.C.D.'s new building in League City, Texas, was discussed by A. F. Leesch. Chairman Martin appointed A. F. Leesch to work with A. C. Spencer in working out a program for the National Meeting of State Boards.

Mr. Howard Boswell explained the layout of the soil conservation exhibit at the State Fair. Chairman Martin appointed J. C. Porter to represent the State Board in working out the details of the State Board's exhibit for the State Fair.

E. W. Wehman stated that the State ACP Committee would meet at A & M College on August 14 and that he would represent the State Board at this meeting.

Mr. Paul Walser stated that tentative surveys have been scheduled on the following watersheds:

1. Cow & Armstrong Creeks - September 4, 1956
2. Two Mile Creek - September 10, 1956
3. Wilbarger Creek - September 17, 1956

Mr. Walser also stated that H. R. 8750 had been signed by the President and explained some of the contents of this amendment.

A. C. Spencer explained that he and Howard Boswell had met with a group in Tyler and had set up committees for the State Meeting of Supervisors in January, 1957. He also stated that the guest speaker had been invited.

A. C. Spencer stated that District Foresters of the Texas Forest Service were holding meetings with supervisors to discuss the contents of the recently worked out memorandum between Soil Conservation Districts and the Texas Forest Service.

A. C. Spencer discussed a meeting held in Fort Worth on July 30, 31, 1956 to work out a National Inventory of Soil & Water Conservation Needs.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary


Chairman