

Official Minutes
State Soil Conservation Board
September 30, 1958

The regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board was held in the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Dallas, Texas, beginning at 1:00 p. m., September 30, 1958.

Members present were: S. J. Payne, Chairman, A. F. Leesch, and J. S. Sharp.

Others present were: A. C. Spencer, Harvey Davis, Garner Jones, and O. F. Armstrong of the State Soil Conservation Board, W. S. Gibbs of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts, and Tony Price of the Paris Texas News.

The minutes of the September 5, 1958, meeting were read and approved.

Having received a favorable report on the Tri-Bay Watershed located in the San Patricio Soil Conservation District, a motion was made by J. S. Sharp and seconded by A. F. Leesch to approve this watershed as being practicable and feasible. The motion carried.

In the matter of dissolving and reorganizing the Nacogdoches-Rusk and Shelby-Panola Soil Conservation Districts, the Board decided to set an election during the first part of February, 1959 on this proposition.

A. C. Spencer reported on a meeting he attended in Wharton on the proposed creation of a Soil Conservation District in Wharton County. The Board agreed to hold a Public Hearing on the date requested by the signers of the petition on this proposition.

Garner Jones reported that meetings had been held with five districts in the Trinity River Watershed and that all five districts had approved the data prepared for the Trinity Master Plan.

W. S. Gibbs stated that the Districts had been very receptive to the material that had been prepared for the Master Plan and that the meetings were very educational.

Garner Jones reported that the information to be supplied by the State Board for the State Planning Report had been changed to include the following items:

Statewide map showing Soil Conservation Districts.

Progress of construction in watersheds - Authorized

Pilots

Public Law 566

Progress of Planning in watersheds.

Status of Public Law 566 application.

General statements on organization and procedure for carrying on work.

Map and description of land resource areas.

Farm pond report.

Irrigation.

Trinity Plan.

The State Board decided to contact the Bureau of Reclamation in relation to information on irrigation for the State Planning Report.

A. C. Spencer stated that he and H. D. Davis had met with the local people in the Town Branch Watershed on September 17, 1958, at Madisonville at their request. The local people stated that they were willing to do whatever was necessary in order to get a priority for planning.

The Board decided to ask the Town Branch People to meet with them at Temple at a date to be determined later.

A. C. Spencer stated that the people in the Elm Creek Watershed voted a maintenance tax September 20, 1958.

A. F. Leesch reported on the "Water for Texas Conference" held September 15, 16, and 17. Mr. Leesch stated that this was the best "Water for Texas Conference" as far as Agriculture was concerned that he had attended.

A. C. Spencer reported on the meeting that he, W. C. Howard, and H. B. Boswell held with people in Abilene in preparing for the State Meeting January 7, 8, and 9, 1959. Mr. Spencer stated that committees had been organized and free bus service will be furnished.

The Board decided to hold a Hearing on Kent Creek and a Board Meeting on November 8, 1958 at Quitaque.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p. m.

Chairman

S. J. Payne

Secretary

Garnett Jones

Date

November 8, 1958