

Official Minutes  
State Soil Conservation Board  
November 7, 1958

The regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board was held in the High School, Quitaque, Texas, beginning at 7:30 P.M., November 7, 1958.

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

Others present were: A. C. Spencer and Garner Jones of the State Soil Conservation Board, Clyde W. Graham, Assistant State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service, and eleven local people representing the Cap Rock Soil Conservation District and the Kent Creek WCID No. 1 as listed below:

Glynn Morrison, Chairman, Caprock SCD, Director Kent Creek WCID #1  
Merle McMurty, Caprock SCD  
Edwin Crass, Caprock SCD  
Raymond McJimsy, Clerk, Caprock SCD  
Bert Grundy, Pres. Kent Creek WCID #1  
F. C. Benson, Vice-Pres., Kent Creek WCID # 1  
James Brunson, Sec'y, Kent Creek WCID #1  
E. J. Hamilton, Director, Kent Creek WCID #1  
James H. Priddy, WUC, SCS  
John W. Pope, Editor, Quitaque Post  
O. R. Stark, Jr., Pres., First National Bank

The minutes of the September 30, 1958 meeting were read and approved.

A. C. Spencer reported that two new watershed applications had been received as follows:

Upper White Oak Creek and tributaries in Hopkins-Rains SCD #445  
Upper Las Moras in West Nueces-Las Moras SCD #236

A motion was made by A. F. Leesch and seconded by E. W. Wehman to disapprove these applications pending preliminary field examinations. The motion carried.

A. C. Spencer reported that no additional information had been received on the watershed applications from San Jacinto Soil Conservation District on San Jacinto #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7. A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by A. F. Leesch to disapprove these applications for lack of sufficient information. The motion carried.

Garner Jones, Clyde Graham, and A. C. Spencer reported on the progress being made in working with Soil Conservation Districts on the Trinity Master Plan. It was reported that proposed plans had been received from 25 of the 27 districts involved and that it was the intention to have the report completed by December 31, 1958.

Clyde Graham and Garner Jones reviewed the Soil Conservation Service and Soil Conservation District report submitted to the State Board of Water Engineers for inclusion in their interim Planning Division report to the Governor and Legislature. A letter from McDonald M. Weinert, Chief Engineer of the State Board of Water Engineers was read by A. C. Spencer which stated that the report was exactly as they desired.

In the matter of the petition for a Soil Conservation District election in Wharton County, E. W. Wehman stated that he and A. C. Spencer held a public hearing in Wharton at which time the people expressed favorable sentiment for conducting an election to organize a Wharton County Soil Conservation District. Mr. Wehman stated that a number of the people who have previously opposed the organization of a Soil Conservation District are now either favorable or neutral on the proposition. Mr. Wehman recommended that the Board make a determination of need for the organization of a Soil Conservation District and set an election to be held on December 15, 1958. Mr. Wehman made a motion to this effect, seconded by J. C. Porter. The motion carried.

A. C. Spencer reported that a letter from the Chairman of the Shelby-Panola Soil Conservation District and a telephone call from the Chairman of the Nacogdoches-Rusk Soil Conservation District have been received requesting the State Soil Conservation Board to set dissolution and re-organization elections for these two Soil Conservation Districts near March 1, 1959. Reasons given for the delay pertain to problems involved in handling funds and seedlings in the re-forestation program in each of the Soil Conservation Districts. A motion was made by J. S. Sharp, seconded by J. C. Porter that A. C. Spencer contact the local people and arrange a date for these

elections on or near March 2, 1959. The elections in both districts to be on the same date. The motion carried.

The program for the January 8, 9, 1959 State meeting of Supervisors was discussed. The Board members expressed the belief that area meetings scheduled for the afternoon of January 8 should be held at Breakfast on the morning of January 9, 1959 in order to secure better participation of the district supervisors. The Board also expressed the thought that Dr. Patterson, Vice-President of Texas A & M, in charge of Agriculture should be invited to participate on the program if he can be fitted in.

The location for the 1960 State meeting was discussed. By mutual consent, the Board agreed to limit consideration to Galveston, Waco, and Dallas unless the State Association finds these locations not to be economically feasible for their purposes.

A. F. Leesch reported on a meeting with the Governor by W. C. Howard, John Royal, W. S. Gibbs, H. B. Boswell, A. C. Spencer and A. F. Leesch. Mr. Leesch stated that the above members discussed with the Governor the need for appropriation to be allocated to the individual Soil Conservation Districts. The Governor stated that his first responsibility was to secure funds to maintain present state services and if sufficient revenue could be raised through additional taxes to provide other services, he would look with favor on this request. Whether sufficient funds will be available or not is questionable at this time.

J. S. Sharp asked when preliminary field examinations on watersheds such as White Oak Creek in the Hopkins-Rains Soil Conservation District would be made. Clyde Graham reported that field examinations had been scheduled for Ash Slough, and Little Cypress Creek on November 17, 1958 and on Mim's Draw and North Fork of Wichita River on December 8, 1958 and that surveys will be scheduled on other watersheds more or less continuously until surveys are completed on all applications.

Clyde Graham also reported that the planning party headed by L. J. Iann has begun work on the detail plan for the three watersheds in Starr County Soil Conservation District and that the planning party headed by E. H. Buchtein has practically finished work on the detail plan for Tehuacana Creek and has begun work on Caney Creek.

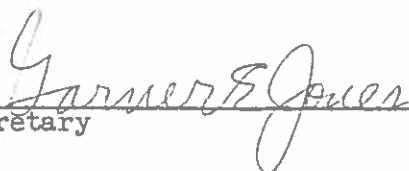
After discussion pertaining to future watershed hearings the following schedule was adopted:

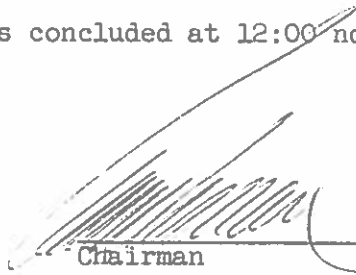
Bennett Creek, November 18, 1958, A. F. Leesch and A. C. Spencer  
Town Branch, Pond Creek, Darr's Creek, Donahue Creek, and Nolan  
Creek, December 12 and 13, 1958 in connection with Board meeting  
at Temple, Texas.

Ecletto Creek and Hondo Creek in connection with Board meeting in  
February, 1959.

Wilbarger and Big Creek, A. F. Leesch and E. W. Wehman before  
March 1, 1959.

The meeting recessed until 8:00 A.M., November 8, 1958, at which time the Board Members toured the Kent Creek watershed and conducted a public hearing to gain information as a basis for recommending priorities for watershed planning. The hearing was concluded at 12:00 noon, at which time, the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman

12/11/58  
Date