

OFFICIAL MINUTES
TEXAS STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD
A & M College, College Station
December 10, 1956

The regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board was called to order by Chairman J. P. Martin in the Memorial Student Center, College Station, Texas, at 4:00 P.M., December 10, 1956

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

Other present were A. C. Spencer, H. D. Davis, L. F. Stewart and O. F. Armstrong of the State Soil Conservation Board, Jack Barton of A & M College, H. B. Boswell of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts and John Mooseberg of Center, Texas.

The minutes were read and approved.

A motion was made by S. J. Payne and seconded by A. F. Leesch to disapprove the following watershed applications for planning assistance pending preliminary surveys:

1. Allen's Creek - Austin-Washington SCD No. 314.
2. Upper South Sulphur River - Upper Sabine No. 530 and Fannin No. 520 SCD's
3. Elm and Bush Knob - Miller-Brazos SCD No. 526
4. Elm Creek - Central Texas No. 509 and McLennan County No. 512, SCD's
5. Big Creek - Brazos-Robertson SCD No. 526
6. Attoyac River - Nacogdoches-Rusk No. 401 and Shelby-Panola No. 414 SCD's

The motion carried.

A motion was made by A. F. Leesch and seconded by J. C. Porter to change the zone boundaries of the Maverick Soil Conservation District No. 228 as requested by the Board of Supervisors of the Maverick District. The motion carried.

Bids for the 1958 Annual Meeting of Supervisors were discussed. A. C. Spencer stated that bids have been received from the following places:

1. Mineral Wells
2. Corpus Christi
3. Austin
4. Houston
5. El Paso

No action was taken on the bids.

The program for the 1957 Annual Meeting to be held in Tyler was discussed.

A. F. Leesch discussed the hearing held November 1, 1956 by the Texas Water Resources Committee. Mr. Leesch stated that Agricultural groups present at the Hearing made 3 suggestions in the change of wording of proposed water laws.

J. C. Porter and Jack Barton suggested that the State Soil Conservation Board and the A & M College System officials sign a State Level Memorandum of Understanding and that a copy of the memorandum be signed by the Chairman of each local Soil Conservation District and the local County Agent.

A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by S. J. Payne for J. C. Porter to give a talk at the 1957 State Meeting of Supervisors on opportunities of Supervisors and Districts. The motion carried.

The Board decided for A. C. Spencer to talk on the Progress in Watershed Protection Work at the 1957 State Meeting of Supervisors.

The Meeting recessed at 5:30 P.M.

A joint meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board and Officials of the A & M College System was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mr. D. W. Williams, Vice Chancellor of the A & M College System.

The purpose of this meeting was to adopt a new memorandum of understanding between the State Soil Conservation Board, The A & M College System and individual Soil Conservation Districts.

Mr. Williams stated that relations between agencies both Federal and State were better now than ever before.

A. C. Spencer stated that the State Soil Conservation Board's only purpose was to work with and for Soil Conservation Districts and that Districts represent the Farm and Ranch People of Texas. Mr. Spencer explained that the Supervisors' ideas had been incorporated in the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the State Board and A & M College System and individual districts.

Howard Boswell stated that the proposed memorandum was another milestone in getting the job done. Mr. Boswell stated that there was a big job ahead in getting the memorandum to work properly.

Jack Barton read the proposed Memorandum of Understanding to the group.

The proposed Memorandum was accepted and signed, copy of which is attached.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

A. P. Spencer

Secretary

J. P. Martin

Chairman

January 15, 1957

Date