

Minutes
State Soil Conservation Board Meeting
January 10, 1962
Granada Hotel, San Antonio, Texas

The regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board was held at the Granada Hotel in San Antonio, Texas, January 10, 1962 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Members present were: A. F. Leesch, Vice Chairman, E. W. Wehman and Frank Gray.

Others present were: H. D. Davis, J. M. Norton, L. F. Stewart, and A. W. Dalrymple, employees of the State Board, H. N. Smith, State Conservationist and Clyde Graham, Assistant State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service, W. S. Gibbs, President and Howard Boswell, Executive Director of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 1961 were read and approved.

L. F. Stewart reported a favorable hearing held December 8, 1961 on approximately 2,816 acres to be annexed to the Runnels Soil Conservation District. H. D. Davis stated that this area had been left out by a mistake in the election notices when the Runnels Soil Conservation District was created. A motion was made by Frank Gray and seconded by E. W. Wehman to make a determination of need and practicability and feasibility for annexing this area to the Runnels Soil Conservation District. The motion carried.

H. D. Davis reported that a petition had been received from landowners in an area consisting of approximately 3,648 acres to be annexed to the Central Colorado Soil Conservation District. This area was also left out by a mistake in the election notices when the Central Colorado Soil Conservation District was created. The Board authorized a hearing to be set on this proposed annexation.

A request was presented from the Ector Soil Conservation District requesting the name of the Ector Soil Conservation District be changed to Sandhills Soil Conservation District. The reason for requesting the change was that Crane County had recently been annexed to Ector. A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by Frank Gray to approve the request. The motion carried.

Harvey Davis stated that a petition had been received from landowners in Sherman County requesting a public hearing on the proposition of creating a Soil Conservation District in Sherman County but that the petition needed the signatures of twelve more resident landowners to be valid and that the petition had been returned. A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by Frank Gray to authorize Harvey Davis to set the hearing when the petition is returned to the State Board with the signatures of the required number of resident landowners (50). The motion carried.

Two new applications from the Willacy-Hidalgo Soil Conservation District were received on Raymondville-San Perlita and Raymondville-Lasara watersheds for protection under Public Law 566. On motion by J. Frank Gray, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the applications were disapproved pending a field examination to determine feasibility.

A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by Frank Gray to amend the Valley Creek Watershed application to include the Valley Creek WCID as a sponsor as requested by the other sponsors of the application. The motion carried.

Bud Norton gave a report on watersheds that appear to meet the criteria used by the State Board to recommend priorities for planning.

Clyde Graham gave a progress report on the State and Federal planning parties and stated that he would need new priorities by July 1, 1962.

The Board agreed to hold hearings in those watersheds that appear to be ready for priorities that have not had previous hearings and recommend new priorities by July 1, 1962.

Harvey Davis reported that the Directors from Nolan Creek had requested a cost estimate for planning Nolan Creek and indicated that they would set up a trust fund for a plan. The Board deferred action on Nolan Creek until a cost estimate is provided and the sponsors determine if they wish to pay for a plan after receiving the cost estimate.

Mr. Rex Vermillion from Lubbock and Mr. Paul Ligon appeared before the Board to invite the Board to hold the 1963 State Meeting of District Supervisors in their respective cities.

Mr. Vermillion stated that Lubbock would furnish the Fair Park Collosseum free and that the hotels would furnish flat rates of \$5.00 for single rooms and \$6.50 for double rooms. Also that Lubbock would assist with registration, transportation, parking, etc.

Mr. Ligon stated that the Driscoll Hotel in Corpus Christi had been remodeled and would furnish free meeting rooms, exhibit space, and parking and would assist with registration. The Hotel would also commit 300 rooms at flat rates of \$7.00 for singles and \$10.00 for doubles.

Vice Chairman Leesch recessed the meeting at 7:45 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. the next day so that Board members and staff could participate in the annual meeting of Soil Conservation District supervisors being held at this time.

January 11, 1962

The Board reconvened at 4:00 p.m., January 11, 1962 with the following members present: A. F. Leesch, Vice Chairman, E. W. Wehman, J. C. Porter and Frank Gray.

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Bud Norton, Clyde Graham, W. S. Gibbs and Howard Boswell.

The Board continued discussing a meeting place for the 1963 State Meeting of District supervisors.

The Board reviewed other invitations from El Paso, Houston, Mineral Wells, Ft. Worth, Dallas and Austin. After considering all the invitations, a motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by Frank Gray to hold the 1963 State Meeting in Lubbock. The motion was unanimously approved.

A letter was read by Mr. Leesch from Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman requesting representatives of the State Board to attend a conference in Washington, D. C. on January 15, 1962 to study and make recommendation on future conservation and land-use changes. A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by Frank Gray for A. F. Leesch and Harvey Davis to represent the Board at this Conference. The motion carried.

J. C. Porter read a letter from Carl A. Larson, Deputy Administrator, ASC, Washington, D. C. commending the Board on its Biennial Report and the spirit of working relations exercised by the Board in relation to the State ASC Committee and county committees in Texas.

A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by Frank Gray for Chairman Sharp and Harvey Davis and one of the other staff members to be selected by Davis to attend the National Meeting of Soil Conservation District Supervisors to be held in Philadelphia, February 4-9, 1962. The motion carried.

Upon request by O. F. Armstrong presented and recommended by Harvey Davis, a motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by Frank Gray for O. F. Armstrong to be relieved as Assistant

Planning Engineer effective
permitted to change his

The meeting adjourned

A. F. Leesch
Chairman

2/25/62
Date

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your

minutes dated January 10, 1962.

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Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD
TEMPLE, TEXAS

Sincerely yours,

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