

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
MAY 21, 1968

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met in a regular session in the Conference Room, 10th Floor, First National Building, Temple, Texas, at 8:10 a.m. on May 21, 1968.

Board Members present were: Frank Gray, Vice Chairman, E. W. Wehman, Albert Roach, Henry Turney and Joe Antilley.

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director; Gene Jones, Assistant Executive Director; L. H. Barnes, Engineer; and Josephine Chupik, Secretary of the State Board staff; and L. J. Lann, Assistant State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service.

The minutes of the March 5, 1968 and May 3, 1968 meetings were read and approved as read.

Joe Antilley was welcomed as a new Member of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board having been elected on May 7, 1968, representing the area in State District 2.

On motion by Albert Roach, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board unanimously agreed to elect Frank Gray as Chairman and E. W. Wehman as Vice Chairman of the Board.

A favorable field examination was reviewed on the West Winnie watershed in the Trinity Bay Soil and Water Conservation District near Anahuac, Texas. On motion by Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board approved the watershed application as being economically feasible for project development.

L. J. Lann reviewed the status of watershed planning on Public Law 566 projects and presented a detailed summary to each Board Member.

After reviewing information on 24 watersheds in detail which appeared to be ready for planning priorities, the Board selected three (3) watersheds to be granted planning priorities. On motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board granted planning priorities on:

Kickapoo Creek - Lipan, Texas

Maverick County Watershed - Eagle Pass, Texas

Three Mile-Sulphur Draw - Van Horn, Texas

The Maverick County Watershed was granted a planning priority contingent on the local sponsors furnishing a \$20,000 Trust Fund. All planning priorities granted are contingent upon local people being able to carry out their responsibilities at the time planning begins.

Documents from the Wilbarger-Wichita Soil and Water Conservation District #533 in regards to dissolution and re-organization of the district were reviewed by the Board. Due to discrepancies, a motion was made by Henry Turney and seconded by E. W. Wehman, to return all papers to Field Representative Aubrey Dalrymple to be properly completed and be returned to the State Board for further consideration. The motion carried.

On motion by Albert Roach, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved a petition to transfer the portion of Van Zandt County now in the Neches-Sabine Soil and Water Conservation District #426 to the Kaufman-Van Zandt Soil and Water Conservation District #505 and signed a determination of practicability and feasibility for the transfer. Due to the change in territory of these two districts, the Board approved new subdivisions in the Neches-Sabine Soil and Water Conservation District #426 and the Kaufman-Van Zandt Soil and Water Conservation District #505.

A request to change the name of the Sabine River-Cypress Creek Soil and Water Conservation District #417 to the Upshur-Gregg Soil and Water Conservation District #417 was reviewed by the Board. On motion by Albert Roach, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the requested name change.

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the appointment of the following supervisors:

Frank Anthony - Upper Pecos SWCD #213

Fred S. Horlen - Llano County SWCD #233

G. M. Stripling - Neches-Sabine SWCD #426

Gene Jones reported on the Council of Governments set up under H.B. 319.

A few Soil and Water Conservation Districts have been asked to participate in this endeavor on a local basis. The Board agreed that the staff should take appropriate action in coordinating District activities with the various Councils of Government.

Harvey Davis reviewed a letter from Sam Studebaker inviting Mr. Davis to become a member of the NACD Special Committee on District Outlook for 1968-69. This Committee will meet in St. Louis, Mo. on June 5-6, 1968. On motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board agreed for Mr. Davis to become a member of this Committee and attend the scheduled meeting in June.

The State Great Plains Committee meeting to be held in Abilene, Texas at the Thunderbird Lodge on June 19-20, 1968 was discussed. If possible, Frank Gray and Harvey Davis will attend.

The Four State Area Meeting to be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas on July 7-9, 1968 was discussed. The Board agreed that any Board Member, Harvey Davis and any staff member he designates may attend.

The "National Watershed Congress" will be held in New Orleans, La., May 26-29, 1968. Albert Roach, Harvey Davis and L. H. Barnes were authorized to attend.

The House Appropriations Committee had set a hearing on the State Board Budget on May 29, 1968 at 5:00 p.m. On motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board agreed not to appear before this Committee.

The next regular meeting of the State Board will be held on July 16, 1968

at 8:00 a.m. in its office in Temple, Texas.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

G. Frank Gray
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

Date July 16, 1968

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your minutes dated May 21 & 29, 1968.
Thanks very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

John Connally

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board meeting held on May 21, 1968.

Date July 16, 1968

Lancey Davis
Executive Director