

Official Minutes

State Soil Conservation Board Meeting

June 15, 1960

Kyle Hotel, Temple, Texas

The State Soil Conservation Board began its regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. on June 15, 1960.

Members present: J. C. Porter, Chairman, J. S. Sharp, Frank Gray, A. F. Leesch, and E. W. Wehman. A. C. Spencer and Garner Jones were also present.

The minutes of the May 6 meeting were read and approved.

A new application for a Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Project was received on McClellan Creek, Gray County Soil Conservation District. E. W. Wehman moved and A. F. Leesch seconded the motion to disapprove the application pending a field examination report of the feasibility of the proposed project. The motion carried.

Garner Jones reported the new field examination on Village-Farmers Creek, Upper Elm-Red Soil Conservation District was favorable with a benefit-cost ratio of approximately 1.30 to 1. J. S. Sharp made a motion seconded by E. W. Wehman to approve the application. The motion carried.

A canvas was made of the voting in the election for the creation of Ector Soil Conservation District #241 held on May 27, 1960. On motion by A. F. Leesch, seconded by Frank Gray, the results of the election were officially determined to be 19 for and 6 against. A motion was made by A. F. Leesch, seconded by E. W. Wehman, to make a determination of practicability and feasibility for the organization of the Ector Soil Conservation District #241, establish zones as shown on map submitted and appoint Oso W. Pool, Supervisor of Zone 2 and Jackson E. Parker, Supervisor of Zone 4 of the new district. The motion carried.

Chairman Porter and others duly canvassed results of the election held on June 4, 1960 for the dissolution of Staked Plains Soil Conservation District # 135, and the organization of Staked Plains Soil Conservation District #155 and McClellan Creek Soil Conservation District #156. On motion by Frank Gray, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the results of the election were officially determined to be as follows:

Dissolution of Staked Plains SCD #135

For: 340 Against: 39

Organization of Staked Plains SCD #155

For: 128 Against: 14

Organization of McClellan Creek SCD #156

For: 224 Against: 13

On motion by Frank Gray, seconded by J. S. Sharp, a determination of practicability and feasibility for the organization of Staked Plains Soil Conservation District #155 and McClellan Creek Soil Conservation District #156 was made. On motion by Frank Gray, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the boundaries of the districts were approved as submitted and zone numbers assigned in accordance with previously established policy.

A report was given by A. C. Spencer on the present status of the new Chaparral Soil Conservation District which revealed that organization is now complete. All supervisors are qualified and Mr. Stewart and Mr. Leesch are ready to help the district start on its program and plan.

A. C. Spencer reported on proposed meeting with the State Highway Department to work out a Memorandum of Understanding between the two state agencies. A motion was made by J. S. Sharp, seconded by A. F. Leesch, that A. C. Spencer and representatives of the Soil Conservation Service be delegated to work with the State Highway Department on a preliminary draft of a Memorandum of Understanding. The motion carried.

On motion by J. S. Sharp and seconded by A. F. Leesch, the written resignation of May 20, 1960 by Water Planning Engineer, Garner E. Jones was accepted with regrets.

The employment of a man to fill the Water Planning Engineer position was discussed. Members instructed the Executive Director to explore all possibilities of obtaining a replacement.

The matter of the next meeting was discussed and it was tentatively agreed that it be held in connection with the Water For Texas Conference at College Station in early September.

The meeting recessed until 8:30 a.m., June 16 at which time the Board met in the offices of the State Soil Conservation Board to consider the recommendation of new planning priorities for watershed protection and flood prevention projects.

In addition to those previously listed the following were also present: O. F. Armstrong of the State Soil Conservation Board, and H. N. Smith and Clyde Graham of the Soil Conservation Service.

Following a comprehensive examination of filed records and reports and detailed discussion of each of the 27 watersheds by all present, a motion was made by J. S. Sharp, seconded by A. F. Leesch, to grant and recommend a planning priority to the following watershed projects and in addition recommend that the Town Branch watershed, Bedias Creek Soil Conservation District, be given a planning priority to be planned concurrently with other planning now in progress or whenever it can be interspersed. The list of the new planning priorities is as follows:

Wilbarger Creek, Taylor SCD and Bastrop SCD
Pine Creek, North Texas SCD
Hondo Creek, Karnes-Goliad SCD
Big Creek, Brazos-Robertson SCD
Upper Bosque, Bosque SCD, Hamilton-Coryell SCD, and Upper Leon SCD
Attoyac Bayou, Shelby SCD, Rusk SCD, and Nacogdoches SCD

The motion carried.

The following watersheds which were considered were discussed further and it was agreed that they would be considered as alternates to those previously listed if for some reason one or more of them failed to satisfactorily fulfill their


declared responsibility. The list of the alternate watersheds is as follows:

- Donahoe Creek, Little River-San Gabriel SCD
- Bennett Creek, Brown-Mills SCD
- Rush Creek, Upper Leon SCD
- Nolan Creek, Central Texas SCD
- Irons Bayou, Panola SCD


There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.



Chairman



Secretary



Date