

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
September 17, 1968

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met in regular session in the Library, City Hall, Pleasanton, Texas, at 8:00 a.m. on September 17, 1968.

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

State Board staff members present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director, L. H. Barnes, Engineer, and Josephine Chupik, Office Manager.

The following people were in attendance also at the meeting:

Wilson County Soil and Water Conservation District #301
I. B. Ray, Chairman

Atascosa County Soil and Water Conservation District # 307
Ernest Weiser, Chairman
Arlie D. Low, Secretary
James Seay, Vice Chairman
Frank Knight, Work Unit Conservationist

Dos Rios Soil and Water Conservation District #322
Clifton Wheeler, Jr., Chairman
Claude Franklin, Jr., Secretary

Frio Soil and Water Conservation District #325
Burton Biediger, Chairman
W. I. Davis, Work Unit Conservationist

Alamo Soil and Water Conservation District #330
John Dudek, Chairman

Others:

A. F. Leesch, Boerne
W. P. Coleman, San Antonio

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gray. The minutes of the July 16, 1968, meeting were read and approved.

A favorable field examination was reviewed on the Lewis and Seymour Creek watershed in the Miller-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District near Seymour, Texas. On motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the watershed application as being economically feasible for project development.

Amended watershed applications on the Lewis and Seymour Creek and Delta County in the Delta Soil and Water Conservation District near Cooper, Texas, were discussed. The Lewis and Seymour Creek amendment increases the area from 22,244 acres to 25,054 acres. The Delta County amendment reduces the area of the watershed from 176,640 acres to 119,000 acres. On motion by Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved these two amendments.

Leland Barnes gave a report on the status of the Koegler Hill and Geronimo Irrigation application. No action was taken by the Board.

Barnes also reported on the new interest and discount rates for computing cost-benefit ratios. According to the Bureau of Budget, the increased borrowing rate from the federal government has increased the cost of structural measures. The increase is from 3 1/4% to 4 5/8%. The increase in the cost of individual watersheds will range from 33% to 38%.

Harvey Davis discussed the ownership of water in flood detention reservoirs under the Public Law 566 watershed program. There seems to be a difference of opinion as to who owns the water, the sponsors who hold the easement or the landowner. The Board will continue working with the Water Rights Commission on this problem.

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

On motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved a petition to transfer the portion of Medina county in the Atascosa County Soil and Water Conservation District #307 to the Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District #226, the portion of Frio County in the Atascosa County Soil and Water Conservation District #307 to the Frio Soil and Water Conservation District #325 and the portion of McMullen County in the Atascosa Soil and Water Conservation District to the Dos Rios Soil and Water Conservation District #322 and signed a determination of practicability and feasibility for the transfer.

Due to the change in territory involved in this transfer, on motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved new subdivisions in the Atascosa County Soil and Water Conservation District #307, Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District #226, Dos Rios Soil and Water Conservation District #322 and Frio Soil and Water Conservation District #325.

A request to re-zone the Llano County Soil and Water Conservation District #233 was reviewed by the Board. The Llano County Board of Supervisors feels that changing the zone boundaries would give them a better distribution of landowners and cooperators. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the new zone boundaries for the Llano County Soil and Water Conservation District #233.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the appointment of the following supervisors:

Truman Smith - King-Stonewall SWCD #120
W. W. Tabor - Lower Pease River SWCD #122
W. J. Sprawls - Dawson County SWCD #124
Bill C. Haynes - Middle Clear Fork SWCD #206
Keith Morrow - Big Bend SWCD #227
Mike C. Huber - Upper Nueces-Frio SWCD #238
George A. Graves - Lower Neches SWCD #437
Bobby D. Wilson - Navarro SWCD #514
M. C. Holland - Little Wichita SWCD #532

Mr. Davis read a letter of resignation from W. I. Shadle of the King-Stonewall Soil and Water Conservation District #120. Appointment forms to replace Mr. Shadle were mailed to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. No Board action was necessary.

Personal Data Sheets on elected supervisors representing the new Victoria Soil and Water Conservation District #346, Upper West Fork Soil and Water Conservation District #507, Young Soil and Water Conservation District #539, Wilbarger Soil and Water Conservation District # 537 and Wichita Soil and Water Conservation District # 538 were reviewed by the Board.

Harvey Davis gave a report on Matching Funds requested by Districts. Of the 187 Soil and Water Conservation Districts, 152 districts requested funds in the amount of \$188,784, averaging \$1,242 per district, 33 districts did not request any Matching funds, and 2 districts did not report.

The 1970-71 Budget hearing will be held on September 25, 1968, 1:30 p.m., Room 810, Sam Houston Building, Austin, Texas. All Board members and Harvey Davis plan to attend.

Travel Expense Budget for the 1969 fiscal year for the State Board Members and staff members was reviewed by Harvey Davis. The Board is allotted \$5,000. The staff members are allowed the following amounts:

Executive Director - \$3,400
Ass't Executive Director - \$4,000
Engineer - \$3,600
Four Field Representatives - \$4,500 each
One Field Representative - \$5,080

The program, as finalized, for the State Meeting to be held in Galveston, October 15-17, 1968 was reviewed.

Harvey Davis reported on the proposed reduction of funds and personnel of the Soil Conservation Service due to limitations imposed by the Tax Surcharge legislation, P.L. 90-364.

Harvey Davis reviewed correspondence written to the Director, Farmer Programs Division, Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S.D.A., Washington, D. C. by A. L. Black, President of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts requesting the use of feed lot manure as an approved F-2 conservation practice. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board agreed to endorse Mr. Black's proposal by letter to the Director, Farmer Programs Division of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

The South Central Area Supervisors River Basin Committee will meet on November 6, 1968 at the Captain Shreve Hotel, Shreveport, Louisiana. On motion

by Henry Turney, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board authorized Frank Gray, with E. W. Wehman as his alternate, and Harvey Davis to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Frank Gray
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

10-15-68
Date

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 September 17, 1968.

10-15-68
Date

Harvey Davis
Executive Director