

Official Minutes  
State Soil Conservation Board Meeting  
October 13, 1960  
Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas

The State Soil Conservation Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on October 13, 1960 by Chairman J. C. Porter.

Other members present were Frank Gray, A. F. Leesch and J. S. Sharp.

Others present were: A. C. Spencer, Executive Director of the State Soil Conservation Board and representing the Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts were W. S. Gibbs, President, H. B. Boswell, Executive Director, and Vice-Presidents, Arthur Koehn, John D. Wells, Clarence Webb and Dan Sparks.

On motion by A. F. Leesch, seconded by Frank Gray, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

New applications for watershed protection and flood prevention projects on Madera Canyon and Cherry Canyon in the Toyah Limpia Soil Conservation District and Duck Creek in the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District were received and disapproved pending field examination.

On motion by Frank Gray, seconded by A. F. Leesch, determinations of need and feasibility for the withdrawal of that portion of Armstrong County which lies south and west of the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River from the Swisher County Soil Conservation District and annexation of same territory to the Staked Plains Soil Conservation District #155 was made.

A. C. Spencer and H. B. Boswell reported on recent conferences with the State Highway Department preparatory to the development of the working agreement between the Texas Highway Department and the State Soil Conservation Board. Those general discussions indicated the need for such an agreement.

The request of the Cap Rock Soil Conservation District to change its zone boundaries was considered and approved on motion by Frank Gray, seconded by A. F. Leesch

A detailed report concerning work on the program for the January 1961 State Meeting was made by Mr. Boswell.

After consideration of possible sites for the January, 1962 State Meeting, A. F. Leesch moved and Frank Gray seconded the motion that the 1962 Annual State Meeting be held at the Granada Hotel in San Antonio, Texas contingent upon the local people fulfilling certain commitments made both verbally and in writing.

The matter of a request to the Texas Legislature for appropriation of funds to be allocated to the several Soil Conservation Districts was considered. W. S. Gibbs stated that the officers of the Association have made a detailed survey of the needs of Soil Conservation Districts and determined that the districts need as an absolute minimum and necessity \$177,000 to be allocated to the districts based on equity and need. After discussions as to whether this request should be made as an item in the budget of the State Soil Conservation Board or in a separate bill, J. S. Sharp moved and A. F. Leesch seconded the motion that the Board supplement its budget with a request for \$177,000 per year for the next biennium to be allocated to districts. The Association officers were urged to have a special bill prepared with sponsors arranged in case this request was deleted from the Board's budget.

The need for State appropriations for the financing of a watershed protection and flood prevention planning party were discussed. Chairman of the Board, J. C. Porter stated that the need exists and is worthy of detailed consideration by the officers of the State Association.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

J. C. Porter  
Chairman

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Date

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This is to acknowledge receipt of your minutes dated October 13, 1960.

Thanks very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,  
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