

Minutes
State Soil Conservation Board Meeting
November 19, 1961
Temple, Texas

The regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board was held at its office in Temple, Texas on November 19 beginning at 2:30 p.m.

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

Others present were A. C. Spencer, Executive Director and Clyde Graham, Assistant State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 9, 1961 and the called meeting of October 16, 1961 were read and approved.

A new application for a watershed protection and flood prevention project on Lipan Creek in the Concho Soil Conservation District was received. On motion by J. C. Porter, seconded by A. F. Leesch, the project was disapproved pending field examination.

A letter from the Red River Soil Conservation District requesting that the flood prevention application on Sand Branch be withdrawn was read by A. C. Spencer. Withdrawal was requested due to the fact that the only structure required has already been built by a private landowner. J. C. Porter made a motion, seconded by E. W. Wehman to officially withdraw the application. The motion carried.

A. C. Spencer reported that the first allocation of \$309.00 per district to Soil Conservation Districts that requested their pro rata share of the State appropriation has for all practical purposes been completed. There is a remaining balance of approximately \$21,000 by virtue of the fact that a number of districts have either not applied or have requested that their allotment be distributed among districts in dire financial circumstances. E. W. Wehman made a motion

seconded by J. C. Porter that the remaining funds be allocated to Soil Conservation Districts having a balance of \$5,000 or less. An emergency fund of approximately \$6,000 will be reserved till the end of the fiscal year. The remaining funds will be divided on the basis of \$141.00 per district to districts with balances of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 and \$366.00 to districts having \$1,000 or less exclusive of Trust Fund. The motion carried. The final total allocation is \$309.00 to districts with balances of \$5,000 or more, \$450.00 to districts with balances between \$1,000 and \$5,000 and \$675.00 per district to districts with balances of \$1,000 or less. Allocation of funds has been made only to districts applying for same. Approximately 60 districts either declined or did not apply.

A. C. Spencer reported that Nolan Creek has recently voted a 19¢ tax for land rights, maintenance, operations, and cost of developing a flood prevention plan. This project most likely will be available to be planned with Trust Funds when such an arrangement is needed. On motion by E. W. Wehman seconded by Frank Gray, the Board voted to recommend that the Soil Conservation Service plan Attoyac Bayou with the Public Law 566 planning party following Pine Creek.

A proposed contract with the Soil Conservation Service whereby the State Soil Conservation Board agrees to supply \$55,000 toward the planning of the Upper Bosque watershed during the present fiscal year was reviewed. J. C. Porter made a motion seconded by A. F. Leesch that the Master Agreement and Project agreement as written be approved. The motion carried.

The site for the 1963 Annual State Meeting of Soil Conservation District supervisors was discussed briefly. E. W. Wehman was requested to check facilities at Corpus Christi before January 10. Frank Gray reported that there is some interest at Lubbock but it is not definite that a firm bid will be submitted. By mutual consent the Board agreed to consider this matter further at the January 10 meeting.

Clyde Graham retired and the Board began consideration of a replacement for A. C. Spencer as Executive Director to be effective December 1, 1961. After a general discussion A. C. Spencer retired and the Board considered prospective replacements including members of the present staff and others. After detailed discussion a motion was duly passed by unanimous consent to elect Harvey D. Davis, Executive Director and O. F. Armstrong, Assistant Executive Director.

The following resolution was adopted on motion by A. F. Leesch, seconded by E. W. Wehman: "Harvey D. Davis is hereby authorized to approve all claims, request and approve all necessary purchases and otherwise transact the business of the Texas State Soil Conservation Board. In the absence of Mr. Davis, the Assistant Executive Director, O. F. Armstrong is authorized to transact or fulfill the above mentioned functions".

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

A. F. Leesch

Vice
Chairman

Harvey D. Davis

Secretary

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Date

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your minutes dated November 19, 1961.

Thanks very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,
Price Daniel