

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING  
January 7, 1971

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 1:30 p.m., January 7, 1971, in Room 310, State Capitol Building, Austin, Texas.

Board members present were H. W. Turney, Chairman, Albert Roach, Vice-Chairman, Joe Antilley and E. W. Wehman.

Others present were Harvey Davis, Executive Director, and John Millican, Assistant Executive Director, State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Doyle Hutcheson, President, and W. S. Gibbs, Director, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Clyde Graham, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service and Jeff Long, Long News Service.

Chairman Henry Turney called on Harvey Davis to discuss legislation being proposed by different groups across the State which would have a definite effect on the State Board if inacted into law. Mr. Davis reviewed all proposed legislation he was aware of at the time and asked for the Board's opinion on this proposed legislation. Mr. Davis asked if there was any of this proposed legislation the Board was opposed to or any item they felt could not be handled by the State Board if the legislature saw fit to delegate such power to it.

All Board members present were in agreement that the State Board was ready to accept any new responsibilities the legislature might see fit to bestow upon them along the lines discussed and asked that Harvey Davis keep them informed of any developments or proposals concerning this matter.

Clyde Graham discussed a problem which had developed in the new farm program concerning set-aside or diverted acreage. Mr. Graham stated that, from what he had been able to determine, acreage must have been in cultiva-

tion within the past three years in order to be used in calculating base acreage. Mr. Graham stated that, if this was true, it could mean that many acres of land devoted to grassland in conservation programs across the State would be plowed up and put into cultivation in order to protect base acreage.

The Board asked Harvey Davis to check with the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service committee on this problem and report back at the January 21, State Board Meeting. It was agreed that if the problem was not resolved by the time of the N.A.C.D. Meeting in Chicago, this problem should be brought to the attention of this group.

On motion by Mr. Roach, seconded by Mr. Wehman, the State Board voted to join the Texas Water Rights Commission in requesting a Type IV Study of Red River above Denison Dam and instructed Harvey Davis to write a letter to the Soil Conservation Service to this effect.

Harvey Davis was then called on to discuss the name proposed for Hill County Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Davis stated that this name was very similar to Hill Country Soil and Water Conservation District and explained some of the problems that could result from having two names so similar. On a motion by Mr. Antilley, seconded by Mr. Roach, the Board voted to submit the name Hill County-Blackland Soil and Water Conservation District for the new District.

On a motion by Mr. Wehman seconded by Mr. Roach the Board voted to accept the transfer of territory and new zones as follows:

- (1) From King Stonewall SWCD #120 to Duck Creek SWCD #157

(2) From Duck Creek SWCD #157 to King-Stonewall SWCD #120

(3) From Upper West Fork SWCD #507 to Upper Elm-Red SWCD #524

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

*H. W. Turney*  
Chairman

*Josephine Chupik*  
Secretary

*January 21, 1971*  
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 January 7, 1971.

*January 21, 1971*  
Date

*Henry Davis*  
Executive Director