

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
January 15, 1970

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met in regular session in the Conference Room, Room # 1016, First National Building, Temple, Texas at 9:00 a.m., January 15, 1970.

Board Members present were: E. W. Wehman, Chairman, H. W. Turney, Vice-Chairman, Frank Gray, Albert Roach, and Joe Antilley.

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director and Josephine Chupik, Office Manager of the State Board staff; and L. J. Lann, Assistant State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service.

The minutes of the November 20, 1969 meeting were approved as read.

A request to amend the Spindletop Bayou watershed near Anahuac, Texas by adding the Lower Trinity Soil and Water Conservation District as a sponsor was considered by the Board. A motion was made by Albert Roach and seconded by Joe Antilley to approve the amendment. Motion carried.

A favorable field examination was reviewed on the Spindletop Bayou watershed. On motion by Albert Roach, seconded by H. W. Turney, the Board approved the watershed application as being economically feasible for project development.

Harvey Davis reviewed the results of a meeting at Shreveport, Louisiana on November 14, 1969, in which the States of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas participated in the study involving the Red River Basin. No action taken by the Board on this study.

Harvey Davis reviewed HR 14918, federal legislation sponsored by Congressman Blackburn of Georgia amending Public Law 566, the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act. H.R. 14918 would eliminate direct action of the designated State Agency in handling functions pertaining to PL 566. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board agreed to write Congressman W. R. (Bob) Poage expressing opposition to HR 14918.

After encountering considerable difficulty in the planning of the McClellan Creek watershed, the Board discussed the Red Deer Creek watershed which is in the same area of Texas. On motion of H. W. Turney, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board agreed to proceed with the planning of the Red Deer Creek watershed.

Mr. L. J. Lann reviewed the status of watershed construction and planning on Public Law 566 projects and presented a detailed summary to each Board Member.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by H. W. Turney, the Board approved the appointment of the following directors:

Olen E. Braham - Sherman County SWCD #159
Scott Armstrong - Upper Pecos SWCD #213
Dudley Harrison - Rio Grande-Pecos River SWCD #237
Don I. Gentry - Upper West Fork SWCD #507
Jack Stevens - Wichita SWCD #538

In view of the fact that it will soon be time to consider the budget for the 1972 and 1973 fiscal years, the Board agreed to leave a \$3,000 limitation for each district for each year of the biennium for State Matching funds. The Board agreed to survey each district to determine the amount of Matching funds to request and also to request that each district prepare an estimated income and expense statement for the next biennium.

In regard to Matching funds for this fiscal year, to date the amount released by districts originally requesting funds is \$1,850.00. Several districts have asked for Matching Funds that did not originally request them. A motion was made by H. W. Turney, seconded by Joe Antilley, to delay the decision on distribution of the released Matching funds until the next regular Board meeting. Motion carried.

Harvey Davis reviewed House Bill 367 passed by the last session of the Legislature. This bill provides that all vehicles operating at a maximum speed of 25 miles per hr. or less on public streets and highways must be equipped with and display a "slow moving vehicle emblem" as adopted by the Department of Public Safety. No action was necessary by the Board.

The State Board discussed the possibility of moving the State Office from Temple to Austin. It was agreed that the Board would contact the Governor and several other State officials prior to making any firm decision.

The next regular State Board meeting will be on March 19, 1970.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary

3-19-70
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 15, 1970.

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Date


Executive Director