

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
January 18, 1979

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on January 18, 1979 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1006 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present were:

Frank Gray, Chairman  
E. W. Wehman, Sr., Vice Chairman  
Joe Antilley, Member  
Albert Roach, Member  
Henry W. Turney, Member

Staff members present were:

A. C. Spencer, Executive Director  
John W. Millican, Assistant Executive Director  
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs  
James Moore, Engineer  
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist  
Mel Davis, Soil Conservationist  
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor

Others present were:

Jim Webster, Texas Forestry Association  
Bill Harris, Agricultural Extension Service  
George Marks, Soil Conservation Service  
C. Budd Fountain, Soil Conservation Service  
Farrell E. Croy, Soil Conservation Service  
Jimmy Hill, Soil Conservation Service  
Clark Bolt, KCEN-TV, Waco  
Dr. Neville Clark, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station  
John Howard, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station  
Dr. Bob Merrifield, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station  
Dr. Larry Wilding, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests in attendance.

Since each Board Member received by mail a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on November 16, 1978 and there being no changes, on motion of Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the minutes were approved without being read.

Dr. Neville Clark and Dr. Larry Wilding discussed the operation and needs for funding of the proposed soil characterization laboratory.

Each Board member had received a copy of the audit made for the period of September 1, 1975 through August 31, 1977 from the State Auditor's Office. It was reviewed in the meeting.

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Albert Roach, the following district director appointments were approved:

J. A. Marr - Foard County SWCD # 161  
E. H. Hausler - Red River SWCD # 423  
Harold D. Hatton - Long Leaf SWCD # 439  
Richard Earl Broussard - Jasper-Newton SWCD # 441  
B. Wayne Stewart - Johnson County SWCD # 541  
Dan M. Wadzeck - Haskell SWCD # 546

John Millican presented the request of the Coastal Plains Soil and Water Conservation District # 317 to change its subdivision boundaries. At the present time subdivisions are on county school district lines and landmarks that no longer exist. The district has requested subdivision boundary changes on identifiable lines such as U.S. or State highways, etc. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the new subdivision boundaries.

On November 14, 1978, a petition was received to divide and reorganize the Upper West Fork Soil and Water Conservation District # 507 and the Denton-Wise Soil and Water Conservation District # 528 and create the Denton SWCD # 547, Wise SWCD # 548 and Upper West Fork SWCD # 549. An audit has been made and agreement on distribution of funds reached. Documents on assets, liabilities, cooperator agreements and easements have been executed. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the division and reorganization of the Upper West Fork Soil and Water Conservation District and the Denton-Wise Soil and Water Conservation District as being practicable and feasible. Due to the division of these two districts, the Board approved new subdivisions and appointed directors for each new district as follows:

Denton SWCD # 547

Zone 2 - Al Sellmeyer  
Zone 4 - John Blair, Jr.

Wise SWCD # 548

Zone 2 - Jim F. Hornback  
Zone 4 - George Cunnius

Upper West Fork SWCD # 549

Zone 2 - Guinn Campsey  
Zone 4 - Henry Richards

The Board agreed the original request of \$3,000 in Matching funds for the Denton-Wise SWCD # 528 and the Upper West Fork SWCD # 507 would be allocated equally among the three new soil and water conservation districts in the amount of \$2,000 each.

James Moore reviewed data on the Devers Canal system as a result of a recent preliminary field exam. To date no Public Law 83-566 watershed application has been filed.

Moore reported on a field examination held during the week of December 8 to determine feasibility of assistance on the Hubbard Creek watershed in Albany, Texas. Results of this exam will be summarized later.

Jimmy Hill handed out a report on the "Status of Watershed Activities in Texas" and briefly summarized activities in various phases of planning and authorization.

George Marks informed the Board that five State Regional meetings on the Rural Clean Water Act will be held. The office of Management and Budget has submitted a proposal on reorganization of agencies to the President.

Bob Buckley informed the Board that the Executive Director of the Texas Department of Water Resources, the Executive Director of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the President of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts were designated by Governor Briscoe as members of the State Rural Clean Water Coordinating Committee.

Copies of the "Statewide Control Strategy for Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution in Texas" will be delivered to each Soil and Water Conservation District in Texas by the field representatives as he meets with each Board of Directors.

Bill Harris discussed the "Conservation Tillage Conference" to be held on January 25 and 26 at Rudder Center, Texas A & M University. This is a workshop consisting of agency people to discuss and set up guidelines for developing cropping system practices, identifying drainage problems and setting up implementation.

A hearing by the Senate Finance Committee on the State Board's 1980-81 budget request will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 1979 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 301 of the Capitol Building.

John Millican reported to the Board that the El Paso Convention Bureau has negotiated a new contract with items deleted as the Board requested in their meeting of November 16, 1979. The Board agreed to accept El Paso as the site for the Annual State meeting to be held on October 2, 3, and 4, 1979. Mr. Millican will check on facilities in San Antonio as a possible site for the 1980 Annual State meeting.

Mel Davis gave each Board member a brief resume of State legislation introduced affecting soil and water conservation in Texas. To date 688 bills have been introduced.

Bob Buckley reported on the questionnaire that went to each district regarding allocation of funds in the amount of \$268,000 to implement the Resource Conservation Act. According to results of the survey each district is allowed a ceiling figure of not more than \$1,420.82 or less, if the district requested less. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board agreed to use the figures as indicated by the survey.

Board members were given lodging reservations for the meeting of the National Association of Conservation Districts in Washington, D. C. on February 11-15, 1979. Staff members authorized to attend are A. C. Spencer, John Millican, Clyde Gottschalk and Josephine Chupik.

Joe Antilley reported on participation in a meeting on "Recreation on Private Land" held on December 7, 1978 in Waco, Texas. Discussions were on inventory of present trail users, potential for recreational trail users and additional research.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on March 15, 1979.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

J. Frank Gray  
Chairman

Josephine Chupik  
Secretary

March 13, 1979  
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 18, 1979.

March 13, 1979  
Date

A. C. Spencer  
Executive Director