

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
March 13, 1979

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on March 13, 1979 at 8:10 p.m. in Suite 309, Capitol Ramada Inn, 11th & San Jacinto Sts., Austin, Texas.

Board members present were:

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

Staff members present were:

A. C. Spencer, Executive Director  
John W. Millican, Assistant Executive Director  
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs  
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor  
James Moore, Engineer  
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist  
Leonard Pietzsch, Jr., Staff Services Assistant  
Jay Kuykendall, Engineering Technician  
Joe Freeman, Administrative Technician  
Bill Reece, Soil Conservationist  
Fred Squyres, Soil Conservationist  
Barney Jefferson, Soil Conservationist  
Moe Seidensticker, Soil Conservationist  
Allen Sheppard, Soil Conservationist  
Omar Garza, Soil Conservationist  
David Powell, Soil Conservationist  
Don Brandenberger, Soil Conservationist  
Dub Crumley, Soil Conservationist

Others present were:

Jim Webster, Texas Forestry Ass'n  
Bill Harris, Agricultural Extension Service  
Harvey Davis, Texas Department of Water Resources  
Clarice Davis  
John Wells, Director, Collin County Soil & Water Conservation District #535

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

Since each Board member received a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on January 18, 1979, in the mail and there being no changes, on motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Albert Roach, the minutes were approved without being read.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the following district director appointments were approved:

Norman Ledbetter - Lynn County SWCD # 119  
Perry Wristen - Dawson County SWCO # 124  
Ted Wilson - Hale County SWCD # 132  
Hence C. Barrow - Sandhills SWCD # 241  
T. F. Hubert - Live Oak SWCD # 323  
E. V. Lail - Johnson County SWCO # 541

Bob Buckley reported that districts have been notified of the funds available to them thru the enactment of the Resources Conservation Act of 1977. The State Soil and Water Conservation Board has received a grant from the Soil Conservation Service in the amount of \$268,000 to assist districts in the development of a soil and water conservation program for Texas.

James Moore reported on a letter of January 31, 1979 from the Texas Department of Water Resources naming three problem areas with the highest probability of an agriculturally related nonpoint source pollution problem pursuant to the Rural Clean Water Program (Section 208j of P.L. 92-500). Rated are (1) Lake Tawakoni (Segment 507) (2) Chambers & Richland Creeks (Segment 814) and (3) Lake Fork Creek tributary (Segment 506). On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board concurs that, with the limited data available, the three problem areas are the most nearly documented as having agricultural nonpoint source pollution problems, and that these areas should have priority for further study by the Texas Department of Water Resources. Motion passed.

James Moore reported on a field examination of North Fork Hubbard Creek near Albany, Texas. The examination revealed a 1:5 benefit-cost ratio. No formal application has been received for a Public Law 566 watershed project.

Carl Spencer reported that the Board has now had all its hearings held on the 1980-81 budget. We have not received any information on the mark-up of the appropriation bill and until that time no further action is possible.

John Millican reported on facilities available for holding the 1980 Annual Statewide meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors in San Antonio. A new Marriott hotel with first class facilities will be completed by 1980. Since dates are usually booked well in advance by hotels, the Board agreed that it necessary we accept the dates of September 29, 30 and October 1, 1980 for the meeting in San Antonio.

Bob Buckley reported on several bills in the legislature at this time relating to open meetings, funds of state agencies, mileage and per diem for district directors, etc.

Upon invitation of Jim Webster, the next meeting of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board will be held on Thursday, April 19, 1979 at Silsbee, Texas.

To finalize the division and re-organization of the Upper West Fork Soil and Water Conservation District # 507 and the Denton-Wise Soil and Water Conservation District # 528, the Board signed the transfer of watershed easements to the new districts, Denton SWCD # 547, Wise SWCD # 548, and the Upper West Fork SWCD # 549.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

J. Frank Gray  
Chairman

Josephine Chupik  
Secretary

April 19, 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 March 13, 1979.

April 19, 1979  
Date

[Signature]  
Executive Director