

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
April 18, 1977

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on April 18, 1977
at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple,
Texas.

Board Members present were:

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

Staff members present were:

Harvey Davis, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer
Charles Rothe, Engineer
Bob Buckley, Staff Services Assistant
Jay Kuykendall, Administrative Technician
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor

Others present were:

George Marks, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service
Kenneth Kuykendall, President, Association of Texas Soil and Water
Conservation Districts

Since minutes of the March 1, 1977 meeting were mailed to each Board
member, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the minutes were
approved without being read.

Mr. Marks reported that additional personnel had been hired and briefed
the Board on R C & D projects and funding.

Sonny Kretzschmar passed out a detailed report on the following R C & D
projects which have been approved since September 1, 1976:

Rio Bravo - Webb & Starr Counties
De-Go-La - Lavaca, Gonzales, Victoria and DeWitt Counties
Four Winds - Cottle County
Big 8 - Waller, Brazos & Madison Counties
Northeast Texas - Delta County
Eastern Hill - Burnet County
Southeast Texas - Jefferson, Tyler and Liberty Counties
Leon-Bosque - Eastland County

Each Board member was given a summary of activities on watershed projects under Public Law 566, the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act.

Mr. Davis expressed his appreciation for the flowers and memorials sent to his father's funeral, March 21, 1977.

Mr. Gray met in Washington, D. C. on March 8 and 9, 1977 with EPA representatives and federal officials on 208 nonpoint source pollution problems. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved payment of expenses for the trip.

Legislation affecting the State Board and Soil and Water Conservation Districts was reviewed. The Board carefully reviewed House Bill 1977, known as the Administrative Reorganization Act of 1977 by Representative Fred Orr creating a cabinet-type government through reorganization of State agencies with the State Soil and Water Conservation Board in the Department of Natural Resources. Since our agency coordinates programs and activities of 197 Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and Board members are elected by District Directors which is unique in nature, it was the decision of the Board that we would be damaged by this bill and should remain as we are.

Legislation affecting elections of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors was reviewed. H. B. 275 passed in 1975 setting up specific dates for elections in Texas will expire this year. All elections were held according to this law.

Sonny Kretzschmar reviewed a draft contract pursuant to P. L. 92-500, Section 208 and Executive Order DB 18 A. Scope of services to be covered under this contract will involve the development of methodologies for the evaluation of silvicultural nonpoint source control techniques and the evaluation of the economic impact of implementing such strategies for both

silviculture and agriculture. The Texas Water Resources Institute from Texas A & M University will conduct the study under the final contract. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board concurred in the use of the draft in formulating the final contract and authorized Harvey Davis to sign the final contract for the Board.

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board's budget request as submitted is \$1,225,719 for fiscal year 1978 and \$1,251,987 for fiscal year 1979. The House recommended in its appropriation bill \$1,210,801 for 1978 and \$1,223,516 for 1979. The Senate recommended \$1,222,626 for 1978 and \$1,241,830 for 1979. The difference is due to the House recommending a 3.4% salary increase each year and the Senate recommending a 5.1% increase the first year and a 3.4% increase the second year.

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the following district director appointments:

Jimmy C. Stokes - Moore County SWCD # 137
L. S. Jenkins - Canadian River SWCD # 160
Gary C. Puckett - Toyah-Limpia SWCD # 209
Vernon Schwab - Comal-Hays-Guadalupe SWCD # 306
J. L. Fulgham - Wood SWCD # 444
Tom Cole - Hopkins-Rains SWCD # 445
Ray O. Hicks - Wichita SWCD # 538

Matching funds for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1977 were discussed. A balance of \$183,047.16 is left out of the appropriation of \$435,889.00. It is anticipated that two-thirds of this amount will be matched by May 15, 1977. The Board discussed the eligibility of funds for matching. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved new guidelines on determining the eligibility of funds for matching purposes. (Copy attached.)

The Board discussed the 1977 Annual Meeting site. Availability of sufficient lodging for the meeting in Lubbock is still questionable. The Board decided facilities for holding the meeting should be checked in

Austin, Houston, San Antonio and Corpus Christi with the final decision on the site to be made by Mr. Davis.

Each member received an itemized statement of the Board's expenditures for the first six months of the 1977 fiscal year.

The election of a State Board member from Area 4 will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 1977 in Overton, Texas at the Texas A & M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center. The program will consist of work being done at the Center relative to beef cattle and grasses. Mr. Roach invited the Board members to attend.

Harvey Davis advised the Board that George Bagley, President of the National Association of Conservation Districts had re-appointed him to the NACD District Outlook Committee. The Board approved travel expenses of Mr. Davis to attend meetings of the Committee.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 19, 1977. The Board suggested that an invitation to tour the King Ranch be combined with this meeting if such arrangements could be made.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Albert Roach
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

May 25, 1977
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 April 18, 1977.

May 25, 1977
Date

Harvey Davis
Executive Director