

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
April 20, 1978

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on April 20, 1978 at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1006 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

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

Staff members present were:

A. C. Spencer, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
James Moore, Hydrologist
Bob Buckley, Staff Services Assistant
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor

Others present were:

George Marks, Soil Conservation Service
Jimmy Hill, Soil Conservation Service
Dr. Bill Harris, Texas Agricultural Extension Service
Dr. J. R. Runkles, Texas A & M University
Dr. C. Robert Taylor, Texas A & M University
Dr. Clifford Hickman, Texas A & M University
Dr. Duane R. Reneau, Texas A & M University
J. B. Webster, Texas Forestry Ass'n
Clark Bolt, KCEN-TV

The minutes of the March 16, 1978 board meeting were read. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the minutes with the following correction: page 2, paragraph 2, Voting "yes" on the motion were E. W. Wehman, Albert Roach, and Frank Gray, voting "no" on the motion was Henry Turney.

James Moore introduced Dr. J. R. Runkles, Dr. C. Robert Taylor, Dr. Duane R. Reneau and Dr. Clifford A. Hickman of Texas A & M University. The purpose of their visit was to brief the Board on studies done as part of a contract between the Texas Department of Water Resources and the Water Resources Institute at Texas A & M University. The purpose of the studies was to evaluate economics of implementing agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source pollution controls. Dr. Taylor and Dr. Reneau reported on studies done in the Lower Running Water Draw watershed in Lavon Reservoir watershed and the Duck Creek watershed, all relating to agriculture. Dr. Hickman reported on a study done in Cherokee County relating to silviculture. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board accepted the report as fulfilling the contract requirements subject to comments made in the meeting and comments to be prepared by the staff.

James Moore presented each board member with a summary of the field examination on Lower Bois d'arc Creek and Upper Bois d'arc Creek watersheds in the Fannin County and Upper Elm-Red Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Also given each board member were copies of the deauthorization regulations on watersheds, and the proposed agreement on implementation of the Rural Clean Water Act. Mr. Moore reviewed briefly the status of 208 activities. The Board will review the proposed regulations on implementing the Clean Water Act at the next board meeting.

Jimmy Hill reviewed the status of P.L. 566 watershed activities and distributed a detailed report.

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

Junior Taylor - Floyd County SWCD#104
Robert G. White - Highland SWCD#210
Steve Laskowski - Wilson County SWCD#301

Mr. Spencer discussed the Statewide meetings to be held in Stephenville on May 16, 1978 and in San Antonio on May 18, 1978 on the implementation of P.L. 95-192, the Resource Conservation Act. Testimony will be presented by the State Board and district directors at these meetings.

The Board agreed to hold its meeting in May in San Antonio, Texas on the evening of the 17th in the Monterrey Room of the LaQuinta Motor Inn at 1001 E. Commerce Street.

The Board decided to extend an invitation to Mr. Lyle Bauer, President of the National Association of Conservation Districts to be on our Annual State Meeting program in San Antonio this year.

Bob Buckley reviewed items for the development of the 1980-81 fiscal years budget request. An audit conducted by Mr. Stubbs of the State Auditor's Office on classified positions was discussed. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the board decided to implement suggested changes according to this audit as per letter of March 23, 1978 from Richard S. Robertson of the State Auditor's office.

After discussion concerning across the board, cost of living, raises for classified employees; by mutual consent the board asked Bob Buckley to contact other state agencies to determine what percentage they expect to add. If the check with other agencies proves to be inconclusive Mr. Buckley was instructed to use the figure of 6.8%. The Executive Director's salary was recommended at

\$35,000.00 for 1980 and in 1981 at a percentage rate equivalent to classified salary recommendations. Board members per diem is recommended at \$75.00. Matching funds for districts will be recommended as requested and justified by individual districts.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Joe Antilly
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

May 17, 1978
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 20, 1978.

May 17, 1978
Date

[Signature]
Executive Director