

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
July 25, 1976

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met in Room 357 of the Saint Anthony Hotel, San Antonio, Texas on Sunday, July 25, 1976 at 7:35 p.m.

In attendance were:

State Soil and Water Conservation Board

Albert Roach, Chairman
Joe Antilley, Vice Chairman
E. W. Wehman, Member
Henry Turney, Member
Harvey Davis, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer
Josephine Chupik, Office Manager
Allen Sheppard, Field Representative
Mel Davis, Field Representative
Bill Reece, Field Representative
Barney Jefferson, Field Representative

Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Kenneth Kuykendall, Vice President
Charles Wood, Secretary-Treasurer
Doyle Hutcheson, Immediate Past-President
Gene Gilbreath, Director
David Tong, Director

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by E. W. Wehman, minutes of the June 10, 1976 meeting were read and approved by the Board as corrected.

Chairman Roach welcomed the Association Board members.

Mr. Davis briefed the group on the Board's current activities relative to non-point source planning with respect to agricultural and silvicultural practices under Section 208 of PL 92-500, the Federal Water Control Act amendments 1972.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the following district director appointments:

Olen Branham - Sherman County SWCD #159
Rex Ivey, Jr. - Big Bend SWCD #227
Jim F. Hornback - Denton-Wise SWCD #528

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board delayed action on the appointment of John Hardee to the Johnson County SWCD #541 pending verification of holding title to farm and/or ranch land and tabled action on the appointment of Kenneth B. Culpepper to the Atascosa SWCD #307 pending verification of the resignation of Alonzo Peeler of that Board of Directors.

Mr. Davis reported on a meeting on July 15, 1976 with Ted St. Clair and Bill Shelton of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce in regards to the Texas Conservation Awards program. Several discrepancies had been noted in the overall 1976 conservation awards program. After considerable discussion, on motion of Henry Turney, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board agreed to postpone activity on the 1977 awards program pending fulfillment of the 1976 commitments and mutually agreeable plans for the 1977 Texas Conservation Awards Program.

The implementation of USDA Service Centers was discussed. District Directors have expressed opposition to the "open space" concept of grouping agriculture agencies in one building. A meeting of USDA officials from Washington will be held in Fort Worth at the Hilton Inn on August 4, 1976 to discuss guidelines, open office concept and implementation. Mr. Antilley, Mr. Turney, and Mr. Davis are scheduled to attend.

Mr. Davis reported on recommendations to the Joint Advisory Committee on Government Operations by the subcommittee on Economic Development and Law Enforcement. Based on testimony of State agencies in the category of agriculture, the subcommittee recommended that the Legislature consider the creation of an interagency agricultural council to provide a formal means by which agriculturally-related programs may be coordinated.

Mr. Davis reported that the State Board and Soil and Water Conservation District legislative activities are assigned to the Natural Resources

Committee in the House by Speaker Clayton. The Board agreed that with our agriculture-related programs we discuss the possibility of changing to the Agriculture Committee with Speaker Clayton.

As per correspondence of June 17, 1976, sponsors of the Deep Creek watershed project at Snyder have requested to meet with the Board. The Board agreed to invite the group to its next regular meeting on September 16, 1976 in Lubbock, Texas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. All in attendance will participate in the National Association of Conservation Districts South-Central Area Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors held July 25, 26, and 27, 1976 at the Saint Anthony Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

Albert Roach
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

September 16, 1976
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 July 25, 1976.

September 16, 1976
Date

Henry Davis
Executive Director