

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
September 12, 1972

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 3:30 p.m., September 12, 1972 at the Soil Conservation Service Office in Ballinger, Texas for the purpose of holding a tour and hearing on Elm Creek Watershed. After the hearing, conducted at the Municipal Center in Winters, Texas, the Board held a business meeting.

Board members present were: Joe Antilley, Chairman, Frank Gray, Vice Chairman, E. W. Wehman, Henry Turney, and Albert Roach.

Also present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director and Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer, State Soil and Water Conservation Board, and Logan Crews, Assistant State Conservationist, Watersheds, of the Soil Conservation Service.

Since copies of the minutes of the Board meeting held on July 20, 1972 had been mailed to each Board member, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Henry Turney, these minutes were approved by the Board without being read.

The Board reviewed the following applications for watershed planning assistance under Public Law 566:

- (1) Bastrop Bayou watershed near Angleton in the Waters Davis Soil and Water Conservation District.
- (2) Poesta-Salt Creek watershed near Beeville in the Bee Soil and Water Conservation District.
- (3) Palo Duro Creek watershed near Canyon in Palo Duro, Tierra Blanca, and Oldham County Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

- (4) Lower Tierra Blanca Creek watershed between Canyon and Hereford in Palo Duro and Tierra Blanca Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board disapproved these applications pending field examinations and review to determine feasibility.

Harvey Davis reported that G. E. Kretzschmar had met with members of the Soil Conservation Service Watershed Planning staff, sponsors of the Allen's Creek watershed and officials of Houston Lighting and Power Company, Inc. on August 2, 1972. In the meeting, it was determined that approximately 4,000 acres of potential benefitted area in the vicinity of Frydek would remain after the installation of the H. L. & P. Co. 8,000 surface acre reservoir between Allen's Creek and the Brazos River. He reported that he had concurred on behalf of the Board with the sponsor's request for planning to continue on the watershed and that he had advised Ed Thomas, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, by letter, of this decision.

Harvey Davis presented a petition from the Kaufman-Van Zandt Soil and Water Conservation District requesting subdivision boundary changes and reported that the changes did not affect the eligibility of any of the present District Directors. Henry Turney's motion, seconded by Albert Roach, to approve the subdivision boundary changes carried.

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the appointment of the following District Directors:

Jack Railsback - Hockley County S&WCD #129
I. L. Hoelscher - Maverick S&WCD #228
B. E. Jones - Atascosa County S&WCD #307
W. H. Bauer, Jr. - Calhoun S&WCD #345
C. Parnell Aars - Bosque S&WCD #522

The Board tabled action on the appointment of Ed Weil of Hale County S&WCD #132 until additional information is obtained.

Harvey Davis reviewed plans for the Annual State Meeting to be held on October 17, 18, and 19, 1972 at the Astroworld Hotel in Houston, Texas. The Board discussed several details of the program and agreed on the tentative schedule of speakers and activities.

The Board discussed changes in the Conservation Awards Program including the sponsor's decision that Board members and district directors were no longer eligible for competition in the program. Harvey Davis reported that five categories of competition, including the Comeback Farmer award, had been deleted, and that two new categories had been added.

Joe Antilley reported that he, Harvey Davis, John Millican, and G. E. Kretzschmar had presented the Board's budget to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Office examiners on August 28, 1972 in Austin, Texas.

Harvey Davis presented correspondence from several districts concerning proposed sediment and erosion control legislation. None of the letters indicated an unfavorable reaction.

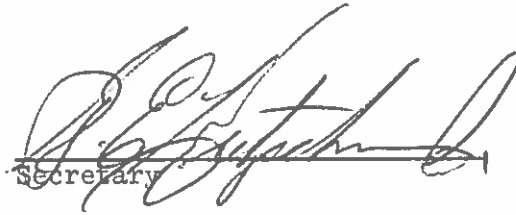
On the morning of September 13, 1972, members of the Board, Harvey Davis, and G. E. Kretzschmar traveled to Knox City, Texas to inspect trial plantings and observe activities at the Conservation Plant Materials

Center. Doyle Hutcheson, President, Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts joined the Board at Knox City.

The Board agreed to hold its next meeting on October 17, 1972 in Houston, Texas immediately prior to the Annual State Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the State Soil & Water Conservation Board meeting held on Sept. 12, 1972.

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Date


Executive Director