

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
September 15, 1977

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on September 15, 1977 at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1016 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, 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
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor

Others present were:

Jimmy Hill, Watersheds, Soil Conservation Service
Dr. Bill Harris, Soil and Water Use Specialist, Agricultural
Extension Service
John Knippa, representing Kirby Lumber Corporation

Since minutes of the August 29, 1977 meeting were mailed to each Board Member, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the minutes were approved without being read.

John Millican presented a request of the Nacogdoches Soil and Water Conservation District No. 401 proposing a change in zone boundaries for a more equal representation of landowners in the district. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board approved the changes in zone boundaries.

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the following District Director appointments:

Steve Wayne Coates - Middle Concho SWCD # 234
Clarence Schendel - Karnes Goliad SWCD # 343
Jerry Dean Nichols - Nacogdoches SWCD # 401

Due to the division and reorganization of the Wichita Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District No. 527 and the California Creek Soil and Water Conservation District No. 515 into three districts namely the Wichita Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District No. 544, the California Creek Soil and Water Conservation District No. 545, and the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District No. 546, matching funds for fiscal year 1978 were discussed. The two districts prior to forming three districts had been allocated \$3,000 each. Based on the original request of the two districts and in keeping with the policy previously established by the Board, on motion of Henry Turney, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board allocated \$2,000 for each district.

Mr. Davis reviewed the status of the Darr's Creek watershed project. The Little River-San Gabriel Soil and Water Conservation District has withdrawn sponsorship and has requested deauthorization of the project. Since Congress authorized the project several years ago, apparently only Congress has authority to deauthorize the project. No action taken by the Board at this time.

Mr. Davis reported to the Board that a new Contract had been signed with the Texas Department of Water Resources pursuant to Executive Order DB 18A in the amount of \$66,000 as approved in the State Board meeting dated August 29, 1977.

Charles Rothe reviewed the "Control Strategies for Silvicultural Nonpoint Sources of Pollution, Texas", an interim report drafted by A & M University. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach,

the Board authorized Harvey Davis to concur with the draft after proper review and recommendations are received.

Jimmy Hill reviewed the status of P.L. 566 watershed activities in Texas. No action needed.

Mr. Davis reviewed changes in the State meeting program. Governor Briscoe will be the honored guest at the reception on Tuesday evening. Resolutions were discussed along with ideas on the Conservation Awards programs which will be discussed in the Area Discussion Sessions on Wednesday afternoon. The State Board will meet on Tuesday, October 11, 1977 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 103 of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The Board reviewed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Texas Forest Service, and USDA Forest Service relative to making soil surveys. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board authorized Harvey Davis to sign the agreement after proposed changes had been made.

Proposed rules in the Federal Register of August 23, 1977 denote action on an inventory of prime and unique farmland by the Soil Conservation Service. The Board agreed to address comments to the Administrator of Soil Conservation Service with copies to the Texas delegation relative to local determination on defining prime land, substituting soil surveys for the inventory and the economic impact that such a survey could have on the value of land.

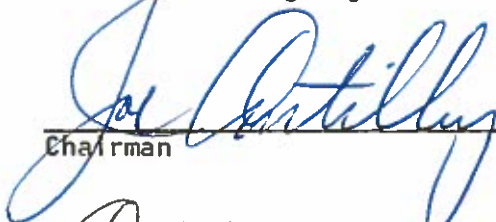
A memorandum from Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland on the new policy of Agriculture Service Centers gives designated State Administrative Committees the responsibility for determining and approving colocation of the Centers. Originally the decisions were made in Washington, D.C.

The Board received a summary on the estimated installation costs of completed and authorized Resource Conservation and Development projects for each project on public grounds erosion control, roadside erosion control, park erosion control, recreational development, critical area treatment on private lands, and flood prevention.

The State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service pre-program development meeting will be held September 26, 1977 at 1:30 p.m. in the USDA Building at Texas A & M University, College Station. The Board agreed that Mr. Davis and/or a staff member of his choice attend.

Due to a meeting of the District Outlook Committee of the National Association of Conservation Districts to be held in Denver, Colorado on November 17-18, 1977 at the Denver Hilton Hotel, the Board agreed to change its regular meeting date in November to December 1, 1977 so Mr. Davis, as a member of the Committee, could attend the meeting of the District Outlook Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.


Chairman
October 11, 1977
Date


Secretary

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 September 15, 1977.

October 11, 1977
Date


Executive Director