

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 16, 1971

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 8:00 a.m. on September 16, 1971 in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

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

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director, John Millican, Assistant Executive Director, Josephine Chupik, Office Manager of the State Board staff; Clyde Graham, State Conservationist and L. J. Lann, Assistant State Conservationist, Watersheds of the Soil Conservation Service.

Minutes of the July 15, 1971 meeting were approved as read.

L. J. Lann reviewed the status of watershed construction and planning on Public Law 566 projects and presented a detailed summary as of September 15, 1971 to each Board Member.

A petition received on July 29, 1971 to transfer that portion of Coke County in the North Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District #208 to the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District #219 was reviewed by the Board. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the transfer of this territory as being practicable and feasible and approved new subdivisions for each district.

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

Leroy Key - Upper Colorado SWCD #115  
Alvin G. Davis - Hockley County SWCD #129  
Ray D. Murphy - Southmost SWCD #319  
D. B. Clonts - Upshur-Gregg SWCD #417  
George W. Wilkins - Upshur-Gregg SWCD #417  
Whan F. McDowell - Neches-Sabine SWCD #426

In the Board meeting of July 15, 1971 the Board discussed the division and reorganization of the Martin-Howard-Midland Soil and Water Conservation District. The Board reviewed the May 31, 1971 audit. Based on the review of this audit, on motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board agreed that financial documents were in order for the completion of the division and reorganization of the Martin-Howard-Midland Soil and Water Conservation District #203.

Harvey Davis reported on the status of Matching Funds expended for the 1971 fiscal year. Originally requesting Matching funds were 154 districts in the amount of \$188,784. Of the 95 districts requesting supplements, 24 of these districts were not in the original request. Each Board Member was presented a detailed summary of Matching funds received by districts for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1971.

At the time of preparation of the budget for the 1972 fiscal year, the Lower Pease River SWCD #122 was in the process of dividing and reorganizing into the Foard County SWCD #161 and the Lower Pease River SWCD #162. No Matching funds were requested in the 1972 budget for these districts. Since that time the Foard County SWCD #161 has requested \$2,000 in Matching funds for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1972. The requested amount in the 1972 budget was not appropriated; therefore districts requesting Matching funds will receive only 75% of their requested amount. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board agreed to allocate \$1,000 of Matching Funds for the fiscal year ending 8-31-72 to the Foard County SWCD #161.

Mr. Davis reviewed the effects of Presidential Freeze order #11615 of August 15, 1971. All salaries were frozen. State's participation in Employee's insurance was frozen. Office rent had increased due to an exception of "competitive bidding."

The Board discussed the 1973 budget request. Additional personnel consisting of a Program Coordinator and five Soil Conservationists will be requested. Due to the increase in postage rates additional funds will be requested in Consumable Supplies and Office expense. Since the Board Members have been functioning without sufficient per diem, additional funds will be requested in this account.

Harvey Davis reviewed statistics on the twenty-five District Director Workshops held during the months of June, July and August. Of the 190 Soil and Water Conservation Districts only 18 districts were not represented.

The Board reviewed the program for the 31st Annual State Meeting of District Directors to be held in McAllen, Texas, October 19, 20 and 21, 1971. Considerable time was spent outlining topics of discussion for the District Directors Area Sessions.

The Board discussed the 1973 Annual Meeting site. The Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel of Fort Worth was tentatively holding the dates of October 23-25, 1973 open. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board agreed to select a site for the meeting at a later date.

Mr. Davis reviewed the State Board travel expense budget for the 1972 fiscal year. Each member received a listing of the official State holiday schedule ending August 31, 1972.

Copies of an audit by representatives of the State Auditor's Department for the two years ended August 31, 1970 had been received by each Board Member. No discrepancies were noted in the operation of our department.

Mr. Davis read a letter from David Hall, Governor of Oklahoma inviting our participation in a meeting to be held on October 6, 1971 of Southern Great Plains on weather modification. The Board agreed that Mr. Davis or his designee attend if feasible.

Albert Roach and John Millican attended the Southern State Boards & Commissions meeting held in Knoxville, Tennessee on September 13-14, 1971.

The next meeting of the State Board will be held at 2:00 p.m., October 19, 1971 at the Ramada Inn, McAllen, Texas.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Albert Roach  
Chairman

Josephine Chupik  
Secretary

November 18, 1971  
Date

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 September 16, 1971.

November 18, 1971  
Date

Lancey Davis  
Executive Director