

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
September 16, 1976

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met in the Inca Room of the South Park Inn, Lubbock, Texas on Thursday, September 16, 1976 at 8:15 a.m.

In attendance were:

State Soil and Water Conservation Board

Albert Roach, Chairman
Joe Antilley, Vice Chairman
J. Frank Gray, Member
E. W. Wehman, Member
Henry Turney, Member
Harvey Davis, Executive Director
Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer
Josephine Chupik, Office Manager
Bill Reece, Field Representative
Fred Squyres, Field Representative

Others:

Charles Wood, Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts
Jimmy Hill, Soil Conservation Service, Watersheds
Ken Carver, High Plains Water District
Bill Henderson, Plains Cotton Growers
Duncan Ellison, Water, Inc.
Dr. Anson Bertrand, Texas Tech. University

The minutes of the July 25, 1976 meeting were approved as read.

Chairman Roach welcomed the guests.

Sonny Kretzschmar reported on a field examination on the Lanana Bayou watershed sponsored by the Nacogdoches Soil and Water Conservation District and the City of Nacogdoches. Due to an unfavorable benefit-cost ratio, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board disapproved the project.

Mr. Kretzschmar reported to the Board that the sponsors of the following watersheds had requested withdrawal of their application in the P. L. 566 program:

Barton's and Sundays Creek # 135 (Palo Pinto SWCD)
Cabeza Creek # 18 (Karnes-Goliad and DeWitt County SWCDs)
Chiltipin #217 (San Patricio SWCD)
China Creek # 216 (Wilbarger & Wichita SWCDs)
Cow-Grass-Turkey # 22 (Karnes-Goliad SWCD)
Irons Bayou # 127 (Panola and Shelby SWCDs and Rusk SWCD)
Lower Neches # 199 (Jasper-Newton and Lower Sabine-Neches SWCDs)
Lower San Gabriel River # 99 (Little River-San Gabriel & Taylor SWCDs)
Lower Waller Co. # 151 (Navasota and Harris SWCDs)
Madera Canyon # 213 (Toyah-Limpia SWCD)
Marcelinas Creek # 35 (Wilson County & Karnes-Goliad SWCDs)
North San Gabriel River # 98 (Little River-San Gabriel & Hill Country
Ramirena Creek # 41 (Live Oak SWCD) SWCDs)
San Antonio and Nueces # 193 (Medina Valley, Atascosa County, and
Alamo SWCDs)
San Patricio # 218 (San Patricio SWCD)
South San Gabriel River # 100 (Little River-San Gabriel & Taylor SWCDs)
Spindletop Bayou and others #233 (Lower Trinity & Trinity Bay SWCDs)
Upper North Wichita River # 220 (Upper Pease & King-Stonewall SWCDs)
Wilbarger Creek # 89 (Taylor & Bastrop SWCDs)
Wichita Valley-Pond Creek # 180 (Wichita SWCD)

A motion was made by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray to withdraw these watersheds. Motion carried.

Jimmy Hill reported on the status of watershed activities in the P. L. 566 Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program.

The Board considered the two district director appointments on which action was delayed in the July 25, 1976 board meeting. All appointment forms were in order. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved Kenneth B. Culpepper as director of the Atascosa County SWCD #307 and John Hardee as director of the Johnson County SWCD #541.

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board also approved the following district director appointments:

E. L. Rhoades, Jr. - Bosque SWCD # 522
Bobby Dale Williams - Upper Sabine SWCD # 530

A petition for division of the Gaines-Andrews Soil and Water Conservation District #128 had been received on August 30, 1976. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board agreed to proceed with the division and decided it was not necessary to hold a public hearing

unless a hearing was requested by the local people.

Petitions and supporting documents for the following transfers of territory had been filed on September 8, 1976:

- (1) Portion of Dallas County in the Kaufman-Van Zandt SWCD # 505 to the Dalworth SWCD # 519
- (2) Portion of Kaufman County in the Dalworth SWCD # 519 to the Kaufman-Van Zandt SWCD # 505

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the transfers of territory as being practicable and feasible and approved the new subdivisions for each district.

A request was received on August 9, 1976 from the Alamo SWCD # 330 to change the zone boundaries within the district. Old descriptions of boundaries stopped at the city limits of San Antonio and the new zone descriptions go to downtown San Antonio. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the new zone boundaries.

A request was received on August 17, 1976 from the High Point SWCD # 230 to change the boundaries in zones 1 and 5 of the district in order to have qualified directors serve on the district board. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board approved the new zone boundaries.

By letter the Brazos-Robertson SWCD # 431 requested the Board reconsider the matching fund allocation to this district. Matching funds in the amount of \$1,500.00 are in the 1978-1979 biennium budget request of the Board for the Brazos-Robertson SWCD # 431. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by H. W. Turney, the Board did not honor the request because the State Board 1978-1979 biennium budget has already been filed and the Board was holding the 1978-1979 budget at the last biennium total honoring the Governor's request on spending.

Mr. Davis reported that out of \$430,237.00 allocated in Matching Funds for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1976, \$430,236.25 has been received by 194 Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Each Board member received a report showing the status of matching funds received by individual districts.

Sonny Kretschmar reviewed a Draft Interagency Cooperation Contract in the amount of \$66,000 with a provision to increase the amount to \$100,000 between the Texas Water Quality Board and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board relative to planning as set forth in Section 208 of Public Law 92-500, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 and designated by the Governor's Executive Order DB 18-A. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the contract and authorized Harvey Davis to sign it.

At 11:00 a.m. a delegation from the Deep Creek Watershed project near Snyder, Texas met with the Board. (Attendance sheet attached.) Representatives of the City Council of Snyder, the County Commissioners and the directors of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District appeared before the Board to re-affirm their position as sponsors to carry out financial responsibilities to completion in the Deep Creek watershed project.

The meeting recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

District director elections were held on Saturday, August 14, 1976 in zone 3. A report by individual districts was given each Board member showing names of new and re-elected directors by districts. Of the 191 election results received to date, 49 directors were new directors and 142 were re-elected directors. Four districts failed to hold elections and one district has not completed all the forms.

The Board discussed the 1976 Texas Conservation Awards Program, since the July 25, 1976 meeting commitments had not been fulfilled. Due to problems encountered, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board agreed to withdraw participation in the Texas Conservation Awards Program for 1977. A motion was made by Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, that the State Board notify all districts of the decision and encourage each district to have its own local conservation awards program. Motion carried.

Mr. Davis reviewed the Annual State Meeting Program. The meeting will be held on October 12, 13 and 14, 1976 in McAllen, Texas. Items for the Area Discussion Sessions were discussed including resolutions that have been received to date.

The Board discussed a possible site for the 1977 Annual State Meeting. Mr. Turney advised the Board that Mr. Dave Simons, Director of the McLennan County SWCD had contacted him and extended an invitation to hold the meeting in Waco. The Board agreed to check facilities in Waco and the Hilton Inn in Austin.

Mr. Davis reported that the Wright Amendment regarding Section 404 of PL 92-500 had failed by 1 vote in the Senate. The amendment would have confirmed the federal permit system for disposal of dredged and fill materials to traditional navigable waters and associated wetlands.

Mr. Davis discussed the USDA Service Centers. Districts are objecting to mandate guidelines in reference to open space, created by tearing down walls without regard to cost and the use of rotary telephone systems.

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board authorized official representation by attendance at the following Field Days:

Thursday, September 23, 1976 at the "Bud" Smith Plant Materials Center, Knox City, Texas

Thursday, October 7, 1976, "Brush Control & Range Improvement," at the Pitchfork & 6666 Ranches, Guthrie, Texas.

The next meeting of the State Board will be at 2:00 p.m. on October 12, 1976 in McAllen, Texas.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Albert Roach
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

October 12, 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 September 16, 1976.

October 12, 1976
Date

Sammy Davis
Executive Director