

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
October 23, 1975

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 8:30 a.m. on October 23, 1975 in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present were:

Henry Turney, Chairman
Albert Roach, Vice Chairman
Joe Antilley, Member
E. W. Wehman, Member
Frank Gray, Member

Others present were the following staff members:

Harvey Davis, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer
Bob Buckley, Staff Services Assistant
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist
Jay Kuykendall, Administrative Technician
Josephine Chupik, Office Manager

The minutes of the September 23, 1975 meeting were approved as read.

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

Miguel Olivarez - Hidalgo SWCD #350
C. M. Newton, III - Navarro SWCD # 514
Michael E. Holland - Palo Pinto SWCD #518

The Board considered a request from the Hill Country Soil and Water Conservation District # 534 for a watershed feasibility study on Simms Creek. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board agreed to request assistance of the Soil Conservation Service to determine the feasibility of a watershed project on Simm's Creek.

District Director elections were held in zone 2, October 1 thru 15, 1975. Each member was given the name and address of the re-elected director and the new director for each district in their respective area. Of 171 election results received to date, 132 directors were re-elected and 39 were new directors.

Harvey Davis reported on the attendance at the Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors held in Fort Worth, Texas on September 23, 24, and 25, 1975. Of the 622 people in attendance, 245 of these were directors representing 135 districts, 141 were directors' wives, 49 other ladies and 187 other men. Each Board member received a report showing how many directors were present from each district in Texas. A financial statement on the meeting was given to each Board Member. (copy attached)

As a result of the passage of a resolution at the Annual State Meeting, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, as amended, was discussed relative to responsibilities for the State Board and districts in relation to Section 208 of this act. After considerable discussion, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board authorized Harvey Davis to set up a meeting date with Governor Dolph Briscoe to discuss State responsibilities under Section 208 and other matters pertaining to the State Board and Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the State.

The National Association of Conservation Districts will hold its Annual Meeting on February 1 thru 5, 1976 in Honolulu, Hawaii. To date 414 people from Texas are planning to make the meeting. A motion was made by Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, that all Board Members, Harvey Davis, John Millican and Josephine Chupik officially attend this meeting. Motion carried.

Watershed funding was discussed briefly. Out of the Operating Budget for watershed planning, \$89,700 has been committed out of \$130,000.00 budgeted.

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board authorized Harvey Davis to sign a project agreement on the Big Creek watershed in Marlin in the amount of \$22,300.00 leaving a total of \$1,800.00 uncommitted. ^{\$18,000.00}

The Board discussed S2081, the Land and Water Resource Conservation Act of 1975 now in the Senate of the United States. This act provides for furthering the conservation, protection and enhancement of the Nation's land, water and related resources. No position was taken on this bill by the Board.

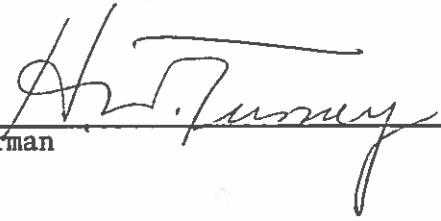
Mr. Davis reviewed a model memorandum of agreement between Councils of Government and Resource Conservation and Development Sponsors. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board agreed to adopt a policy requesting Soil and Water Conservation Districts not to enter into a memorandum of agreement or contract with any other organization, other than an agreement or contract solely of a local nature, without conferring with the State Board. A letter to this effect will go to each district.

Mr. Davis explained the policy of Soil Conservation Service on accepting contributions and gratuities. An offer of gratuity in cash or in kind for expenses in attending conferences, appearing on TV, radio, etc. or speaking at meetings to professional or education groups, which is job related cannot be accepted because of the appearance of a conflict of interest.

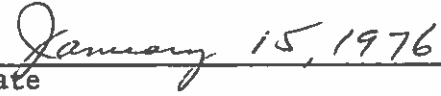
Mr. Davis presented the Board with an invitation from the McLennan County Soil and Water Conservation District to hold the 1977 Annual State-wide meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors in Waco, Texas. No action was taken.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for November 20, 1975.

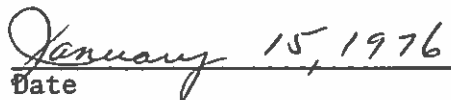
The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.



Chairman


Secretary


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 October 23, 1975.


Date


Executive Director