

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
May 1, 1980

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on May 1, 1980 at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1006 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

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

Staff members present were:

A. C. Spencer, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs
James Moore, Engineer
Leonard Pietzsch, Chief Accountant
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor

Others present were:

George Marks, Soil Conservation Service
Budd Fountain, Soil Conservation Service
Jimmy Hill, Soil Conservation Service
Dr. Bill Harris, Agricultural Extension Service
Dr. Clarence Richrdson, Science and Education Administration
Jim Webster, Texas Forestry Association

Chairman Wehman called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests.

The minutes of the March 20, 1980 board meeting were approved as read.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, the following district directors were approved:

C. S. Tom - Upper Nueces-Frio SWCD # 238
Charles H. Freeman - Wilson County SWCD # 301
Alvin Lee Walker - Winter Garden SWCD # 326
John Mayers - Webb SWCD # 337
Ralph Prince - Upshur-Gregg SWCD # 417

Mr. Spencer informed the Board of progress on the State Plan. By May 15 ten meetings will be held with data compiled on present preliminary questionnaires. Informational data may be changed as an outcome of these meetings. Informational data consists of identification of soil and water conservation problems,

determination of resource availability and determination of effective means to solve conservation problems.

James Moore informed the Board that an application under PL 83-566 Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program on Big Creek (Delta County) for land treatment only had been received by the Board. This is the first application of this type and will need to be studied as to its potential benefits. The Board decided to develop a criteria to be used before making any decision on the application and will consider the application in its next board meeting.

Bob Buckley presented a proposed contract between the State Board and the Texas Department of Water Resources covering the remainder of the 80-81 biennium for work to be done under the 208 program. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board voted to accept the terms of the contract and authorized A. C. Spencer to sign it.

James Moore presented and discussed the proposed 208 work elements to be carried out by the State Board which were proposed in "The State of Texas Water Quality Management Planning Work Plan - FY 1980". It was generally agreed to proceed with development of the work elements as presented.

Bob Buckley presented a proposal to transfer \$23,000 of the State Board's 208 planning funds to the Sabine River Authority to improve their monitoring program on Lake Tawakoni and to provide required public participation activities to cover work done by the State Board under the 208 planning program. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board voted to accept the proposal and authorized the staff to carry out the transfer of funds contingent upon staff approval of the contract modification between the Sabine River Authority and the Texas Department of Water Resources covering the referenced activities. Bob Buckley then discussed the ASCS -Rural Clean Water Program Handbook.

James Moore presented and discussed the response to a letter from the Environmental Protection Agency to the Governor of Texas conditionally approving

eight reports dealing with nonpoint source pollution. One of the reports was the "Statewide Congrol Strategy for Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution in Texas" prepared by the State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Each condition of approval and the response prepared for it was discussed. The Board generally agreed that the response was adequate to be sent to the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Steering Committee met in San Antonio on April 18, 1980 to work on arrangements for the Annual Meeting of District Directors to be held on September 30, October 1 and 2 in San Antonio. John Millican reported on availability of lodging facilities. Reservation cards will show lodging at the Marriott and Mengers Hotels. Even though expensive, there is an abundance of lodging facilities available. Food prices have also escalated thereby increasing costs of meal functions for the meeting. The Board agreed to increase the registration fee for the meeting from \$10.00 to \$15.00 for the gentlemen in attendance. Ladies registration remains free. Mr. Spencer informed the Board that letters had been written to several people inviting them to be on the program.

The Board discussed the 1982-83 biennium budget request. The Board agreed to increase employee's salaries in accordance with guidelines set up by the Texas Public Employees' Asssocation of 13.6% in fiscal year 1982 and 10.2% in fiscal year 1983 with 1.7% in merit funds for each biennium. Additional increases are for operating expenses and travel due to inflation. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board will seek one additional Soil Conservationist's position.

John Millican informed the Board that a petition was received on March 31, 1980 to divide and reorganize the King-Stonewall Soil and Water Conservation District # 120. A motion was made by Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, to set public hearings in this district to determine if landowners react favorably.

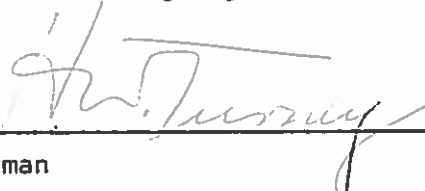
Letters requesting additional conservation assistance (matching funds) adjustments from newly organized Tom Green SWCD and Eldorado-Divide SWCD were reviewed. Letters of explanation on supplemental funds which will be distributed on August 1 will be written to inform these districts. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board tabled action until August.

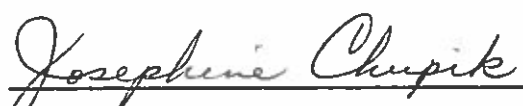
Remarks were made by George Marks, Dr. Richardson, Dr. Harris and Jim Webster. Each spoke briefly about their organization's activities.

Chairman Wehman had called the special meeting for May 1, 1980 in place of the regular meeting of May 15, 1980. After serving on the Board representing Area III for 31 years, Mr. Wehman chose not to seek re-election on May 6, 1980. Mr. Wehman thanked the Board members for their excellent working relations during all these years. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board elected Henry Turney as Chairman and Albert Roach as Vice-chairman.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 12, 1980.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

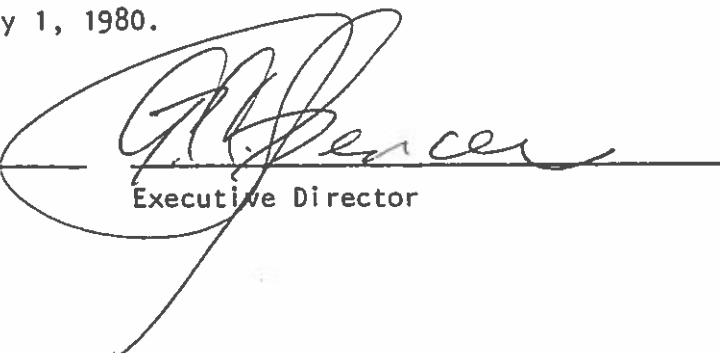

Chairman


Secretary

June 12, 1980
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on May 1, 1980.

June 12, 1980
Date


Executive Director