

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
May 20, 1982

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on May 20, 1982 at 8:00 a. m. in the Conference Room, 1006 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present were:

Albert Roach, Chairman
Joe Antilley, Vice Chairman
Frank Gray, Member
Clarence F. Schendel, Member
Hermon L. Petty, Member

Staff Members present were:

A. C. Spencer, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs
Leonard Pietzsch, Chief Accountant
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist
Mel Davis, Soil Conservationist
James Moore, Engineer

Others present were:

Joe Montgomery, Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts
George Marks, Soil Conservation Service
Budd Fountain, Soil Conservation Service
Jimmy Hill, Soil Conservation Service
Dr. Earl Burnett, Agricultural Research Service
Carl Mullen, Legislative Budget Board
G. A. Jennings, Calhoun Soil & Water Conservation District
Pete Wright, Soil Conservation Service

Chairman Roach called the meeting to order.

Since each board member received by mail a copy of the minutes of the meeting held April 22, 1982 and their being no changes, on motion of Frank Gray, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the minutes were approved without being read.

On motion of Hermon L. Petty, seconded by Frank Gray, the board approved the appointment of C. Ray Russell as district director on the Howard SWCD #243.

Three soil and water conservation districts requested additional matching funds be allocated for the 1983 fiscal year. On motion of Joe Antilley,

seconded by C. F. Schendel, the board established the following allocations for the 1983 fiscal year:

Crockett SWCD # 235	\$4,000.00
Loma Blanca SWCD # 328	1,000.00
Willacy SWCD # 349	4,000.00

Jimmy Hill gave a report on activities on the P. L. 83-566 watershed protection and flood prevention program. Mr. Hill also briefed the group on the "land treatment only" watershed projects in the Big Creek-Delta Co., Lower Bois d'arc, Mountain Creek, and Upper South Fork-Sabine River watersheds.

Mr. Marks reported on the visit of Peter C. Myers, new chief of Soil Conservation Service on April 26-29. Mr. Myers toured the west Texas area viewing conservation on rangelands, wind erosion and irrigation water management.

Dr. Burnett expressed an interest in assisting the State Board staff in developing information on water erosion on cropland in the Blackland Prairie area of the State.

Joe Montgomery gave a report on the meeting held in Ozona on May 17 of the Hill Country Area Association of SWCDs.

Carl Mullen, Program Analyst for the Legislative Budget Board was introduced to the Board. Mr. Mullen has been assigned to work with the Board in regard to program evaluation.

Mr. Spencer informed the Board that numerous requests have been received for the State Plan summary.

John Millican discussed the 1982 annual state meeting to be held in Austin, Texas on October 4, 5, and 6. The same format will be followed for the program as in previous years. The Planning Committee composed of Joe Antilley, C. F. Schendel, Hermon Petty, Joe Montgomery, Waldo Smith and Wilson Scaling will meet prior to the next board meeting to select speakers for the program. The Board agreed to invite Governor Clements as a speaker.

Mel Davis discussed the Conservation Awards material being developed for the 1983 program. The addition of separate awards for "Conservation Farmer" and "Conservation Rancher" was discussed. A motion by Joe Antilley to have separate entries for these categories died for lack of a second. The category will remain "Conservation Farmer or Rancher".

Mel Davis reported on field tests on the wetlands classification systems currently being conducted by the Soil Conservation Service. Information from these tests will be finalized by September 1, 1982.

Clyde Gottschalk informed the board that the recently completed film documentary on the State Plan was being reproduced for use by districts.

Mr. Spencer reported on correspondence to Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block from Governor Clements with regard to the proposed RCA "preferred program" stating the program was not in the best interest of the State of Texas, its people and its resources.

On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board agreed to hold its next meeting in Temple on July 14, 1982.

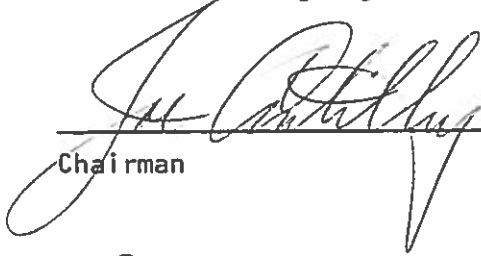
Mr. Jennings, chairman of the Calhoun SWCD # 345, discussed the problem of shoreline erosion in Calhoun County. The Board and Mr. Jennings jointly agreed that funding for shoreline erosion research could best be obtained through separate legislation with the funds to be administered by the State Board. On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board agreed to support this approach.

A motion was made by Hermon Petty, seconded by C. F. Schendel, to exclude the shoreline erosion item from the 1984-85 budget of the State Board and approve the budget in the amount of \$4,410,060 for fiscal year 1984 and \$4,419,627 for fiscal year 1985.

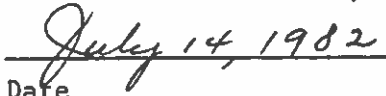
On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the board

elected Joe Antilley as chairman and Frank Gray as vice chairman.

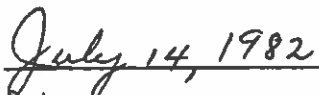
The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary


Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on May 20, 1982.


Date


Executive Director