

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
September 16, 1987

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on Wednesday, September 16, 1987 at 8:00 a.m. in its Conference Room at 311 North 5th Street, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Joe Antilley, Chairman  
C. F. "Dick" Schendel, Vice Chairman  
Fred Squyres, Member  
Albert Roach, Member  
Hermon L. Petty, Member

Staff members present were:

Harvey Davis, Executive Director  
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director  
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs  
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist  
James Moore, Engineer  
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor  
Jay Kuykendall, Planner  
Rex Isom, Soil Conservationist  
Mel Davis, Soil Conservationist

Others present were:

Waldo Smith, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts  
Dale Fischgrabe, Soil Conservation Service  
Dr. Clarence Richardson, Agricultural Research Service  
Comer Tuck, Texas Water Development Board

Chairman Antilley called the meeting to order.

On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Dick Schendel, the minutes of the July 15, 1987 meeting were approved as mailed out to each Board member.

John Millican presented a request from the Dos Rios Soil and Water Conservation District # 322 to change its subdivision boundaries. The new proposed boundary lines would more equitably distribute the area in subdivision 2 and 3. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Dick Schendel, the Board approved the new subdivision boundaries.

On motion of Dick Schendel, seconded by Fred Squyres, the Board approved the following district director appointments:

Charles W. Wood - Lubbock SWCD # 108  
Jack A. Moreman - Donley County SWCD # 127  
William T. Lovelady - El Paso-Hudspeth SWCD # 205  
Lawrence Jost - North Concho River SWCD # 208  
Joe Daggett - Trans-Pecos SWCD # 231  
Alan W. Stasney - Coastal Plains SWCD # 317  
Dolph "Chip" Briscoe, III - Dos Rios SWCD # 322  
J. D. Mueller - Washington SWCD # 348  
Robert L. Cargill - Montgomery-Walker SWCD # 425  
M. J. Moore - Johnson County SWCD # 541

Since the 2nd Called Session of the Legislature was still in progress at the time of the July 15, 1987 board meeting, a preliminary estimated operating budget for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1987 was approved. Final passage of Senate Bill # 1, the appropriation bill for FY 1988 and 1989 mandated a reduction of .065% of the agency's total appropriation bill of \$2,875,644.00. To implement this reduction, technical assistance funds were reduced by \$18,692.00 leaving a total of \$902,251.00 for FY 1988. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board approved the Operating Budget for FY 1988 reflecting the reduction as per attached.

Bob Buckley discussed the allocation of technical assistance funds under Agriculture Code, Section 201.202 (Subchapter H). Harvey Davis presented information on a problem in Erath County where a number of dairies are being required to obtain discharge permits from the Texas Water Commission and are in need of technical assistance to develop required waste management systems. On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by Dick Schendel, the Board postponed allocation of the funds until their November meeting in order to better evaluate program needs in the Erath County area with the exception of an allocation of \$6,760.00 to the Midland Soil and Water Conservation District # 244.

Some of the Board Member's travel expense for fiscal year 1987 had exceeded the Board's allocation; however, since funds were available, on motion

of Dick Schendel, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board approved payment of travel expense for fiscal year 1987.

On motion of Dick Schendel, seconded by Fred Squyres, the Board approved an allocation of \$5,000.00 per member in travel and \$1,800.00 in per diem per member for fiscal year 1988. The amount is the same as for FY 1987.

Joe Antilley welcomed the guests and opened the floor to comments.

Harvey Davis introduced Rex Isom, new State Board field representative for Area I, to be headquartered in Idalou. Mr. Isom replaces W. Y. "Bill" Reece who has retired.

Dale Fischgrabe reported on the Conservation Field Day held in Fayette County on August 21 and 22 and indicated the possibility of one being held in Hunt County in the future. Mr. Fischgrabe briefed the Board on the status of the Conservation Reserve Program and their efforts to contract with soil and water conservation districts for the development of conservation plans under the 1985 Food Security Act. Mr. Fischgrabe thanked the Board for their comments relative to the 2nd RCA Appraisal and discussed Income Tax Guidelines relative to soil and water conservation programs. Mr. Fischgrabe discussed the FY 1988 Soil Conservation Service Budget with the Board.

Hermon Petty suggested that the Board prepare additional comments on the 2nd RCA Appraisal suggesting that the entire preface of the report be re-written to include recognition of the progress made relative to conservation of soil and water resources by existing conservation programs.

Comer Tuck updated the Board on the status of rules governing their Grants to Districts and Pilot Loan Programs.

James Moore gave a status report on nonpoint source pollution management activities and presented a proposed interagency contract with the Texas Water Commission for \$50,000 to cover the development of the agricultural and silva-

cultural components of the State's nonpoint source assessment and management program during the 1988 fiscal year. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Fred Squyres, the contract was approved and Harvey Davis authorized to sign it.

James Moore briefed the Board on the status of a proposed Land Treatment Watershed Project under P.L. 83-566 in Medina County and indicated that the applications for assistance should be forthcoming.

James Moore reported that the memorandum of understanding between the State Board and the Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation was in final form after giving the Board members a revised draft for review in the January Board meeting. On motion of Dick Schendel, seconded by Fred Squyres, the Board authorized Joe Antilley, Chairman and Harvey Davis, Executive Director, to sign the agreement. (copy attached)

The program was reviewed for the Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors to be held in Galveston on October 12, 13, and 14, 1987. Food and entertainment is lined up for the "Get-Acquainted" reception the opening evening. An array of informative speakers will open the general session on Tuesday morning with the afternoon consisting of workshops on educational information. Many favorable comments have been made in regards to not having a banquet on Tuesday night; thereby giving those in attendance an opportunity to enjoy Galveston during this free evening. According to reports from the lodging facilities, 524 rooms have already been reserved indicating a good attendance for the meeting.

Staff from various agencies composing the State Conservation Review Group will meet on September 28, 1987 in College Station to formulate recommendations on the sodbuster compliance program.

In accordance with Article V, Section 80 of Senate Bill # 1, 70th Legislature 2nd Called Session, requiring financial disclosure statements of employees responsible for signing contracts and expenditures be approved by the Board and

filed annually, Harvey Davis presented a copy of his financial disclosure statement signed by Mr. Davis April 15, 1987 that had been filed with the Secretary of State. On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the financial disclosure statement thereby fulfilling its responsibility pursuant to this provision in the appropriation bill.

Bob Buckley discussed the changes in the powers and duties of the State Auditor, State Comptroller and Purchasing and General Services Commission implemented by recent legislation and the potential affect on state agencies by the new laws. Activities included in the changes involve State funding responsibilities, auditing procedures, Statewide automated payroll and personnel system and various other changes.

Harvey Davis discussed HCR 36 passed during the 70th Legislature, 2nd Called Session creating a fifteen member special committee to study the re-organization of State government. This special committee shall present its findings and recommendations to the 71st Legislature. This item will be discussed in the Area Discussion Sessions at the Annual State meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors in Galveston.

Chairman Antilley reported on the NACD Leadership Conference held August 26, 27 and 28, 1987 in Albany, New York. The conference covered several topics concerning leadership in soil and water conservation districts.

Clyde Gottschalk showed a film on brush management. Mr. Gottschalk informed the Board that a series of films on various topics assisting districts would be made for educational purposes.

Harvey Davis informed the Board that travel and lodging would be handled by a travel agency out of Atlanta, Georgia for the annual meeting of the South Central and South Eastern Region of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors to be held in Puerto Rico on July 24-28, 1988 and that specific information was

not available at the present time. Prior to this meeting, all arrangements were made through the Southern Representative's Office of the National Association of Conservation Districts. David Firor, Southern Representative of NACD, advised that all details would be handled by the travel agency not his office.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for November 18, 1987.

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Joe Contilly  
Chairman

Josephine Chupik  
Secretary

November 18, 1987  
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on September 16, 1987.

November 18, 1987  
Date

Henry Davis  
Executive Director