

Official Minutes  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
November 16, 1988

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on Wednesday, November 16, 1988, at 8:00 a.m. in its Conference Room at 311 North Fifth Street, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present were:

C. F. "Dick" Schendel, Chairman  
Fred Squyres, Vice Chairman  
Joe Antilley, Member  
Hermon Petty, Member  
Larry McCasland, Member

Staff Members present were:

Harvey Davis, Executive Director  
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director  
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs  
James Moore, Engineer  
Leonard Pietzsch, Chief Accountant  
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist  
Jay Kuykendall, Planner I  
Lois Cain, Secretary  
Mel Davis, Soil Conservationist  
Bob Gruner, Soil Conservationist  
Rex Isom, Soil Conservationist  
Joe Freeman, Soil Conservationist  
Johnny Oswald, Soil Conservationist  
Roy Freeman, Soil Conservationist  
Andy Garza, Soil Conservationist  
David Powell, Soil Conservationist  
Joe McKay, Soil Conservationist  
Don Brandenberger, Soil Conservationist  
Dub Crumley, Soil Conservationist

Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District  
Directors present were:

Clyde Hale, President  
Charles "Buddy" Clark, Vice President  
W. Q. Richards, Secretary-Treasurer  
Donald Swann, Director  
S. W. Dorrell, Jr., Director  
Waldo Smith, Immediate Past President

Others present were:

Bobby Young, Texas Forest Service  
Comer Tuck, Texas Water Development Board  
Dr. Clarence Richardson, Agricultural Research Service  
Dr. B. L. Harris, Soils Specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service  
Dr. Charles Allen Jones, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station  
James Abbott, Soil Conservation Service  
Jo Chupik, former State Board employee

Chairman Schendel called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Hermon Petty, the minutes of the October 3, 1988, board meeting were approved as mailed out to each board member.

John Millican reviewed information on appointees for district directors for consideration. On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Larry McCasland, the Board approved the following district director appointments:

R. N. Fletcher, Dimmit County SWCD #320  
Elton L. McAndrew, Little River-San Gabriel SWCD #508

The appointment of Jake Schrum to the Upshur-Gregg SWCD #417 was approved pending receipt of appointment papers.

Bob Buckley presented copies of the performance report prepared by the Legislative Budget Board and reported there were no formal recommendations. He advised the Board that the next meeting of the Legislative Budget Board was scheduled for December 5 and 6, 1988.

Buckley discussed the audit "Report on the Limited Review of Internal Controls and State Compliance" prepared for the State Soil and Water Conservation Board by the State Auditor's Office and reported there were no significant findings.

Buckley indicated that audits for the two-year period ending August 31, 1988 for each soil and water conservation district were now being received in the State Board headquarters.

Bob Buckley discussed the State Travel Management Program. He advised the Board that a meeting on December 14, 1988, with State Purchasing and General Services Commission would be held to outline this new program for our agency. He advised the Board to continue as usual with their travel until further notice.

James Moore reported on a meeting with the Texas Water Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency held November 9, 1988, in Dallas relative to approval of the State Nonpoint Source Assessment. Changes to the Agricultural/Silvicultural component of the assessment needed for approval by EPA were discussed. The Board expressed no objection to any of the changes. The Board was given copies of a newly signed EPA-SCS Memorandum of Understanding on maintenance and improvement of water quality.

The nonpoint source management program under development for the North Bosque River was discussed including a proposal for a cooperative demonstration and monitoring project with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Water Resources Institute. The need for funding through Subchapter H for the Bosque and Upper Leon Districts to carry out provisions of the management program was discussed. On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by Fred Squyres, the Board endorsed the management program for the North Bosque River.

James Moore presented the Board with information on the State Watermaster Program and discussed recent Texas Water Commission developments in implementing the program in South Texas as well as plans for implementing the program state-wide.

James Moore briefed the Board on a request by the Brazos County Soil and Water Conservation District #450 to the Texas Water Development Board to loan money under the Pilot Loan Program for Low Interest Loans for Agricultural Water Conservation Equipment to persons in the Burleson-Lee Soil and Water

Conservation District #313. He explained that the proposal had been tentatively approved by Water Development Board legal staff pending an adequate inter-local agreement between the two districts. The Board was then informed about a request by the Brazos County Soil and Water Conservation District #450 to loan money under the same program to persons in Starr County. Comer Tuck stated that it was the Water Development Board staff's position that such a request would not be approved by the Water Development Board, but that they would be happy to work with the Starr County Soil and Water Conservation District #332 to become a lender under the program. James Moore indicated that he was scheduled to meet with the Starr County SWCD on November 23 to discuss the matter.

Comments from agencies and guests were then heard. James Abbott presented information on Food Security Act accomplishments for the first six sign up periods. He advised the Board that the next sign up period will begin in February 1989. He also advised that the Corsicana watershed construction office will be closed and its people reassigned.

Comer Tuck from the Texas Water Development Board informed the Board of their plans for the upcoming legislative session including authorization of the \$200 million agricultural water conservation program.

Bobby Young of the Texas Forest Service in Lufkin reported they have had a major problem with fires set by arsons. He indicated they were looking forward to a good tree planting season.

Dr. Clarence Richardson of the Agriculture Research Service reported on uses of their computer models in the water quality field and briefed the Board on their ongoing research relative to brush control.

Dr. Allen Jones briefed the Board on activities of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station involved with computer modeling, brush management and non-point source management.

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Dr. Bill Harris reported on efforts to reorganize agricultural programs at Texas A & M University.

Josephine Chupik, former State Board Office Services Supervisor, was presented a plaque by the Board Chairman Schendel on behalf of the Board to show their appreciation for the 31 years of service she had worked for the Board.

Clyde Hale reported on the activities of the State Association and on the twelve workshops that had been conducted through the year for District Directors at area association meetings. He expressed his appreciation to all the people who had a part in any of these workshops. He also expressed appreciation to the State Board for their requesting additional funding from the State Legislature to continue the programs that have already been started.

Bob Buckley advised the Board that they had \$86,632.05 in Subchapter H Technical Assistance Funds to allocate. He presented requests from the Bosque Soil and Water Conservation District #522 and Upper Leon Soil and Water Conservation District #525 requesting a \$5,000 allocation for each district to be used for water quality activities. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Fred Squyres, it was decided to grant these special requests before going on to the other allocations. Motion passed.

On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Hermon Petty, the remaining funds were allocated as per attached thus giving Area I \$23,873.00; Area II \$15,517.45; Area III \$17,427.29; Area IV \$6,684.44 and Area V \$13,130.15. Motion passed.

The Board then broke up and met with their respective field representatives to consider the fiscal year 1989 Subchapter H Technical Assistance Fund allocations for conservation districts. When the board reconvened Hermon Petty moved, seconded by Larry McCasland, to approve the allocations as per attached list. Motion carried.

Supplemental claims for the 1988 fiscal year were then discussed. Buckley advised the Board that Hidalgo Soil and Water Conservation District #350 had sent in a late claim for supplemental technical assistance reimbursements. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Fred Squyres, it was approved to include this claim with others when considering supplemental technical assistance requests. Motion carried.

Supplemental requests exceeded the balance in the Technical Assistance funds. Fred Squyres made the motion to reduce each supplemental request by 24.861%. Hermon Petty seconded, motion carried. Fred Squyres also made the motion that the staff have the option to make adjustments for any errors as necessary. Larry McCasland seconded and motion carried.

John Millican presented the report on the 48th Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors held in Lubbock, Texas on October 3, 4 and 5, 1988. He said although the attendance was down he had heard many good comments on the meeting.

Larry McCasland advised the Board that some directors had expressed a desire to resume having the banquet during the annual meeting and suggested a mailing be done to the districts taking a poll on whether to reinstate the banquet. Other board members agreed. It was also decided to poll the directors for a possible site for the 1991 annual state meeting.

Mel Davis reviewed the resolutions that had been passed by the district directors at the 48th Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors.

John Millican reported on the 1988 District Directors elections held in subdivision four of each soil and water conservation district during October 1-15, 1988. A list of newly elected directors was given to each Board member.

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Harvey Davis gave a report on recommendations made by the Governor's Committee on Water Resource Management. Recommendations directly affecting the State Board would include the chairman serving on a State Water Coordinating Council and authorize the Board to prepare a plan on the physical conditions of the watersheds in the state.

Harvey Davis and Joe Antilley reported on a meeting that they had attended of the Special Committee on State Government Organization. Antilley advised the Board that the committee let stand the previous recommendations of the Natural Resource Sub-committee to leave the State Board as is and would meet again in December and try to get a final report.

Hermon Petty made a report on a meeting he had attended in Harlingen, Texas on October 28, 1988, on the Senate Natural Resources Committee - State Wetlands Policy.

Harvey Davis passed out results of the November 8, 1988, general elections for the information of each Board member.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 18, 1989.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

C. J. Schudel  
Chairman

Luis Cain  
Secretary

1-18-1989  
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on November 16, 1988.

1-18-1989  
Date

Harvey Davis  
Executive Director