

MINUTES
TEXAS STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD
JANUARY 28, 1946

The Texas State Soil Conservation Board met in Lubbock, Texas January 28, 1946 at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Walter W. Cardwell, Chairman. Other members of the Board present were C. M. Caraway, Horace K. Fawcett, S. J. Payne and V. C. Marshall, Executive Director. Visitors were Louis P. Merrill, Regional Conservator of the Soil Conservation Service, Paul H. Walser, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, and the five directors of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation District Supervisors, W. E. Moncrief, President-Manager, H. H. Sandel, G. K. Horton, R. M. Boswell and J. Forrest Runge.

The minutes of the meeting of October 12, 1945 were read and approved. Determination of Practicability and Feasibility of the annexation of additional territory to the Southmost Soil Conservation District No. 319 was approved, the election having carried by a vote of 872 to 26.

The request of Parmer County that the State Board cooperate with them in setting up an advisory committee in Parmer County Wind Erosion District was discussed by members of the Board. A motion was made by S. J. Payne, seconded by C. M. Caraway that the policy of the State Board be that no further advisory committees in Wind Erosion Districts be set up. This being due to the fact that a ruling by the attorney general that ~~no~~ soil conservation districts could be set up in the same territory without affecting the wind erosion districts. Motion adopted.

The changes in the boundary lines of subdivisions in the North Texas Soil Conservation District No. 415 and Coastal Soil Conservation District No. 432, as made by the supervisors, be approved.

The Kleberg County annexation to the San Diego-Agua Dulce Soil Conservation District No. 311 was discussed but final action was deferred until the next meeting. Action on the determination of need of the Brooks County Soil Conservation District was also deferred until the next meeting of the State Board.

Mr. Louis P. Merrill discussed at some length the conditions and status of drainage districts in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, more particularly Texas. He said there were some 200 odd drainage districts in this area, some of them active, some semi-active and a number dormant and insolvent. He made definite recommendations as to procedures necessary to eliminate or change the status of these drainage districts before assistance could be given by the Agricultural Department.

Mr. Paul H. Walser discussed ~~the~~ improvements in range control work in the State. He also said that 93 organized districts now have work units in them.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned at 11:00 p.m.


WALTER W. CARDWELL, Chairman of Board


A. L. LILES, Secretary

Approved this the 4 day of March, 1946