

MINUTES OF STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY

29th, 1944

The State Soil Conservation Board met in the Board room at Temple Texas on February 29th, 1944, at 9 a.m., with the following members present: Walter W. Cardwell, Chairman, C. M. Caraway, Horace K. Fawcett, J. P. Martin, and W. M. Deck. The members of the Association of the Texas Soil Conservation District Supervisors, having been invited to attend this session of the State Soil Conservation Board, were present at this meeting: W. E. Moncrief, President-Manager, R. M. Boswell, H. H. Sandel, C. M. Fletcher; Mr. J. Forrest Runge, the other member, was unable to be present. Others present were V. C. Marshall, Administrator, Howard H. Goss, Field Representative, and Paul H. Walser, State Soil Conservationist, S. C. S.

The minutes of the Board Meeting at Cisco, Texas on December 14th, 1943, were read and approved.

It was considered and determined that the operation of the Nolan-Aquilla Soil Conservation District is administratively practicable and feasible.

Petitions for annexation of additional territory to the following soil conservation districts were received and dates for hearings ordered arranged by the Administrator: The North Concho River, No. 208; Upper Leon, No. 525; and Middle Guadalupe Basin, No. 308.

Petitions for hearings on proposed soil conservation districts in Hardeman and Foard Counties, and in Motley and Cottle Counties, were received, and the Administrator was instructed to arrange for said hearings.

The appointments of supervisors in subdivisions 2 and 4 in soil conservation districts in Kendall County and Menard County were reported, and on motion by Horace K. Fawcett, seconded by C. M. Caraway, same were approved.

Draft of a proposed letter to be mailed to State Legislators, Congressmen, and U. S. Senators was read by V. C. Marshall, and approved by the Board.

Budget estimates to be submitted to the State Board of Control by the Board for fiscal years ending August 31st, 1946 and 1947 were considered, as well as changes in title of Administrator, Field Representative and Administrative Assistant. The following recommendations were made and adopted: that the title of Administrator be changed to Executive Director; Field Representative to Chief of Engineering and Planning; and Administrative Assistant to <sup>Chief Clerk and</sup> Assistant Executive Director.

BUDGET ESTIMATES REQUESTED

	Aug. 31, 1946	Aug. 31, 1947
<u>ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS</u>		
1 Per diem of delegates	\$ 408	\$ 408
2 Mileage of Delegates	600	600
<u>PER DIEM, MILEAGE, SALARIES</u>		
3 Per diem, Five Board Members \$10 per day	1,500	1,500
4 Per diem, District Supervisors \$4 per day	22,000	25,000
5 Mileage of District Supervisors	11,000	12,000
6 Executive Director (was Administrator)	6,000	6,000
7 Chief of Engineering and Planning (was Field Representative)	5,000	5,000
8 Assistant Executive Director (was Administrative Assistant)	3,200	3,200
9 Secretary	1,800	1,800
10 Stenographer	1,500	1,500
<u>TRAVEL EXPENSES - MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
11 Travel expense, Five Board Members	1,500	1,500
12 Travel expense, Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director	1,000	1,000
13 Travel Expense, Chief of Engineering and Planning	2,000	2,000
14 Office Rental	1,000	1,000
15 Heat, Light, Water and Contingent	1,000	1,000
16 Office Equipment - Furniture	200	200
17 Stationery and Printing	1,000	1,000
18 Telephone and Telegram	600	600
19 Postage and Express	750	750
20 Publication, Notices of Public Hearings	200	200
	<u>62,258</u>	<u>66,258</u>

Then followed a general discussion of problems of conservation of the soil. This discussion covered the diversity of the problems of the State Board, the duties of Members of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation District Supervisors, District Supervisors, and particularly of the need for educational programs to interest the community at large. It was proposed that a series of meetings be called by the Association of Texas Soil Conservation District Supervisors, one meeting to be held in each of the five State Districts, before the next State Meeting; this proposal was adopted, and the following dates and places were agreed upon: <sup>Waco, Tex</sup> Luling, April 19th, 1944; Crockett, May 17th, 1944; San Angelo, June 14th, 1944; Plainview, <sup>July 2, 1944</sup> ~~July 10,~~ 1944; and Stephenville <sup>July 12,</sup> ~~August 9,~~ 1944. All State Board Members were urged to attend these district meetings.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned at 1 p.m.

Walter W. Cardwell  
Chairman

O. P. Eiler  
Secretary