Meeting Minutes
TEXAS STATE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
March 22, 2006

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on March 22, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in its Hearings Room at 311 North 5th Street, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Aubrey Russell, Chairman
W. T. (Dub) Crumley, Member
Larry Jacobs, Member
Reed Stewart, Member
José Dodier, Member

Board members absent were:

Jerry Nichols, Vice Chairman
Joe Ward, Member

Staff members present were:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
Andy Garza, Program Supervisor
Judy Albus, Program Supervisor
John O'Connor, Program Supervisor
Steve Jones, Program Supervisor
Carter Miska, Program Supervisor
Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor
Mark Cochran, Program Supervisor
Jack Foote, Program Specialist
Bob Gruner, Program Specialist
Ben Wilde, Program Specialist
Joe Freeman, Program Specialist
Adrian Perez, Program Specialist
Kendria Ray, Program Specialist
David Powell, Program Specialist
Joel Clark, Program Specialist
Don Brandenberger, Program Specialist
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist
Richard Egg, Engineer
Mel Davis, Program Specialist
Dawn Heitman, Program Specialist
Vicki Davis, Administrative Coordinator

Others present were:

Steven Bednarz, Natural Resources Conservation Service
John Miller, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Chairman Russell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and introduced Mr. Bednarz and Mr. Miller who presented a Watershed Protection Workshop for those present (agenda attached).

The workshop concluded at 1:00 p.m.

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TEXAS STATE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
March 22, 2006

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on March 22, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. in its Hearings Room at 311 North 5th Street, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Aubrey Russell, Chairman
Jerry Nichols, Vice Chairman
W. T. (Dub) Crumley, Member
Larry Jacobs, Member
Joe Ward, Member
Reed Stewart, Member
José Dodier, Member

Staff members present were:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
Andy Garza, Program Supervisor
Judy Albus, Program Supervisor
John O'Connor, Program Supervisor
Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor
Mark Cochran, Program Supervisor
Jack Foote, Program Specialist
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Joel Clark, Program Specialist
Don Brandenberger, Program Specialist
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist
Kenny Zajicek, Fiscal Officer
John Foster, NPS Team Leader
Lee Munz, NPS SWCD Liaison
T.J. Helton, NPS Grant Coordinator
Aaron Wendt, NPS Watershed Coordinator
Donna Long, NPS Project Coordinator
Richard Egg, Engineer
Mel Davis, Program Specialist
Clyde Gottschalk, Program Specialist
Vicki Davis, Administrative Coordinator

Others present were:

Denise Gentsch, BASF

Chairman Russell called the meeting to order at 12:40. A work session was conducted which covered all agenda items in detail. Questions were taken and answered.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes
TEXAS STATE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
March 23, 2006

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on March 23, 2006, at 8:00 a.m. in its Hearings Room at 311 North 5th Street, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Aubrey Russell, Chairman
Jerry Nichols, Vice Chairman
W. T. (Dub) Crumley, Member
Larry Jacobs, Member
Joe Ward, Member
Reed Stewart, Member
José Dodier, Member

Staff members present were:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
Andy Garza, Program Supervisor
Judy Albus, Program Supervisor
John O'Connor, Program Supervisor
Steve Jones, Program Supervisor
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Others present were:

Clyde Bohmfalk, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Charles Maguire, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Kraig Gallimore, Texas Water Development Board
Dr. Larry Butler, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Salvador Salinas, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Kevin Wagner, Texas Water Resources Institute
Tamara Daniel, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Darrell Williams, Eco Environmental Services

Chairman Russell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., welcomed those present, thanked the persons responsible for the luncheon on Wednesday and stated his desire for more casual attire at Summer Board meetings. He asked that any staff or Board member objecting to more casual attire contact Ms. Davis.

AGENDA ITEM 1. Reports from Agencies and Guests

Charles Maguire, TCEQ informed the Board his agency is working on the advance planning for Sanderson Farms facilities which will be opening in the Waco area.

Clyde Bohmfalk, TCEQ introduced Charles McGuire who is new to their agency and stated they are waiting for input from EPA on their CAFO regulations.

Larry Butler, NRCS reported on: watershed issues, 2006 budget balances, retirements, 2007 proposed budget, cleanup following Hurricane Rita, EQIP, WHIP, WSP, Farm Bill, fires in the State and NRCS' response to them.

John Foster introduced Darrell Williams and stated the Board has entered into a 319 contract with Mr. Williams which will utilize his expertise on AFO's and CAFO's.

Tamara Daniel, ATSWCD reported on the upcoming legislative trip to Washington, D.C.

Kevin Wager, TWRI reported on his meetings with State Board Brush and 319 personnel.

AGENDA ITEM 2. Minutes from the January 18-19, 2006 Board Meeting

Chairman Russell called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18-19, 2006 meeting as emailed. Mr. Dodier moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3. District Director Appointments

Ms. Davis presented district director appointments for the Board's consideration and verified they were in order and met all qualifications. Mr. Nichols moved the appointments be approved as presented. Mr. Dodier seconded and the following appointments were unanimously approved:

Tamara J. Holdsworth, Winter Garden #326, Zone 5, Replace Roy "Bodie" Davidson
William A. Doerge, Rusk #447, Zone 5, Replace Angus Mims
Donald Bumpurs, Robertson County #451, Zone 2, Replace Robert L. Dodds, Jr.

Johnny Haseloff, Wilbarger #537, Zone 2, Replace Wendell Mints

AGENDA ITEM 4. Consider Readoption, Revision, or Repeal of:

31 TAC, Part 17, Chapter 517, Subchapter A, §517.1-517.12, Financial Assistance Program

31 TAC, Part 17, Chapter 519, Subchapter A, §519.1-519.12, Technical Assistance Program for Soil and Water Conservation Land Improvement Measures

31 TAC, Part 17, Chapter 521, §521.1-521.13, Technical Assistance Program for Soil and Water Conservation Land Improvement Measures

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Crumley moved the Board readopt each rule as currently written. Mr. Dodier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5. Review and Approve Waiver(s) as per 523.6(E)(2)(E), TAC

Mr. Garza reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved that the State Board approve the waiver requested by Wood SWCD. Mr. Stewart seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6. Review and Approve Rule Amendments for §523.1 and §523.3-523.6 of Chapter 523, TAC, Agricultural and Silvicultural Water Quality

Mr. Garza reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved the proposed rule amendments be approved and published in the Texas Register. Mr. Nichols seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7. Review and Approve Proposed Cost-Share Allocations for Upper Colorado #115 and Mitchell #207 as per S.B. 503 Program

Mr. Garza reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Stewart moved $20,000 be allocated for each district effective April 1st, that funds for these allocations be taken from agency cost savings, that these allocations not be considered permanent, and must be obligated by August 31, 2006. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8. Review and Approve Requests for State Board to Grant Exception as per §201.308(E) of the Ag Code

Mr. Garza reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved the Board grant exception to Upper Colorado SWCD, Mitchell SWCD and Howard SWCD for the remainder of FY 06. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 9. Approve State Brush Plan

Mr. Oswald reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Stewart moved the Board adopt the proposed State Brush Control Plan presented at the September 2005 Board meeting as final. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 10. Approval of Comments to be Submitted to TCEQ Regarding Proposed Amendments to 30 TAC 321, Subchapter B, Related to Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

Mr. Foster read the draft comment letter to the Board. Mr. Nichols moved the Board approve the draft comment letter as read and instructed that it be sent to TCEQ. Mr. Crumley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 11. Approval of TMDL for Dissolved Oxygen in Lake O' the Pines

Ms. Long reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved the Board approve the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Dissolved Oxygen in Lake O' the Pines as presented. Mr. Nichols seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 12. Select Future State Meeting Sites for 2007-2008

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Chairman Russell requested that Mr. Davis look into other locations for the 2007 and 2008 State Meetings and report back to the Board at their next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 13. 2006 Annual State Meeting

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information and presented Arlington on October 23-25 and Waco on October 30-November 1 as alternatives to Fort Worth. Mr. Nichols moved the Board accept the Arlington proposal and the 2006 Annual State Meeting be held in Arlington, October 23-25. Mr. Crumley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 14. North Bosque Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan Program Update

Mr. Foster reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 15. Army Compatible Use Buffer Update

Mr. Isom reported that Ft. Hood had submitted the ACUB proposal to Washington. Once the proposal has been approved in Washington, it will be reviewed by George Noelke of the Attorney General's Office and be discussed further with the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 16. GLCI/TSSWCB Sponsored Brush Control Tour

Ms. Ray reviewed the agenda information stating GLCI will sponsor the tour with State Board staff assisting.

AGENDA ITEM 17. Legislative Budget Request & Strategic Planning

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 18. Financial Report

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 19. NACD Report

Mr. Dodier and Ms. Daniel reported on the NACD meeting in Houston and thanked the Board members who attended and staff who assisted. Mr. Jacobs encouraged the NACD to inform legislators of the magnitude of the devastation as a result of the fires in Texas. It was suggested that the State Board send a letter of encouragement and concern to the Association and a copy be sent to all districts.

AGENDA ITEM 20. NACD South Central Meeting – Corpus Christi – August 1-3, 2006

Ms. Daniel reported on topics to be covered at the meeting and stated the need for assistance from area staff.

AGENDA ITEM 21. Coastal Coordination Council Report

Mr. Dodier and Mr. Egg reviewed the agenda information. The Board requested that staff keep districts informed concerning this program and funding opportunities.

AGENDA ITEM 22. Flood Control Dam Update

Mr. Egg reviewed the agenda information. Board members stated their appreciation of the workshop presented March 22nd.

AGENDA ITEM 23. Human Resources Report

Ms. Heitman reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 24. Public Information/Education Report

Mr. Gottschalk reviewed the agenda information and gave further information concerning the District Director Training.

AGENDA ITEM 25. Brush Control Program Update

Mr. Oswald reviewed the agenda information. He stated new proposals for work on Chinese Tallow would be presented at the May Board meeting and took questions from the Board on use of beetles for brush control.

AGENDA ITEM 26. Poultry Program Status Report

Mr. Cochran reviewed the agenda information with input from Mr. Crumley.

AGENDA ITEM 27. Dairy Manure Export Support (DMES) Program Update

Mr. Helton reviewed the agenda information and took questions from the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 28. Clean Water Act, §319(h) NPS Grant Program Status Report

Mr. Helton reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 29. Watershed Protection Plan Program

Ms. Long reviewed the agenda information

AGENDA ITEM 30. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program Status Report

Ms. Long reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 31. Set Date of Next Board Meeting

Mr. Crumley moved that the date of the next scheduled board meeting be set as May 17 and 18, 2006. Mr. Stewart seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Russell called the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Chairman

Secretary

5/18/06
Date

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I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board meeting held on March 22-23, 2006.

5/18/06
Date

Executive Director