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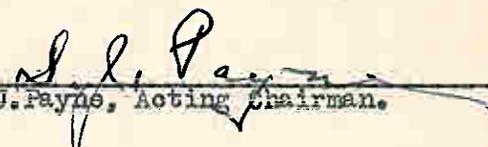
The State Soil Conservation Board met in its office at Temple, Texas, June 25, 1948, 9 a.m., with S.J. Payne acting as Chairman in the absence of Mr. Horace K. Fawcett. Other Board members present were C.M. Caraway and J.P. Martion. Others present were; J.D. Prewitt, Acting Director of Extension Service, Dr. Sloan Jones, Vice Director of Experimental Stations, J.A. Scofield, District Agent, Extension Service, and Paul Walser, State Soil Conservationist of the Federal Conservation Service.

The minutes of the last meeting of the State Board held in Amarillo, April 19, Dalhart 19, were read and approved.

The Board approved the Determination of Need for Ochiltree County as of May 8, 1948; Also the Determination of Need for the inclusion of additional territory to the Brown-Mills S.C.D. as of May 9, 1948; Also the Determination of the practicability and feasibility of the annexation to the Brown-Mills S.C.D. as of May 9, 1948.

The Board then proceeded to discuss a new Memorandum of Understanding between the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the State Soil Conservation Board. After a general discussion on this agreement by paragraph, with some changes was had and finally adopted. Copy of said Agreement is hereby attached and made a part of these minutes.

No further business appearing for attention the Board adjourned at 12m.


S. J. Payne, Acting Chairman.


Secretary.

Adopted and approved 10 day of Sept, 1948.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE OF TEXAS
AND THE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

The foundations for prosperity and independence in agriculture are building and maintaining a productive soil and developing an adequate water supply.

Soil and water conservation are not something apart from good farm management practices. They are not an end, but a means to an end. They are an essential consideration of wise land use aimed at better long-time profits from the farm business and more security in the homes of the Nation.

Accordingly, the A. and M. College of Texas welcomes the opportunity to revise and extend the original Memorandum of Understanding adopted in 1939, between the State Soil Conservation Board and this institution in order that we may be more efficient in our efforts in securing more adequate conservation practices on the farms and ranches of the State.

The College will cooperate with the State Soil Conservation Board in the fullest manner in order to put into practice such plans as may be developed in conference with the Board, District Supervisors, and agencies under agreement with them.

With the passage of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 providing for the establishment of the Agricultural Extension Service as the third branch of the land-grant college system, the foundation was set for continuing educational programs in soil and water conservation and in other basic phases of sound farm and ranch management. The law reads in part as follows:

"In order to aid in diffusing among the people of the United States useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture and home economics and to encourage the application of the same ... to persons not attending college ... and imparting to such persons information on said subjects through field demonstrations, publications and otherwise."

The A. and M. College Extension Service through County Agents, District Agents and Specialists, will continue to conduct demonstrations and otherwise to accomplish the purpose as set out in the law. The A. and M. College Experiment Stations, through their research programs, will continue to develop useful and practical information in subjects relating to soil building and soil and water conservation. Therefore, the College appreciates the opportunity to assist the State Soil Conservation Board and all the District Boards of Supervisors in taking this information to the people of Texas.

ASSISTANCE THE A. AND M. COLLEGE WILL RENDER IN ESTABLISHING
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS AND IN BUILDING PROGRAMS AND PLANS OF WORK

- A. The A. and M. College will conduct the educational work necessary to the setting up of new districts and will assist in the development of programs and plans.

- B. County agents will inform landowners of the provisions of the State Soil Conservation Law. (H. B. 444, Forty-Sixth Legislature)
- C. County agents will assist the State Board in the conducting of public hearings by arranging time and place of meeting and by encouraging landowners to attend such hearing.
- D. Should the public hearing result in a referendum on the proposal to create a district, the county agent will conduct or direct informational meetings in order that landowners will be informed as to the provisions of the State Soil Conservation Law and the purposes of a district.
- F. County agents will assist the State Board in:
 - 1. Securing a polling Superintendent to conduct the referendum.
 - 2. Arranging for meeting place and inviting landowners to participate in election of supervisors of the soil conservation district.
 - 3. Arranging meeting place for the installation of the new board of Supervisors and will invite representatives of all agencies under agreement with the State Board to be present for the occasion.
 - 4. All other matters pertaining to the setting up of the district.
- F. The county agent will meet with the Board of Supervisors, in so far as his schedule will permit, at all preliminary and regular meetings to assist in:
 - 1. The selection of landowners to act on committees in the building of a program and plan of work for the district.
 - 2. An advisory position to all such committees in helping them to build a program and plan of work.
- G. The county agricultural agent and home demonstration agent will assist the Supervisors in making information contained in the program and plan of work available to all people of his or her county.
- H. The home demonstration agent will assist the Supervisors in developing those phases of the plan and program of the district which deal with the farm home.

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ORGANIZED SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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- C. The county agent will assist the Board of Supervisors in conducting the educational work of the district by:
1. Advising people of facilities and services available through the soil conservation district.
 2. Assist the supervisors in development of priority areas in order that the work of conservation might be expedited.
 3. Conducting meetings to inform the people of the problems pertaining to soil building, soil and water conservation and the proposed methods for their solution in order to carry out plans of the district.
 4. Assisting the Supervisors in planning, scheduling, and conducting, with appropriate agencies, demonstrations in establishing soil and water conservation practices.
 5. Assisting the Supervisors in planning, scheduling, and conducting, with appropriate agencies, group meetings, tours, field days, etc., for the purpose of observing established demonstrations in soil building and soil and water conservation.
 6. Arranging for the assistance of appropriate subject-matter specialists from the College.
 7. Assisting with a sufficient number of farm plans in order that there will be mutual understanding of the Soil Conservation District work plan.
 8. Arranging for local publicity on:
 - (a) Progress in executing soil building and conservation plans.
 - (b) Success stories, citing results obtained.
- D. The county agent will give educational information to members of the 4-H Clubs on the Soil Conservation Law, its purposes and intent, and on methods of soil building, soil and water conservation.
- E. The county agent will counsel with the Board of Supervisors in building his annual plan of work particularly as it relates to soil building, soil and water conservation in order that it may effectuate the carrying out of the district plan of work.
- F. The county agricultural agents will submit to the Board of Supervisors a report of their yearly activities relative to the work done in assisting the District.
- G. The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, the agricultural research division of the A. and M. College of Texas, develops and evaluates practices, principles and materials which can be used to improve and maintain soil and water resources. The staffs at the Main Station and thirty substations and field laboratories, together with the local staffs of cooperating research

agencies of the United States Department of Agriculture, will assist in the analysis and definition of problems and development of programs and plans of work for conservation districts.

- H. The well considered programs of the soil conservation districts are highly important guides to the Experiment Station in developing more nearly adequate research programs for specific regions of the State.
- I. The Experiment Station seeks more effective methods of making research information more readily available and usable by educational and other agencies concerned with soil and water resources. Particular attention is called to the cooperative development of a program of demonstration and field trials to determine the "range of application" of promising results of research.
- J. Plans will be perfected by the College for the purpose of assembling and placing in the hands of Supervisors, information on the latest research pertaining to soil and water conservation and soil building in order to assist them in exercising leadership in this important work.
- K. The College will continue to train every young man receiving a degree in agriculture in those fundamental principles of soil building, soil and water conservation and familiarize them with the State Soil Conservation Law and its place in agriculture.
- L. The Extension Service District Agents are the official representatives of the A. and M. College of Texas in the various Extension Service Districts, and they will counsel with county agents and District Boards of Supervisors from time to time in any and all provisions of this memorandum of understanding and all other matters that involve the continuation of a better understanding between all parties concerned.

Approved in meeting with State Soil Conservation Board in Temple, Texas,
on June 25, 1948.