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TEXAS STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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MINUTES OF STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 30, 1944

The State Soil Conservation Board met in Y.M.C.A., College Station, Texas, October 30, 1944, at 8 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walter W. Cardwell. The Members of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation District Supervisors, having been invited to meet with the State Board at this time, and all of them being present, Mr. Cardwell then introduced the members of this board as follows:

W. E. Moncrief, State District 5, President-Manager, Arlington
H. H. Sandel, State District 4, Shiro
R. M. Boswell, State District 3, Kenedy
J. Forrest Runge, State District 2, Christoval
C. E. Fletcher, State District 1, Childress

Members and employees of the State Soil Conservation Board were then introduced, all of whom were present except Horace K. Fawcett of Del Rio.

Mr. V. C. Marshall, Executive Director, read a detailed report of activities and business handled by the office since the last meeting of the State Board, August 16, 1944, which is hereto attached and made a part of these minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting on August 16, 1944, held in Childress, Texas, were then read and approved. Mr. Marshall discussed the situation over the State regarding petitions already received and those that would probably be presented to the Board soon. Those already having been received were: Polk County, Lower Neches (Hardin County), Upper Neches (Angelina County), and McMullen County. Other petitions are being circulated in Live Oak, San Patricio, Cameron, Hidalgo, Nueces, Tyler, Jasper, Newton, Gillespie, and probably in some other counties. Some of these would be annexations to other soil conservation districts already operating.

Mr. Howard H. Goss, Field Representative, discussed his activities in the field during the past few weeks. He and Mr. P. G. Haines having made a trip into deep East Texas on an educational tour, results of which three petitions had already been received, and probably three more were being circulated. Conditions in and around the Southmost District in Hidalgo and Cameron Counties, and probably petitions for annexation of additional territory were discussed at some length, also conditions in Live Oak and McMullen Counties.

The improvement in methods of soil conservation, and the results obtained, was discussed by Mr. Marshall. It has been proven that practical methods have been very beneficial. He suggested that more attention should be centered on the better grades of our soil and their rebuilding, with marginal lands to follow in order.

A Hearing having been held at Corpus Christi and Robstown, Nueces County, as to need for the annexation of additional territory to the San Diego-Agua Dulce Soil Conservation District, No. 311, on October 3, 1944, it was determined by the Board that there was need for this annexation.

Elections having been held in the following proposed soil conservation districts:

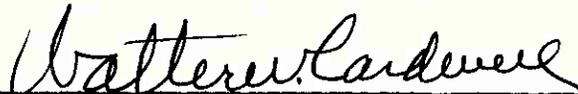
Lower Pease River	No. 122
Upper Pease	No. 121
Lower Trinity	No. 435,

and each of them having carried by the necessary two-thirds majority, it was considered and determined that the operation of a district in each of these locations is administratively practicable and feasible.

After consultation with the members of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation District Supervisors, it was decided to hold the annual meeting in College Station on December 6th and 7th, 1944.

On the following day, both boards were to visit activities in A. & M. College regarding research work in soil building, and use of legumes, grasses, etc.

There being no further business to be transacted, the board adjourned at 10 p.m.



Walter W. Cardwell, Chairman



A. L. Liles, Secretary

Since the meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board at Childress, Texas on August 16th, meetings have been conducted at Breckenridge, and Nacagdoches on August 18th. The Nolan-Aquilla Board of Supervisors was organized on August 23rd. The Board of Supervisors of the Kerr County Soil Conservation District was organized on August 25th. The Hill Country Soil Conservation Board of Supervisors was organized in Lampasas on August 29th.

On September 2nd a meeting was held with supervisors and committees of the Menard County Soil Conservation District in the interest of the development of a program and plan for the district. Mr. Goss attended a meeting of the Northeast Panhandle Cattle Feeders' Association on September 4th; also called on county agent Wheeler at Wellington on September 5th at the request of district agent Knox Parr.

A meeting was conducted on September 7th with the board of supervisors of the Kendall County Soil Conservation District in the interest of the preparation of program and plan for the district. Meeting scheduled at Hemphill on September 11th was omitted because of the death of a member of the commissioners' court of that county.

Meetings were conducted at Livingston, Woodville, Kountze, Orange, Newton, Jasper and Lufkin through September 15th in the interest of conservation work in the respective counties.

On September 20th, a meeting was held with the Board of Supervisors of the Brazoria-Galveston Soil Conservation District for the purpose of organizing the board, setting up committees, etc. in preparation for the development of a program and plan for the district.

On September 21st, a meeting was conducted at Johnson City with the Pedernales Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors, this being for the purpose of organizing the board and assisting the board with plans in the further development of the district.

On September 22nd, the board of supervisors of the Upper Clear Fork Soil Conservation District was organized at a meeting held at Roby, Texas. Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, President of Howard Paine College accompanied Mr. Goss on this trip, and was present at the organization of the board of the Upper Clear Fork District. At the conclusion of this meeting, Dr. Thomas addressed the group briefly, and with the statement that he would see to it that some 3,000 Baptist preachers in Texas were properly informed about this type of work.

On October 2nd a meeting was held with the board of supervisors at Lockhart. Public hearing was scheduled for Corpus Christi at 10 a.m. on the 3rd. this meeting was adjourned to Robstown because it was considered that the group in attendance at Corpus Christi were not representative of the landowners involved in that portion of Nueces County not included in a soil conservation district in

which interest the meeting was being held. The meeting was conducted at Robstown as scheduled with good attendance.

The Board of Supervisors of the Southmost District was organized at Brownsville at 2 p.m. on the 4th.

Boards of supervisors were visited at Alice and Seguin on the 7th. On the 10th, meeting was conducted with the board of supervisors of the Taylor Soil Conservation District. On the 11th, a meeting was conducted at Kerrville with the supervisors and committees in connection with the preparation of a program and plan for the district.

Mr. Goss also attended a meeting of the Experiment Station at San Antonio on the 11th, and a meeting of the board of supervisors at Pleasanton on the 12th.

On October 10th Mr. Goss visited the Taylor Soil Conservation District and was in attendance at a regular meeting of the Board of the Taylor District. On the 11th a meeting was held with the District Supervisors of Kerr County Soil Conservation District at which time committees were appointed to begin work on the program and plan for the district. The work has been somewhat retarded here because of the illness of the county agent who has been confined to the hospital for some time.

On October 12th. Mr. Goss spent the day at the San Antonio Experiment Station. Dr. Clements, who is an outstanding authority on ecology was present for the field day and with others present had the opportunity to hear Dr. Clements discuss the agricultural evils from the standpoint of ecology.

On October 17 through 21st Mr. Goss accompanied Mr. Roy Gough on a field trip through the Southwestern section of the State including Senora, Ft. Stockton, Marfa, Pecos, Balmorhea. Reports indicate that it is extremely difficult to supply the type of men needed in connection with the program being carried on in this section of the State. When range men of experience are more readily available it will be of great advantage to districts of this particular section.

On September 19th accompanied by Mr. Walser, the Administrator conferred with the various organizations in Dallas interested in the conducting of a State Wide Soils Clinic to be held in Dallas. Governor Stevenson is lending his assistance as sponsor of the State Wide Clinic to be held in Dallas.

On September 21st accompanied by Mr. Walser and at the invitation of the district supervisors we attended a joint meeting of civic clubs at Longview. This meeting was well attended and as a business group much interest was displayed by those in attendance in support of the conservation program.

On October 23rd accompanied by Mr. P. G. Haines, Soil Conservation Specialist of the Extension Service, the Administrator proceeded to Dallas to discuss further the proposed State Wide Soils Clinic. Because of meetings previously scheduled for the city of Dallas it was decided that it would be inadvisable to hold such a meeting prior to February 1945. Arrangements are proceeding as it is definitely determined that the meeting will be held during the later part of February or in early March.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SINCE AUGUST
16th, 1944

PLACE	PROPOSED NAME	DATE
Corpus Christi	To be annexed to San Diego-Agua Dulce S. C. D., No. 311 (All of Nueces County Not now included in a Soil Conservation District)	October 3, 1944
Robstown	To be annexed to San Diego-Agua Dulce S. C. D. No. 311 (All of Nueces County not now included in a soil conservation district)	October 6, 1944