

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
January 15, 1976

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on January 15, 1976 in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were: Henry Turney, Chairman; Albert Roach, Vice Chairman; Joe Antilley, Frank Gray and E. W. Wehman.

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director; John Millican, Assistant Executive Director; Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer; Bob Buckley, Staff Services Assistant; and Josephine Chupik, Office Manager of the State Board staff and George Marks, State Conservationist; Bob Swenson, Deputy State Conservationist; and Logan Crews, Assistant State Conservationist, Watersheds.

Since copies of minutes of the October 23, 1975 and November 18, 1975 meetings were mailed to each member, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the minutes were approved without being read.

Mr. Turney welcomed George Marks, new State Conservationist for Texas and Bob Swenson, Deputy State Conservationist.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board approved the following District Director appointments:

Morris White - Hays-Caldwell-Travis SWCD # 304  
Willie Greve - Anderson-Houston SWCD # 421  
John Mulkey, Jr. - Ellis-Prairie SWCD # 504

Mr. Marks reported briefly to the Board on activities of the Soil Conservation Service. Nationwide 355 additional employees will be added to Soil Conservation Service staff. At this time it is not known how many Texas will have of this amount. Part-time help with base pay of \$3.02 an hour will be available to districts on a day to day sharing arrangement with first choice being offered in the 74 designated Service Centers.

A field examination was reviewed on the Oyster Creek watershed in the Coastal Plains Soil and Water Conservation District in Fort Bend County. Due to an unfavorable benefit-cost ratio of 0.32:1.00, on motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board disapproved the watershed.

Logan Crews reviewed the current status of watershed activities in Texas.

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board granted a planning priority on the Afton Area watershed in Dickens County contingent upon the Dickens County WCID # 2 passing a bond issue in order to meet local financial responsibilities and becoming a sponsor of the project and on the Big Creek watershed in the Coastal Plains Soil and Water Conservation District in Fort Bend County.

Mr. Davis advised the Board that some decision needed to be reached relative to initiating a sediment and erosion control project. The Board agreed to check with the Attorney General as to the legality of construction before proceeding further toward initiating a project.

A letter had been received on December 1, 1975 from the Maverick Soil and Water Conservation District # 228 requesting additional matching funds. This district had received its total allocation of \$1,200 for the 1976 fiscal year prior to receipt of the letter. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board agreed to defer this request until such time when all districts will be given an opportunity to request supplemental matching funds.

The State Development Group of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service will meet in College Station on January 21, 1976 to develop the 1976 Agricultural Conservation Program. A motion was made by Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman that Mr. Davis or whichever

staff member he designates, represent the State Board at this meeting.

Motion carried.

During the 64th Legislative Session, 1975, House Bill 275 was passed setting up specific dates for elections in Texas as follows: 3rd Saturday in January; 1st Saturday in April; 2nd Saturday in August. After considerable discussion, the Board agreed to hold District Director elections on the 2nd Saturday in August and the State Board member election on the 1st Saturday in April.

Each Board Member was given a financial statement showing expenditures and the balance of appropriations for the 4 month period ending December 31, 1975.

John Millican reported that at this time approximately 400 people will attend the NACD meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii on February 1-5, 1976.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 18, 1976.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

*H. J. Turvey*  
Chairman

*Josephine Chupik*  
Secretary

March 4, 1976  
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board meeting held on January 15, 1976.

March 4, 1976  
Date

*Laney Davis*  
Executive Director