

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD
JANUARY 16, 1964

The State Soil Conservation Board met in regular session in its office in the First National Building at 8:30 a.m., January 16, 1964, at Temple, Texas.

Board members present were: J. Frank Gray, Chairman; E. W. Wehman, A. F. Leesch, and J. S. Sharp.

Others present were: H. D. Davis, Executive Director, S. E. Jones, Assistant Executive Director, and J. M. Norton, Engineer, of the State Board staff; C. W. Graham, Assistant State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service; and A. L. Bading, Executive Director of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts.

Minutes of the November 13, 1963, meeting were read and approved.

Harvey Davis reported on a new watershed application received by the Board on North Cuero watershed in the Dewitt Soil Conservation District. It was necessary that action be taken prior to this meeting, therefore, Mr. Davis disapproved the application on January 8, 1964 pending a field examination. On motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by A. F. Leesch, the Board approved Mr. Davis' action.

Preliminary field examinations were reviewed with the Board on Upper Navasota River watershed in the Navarro Hill and Limestone-Falls Soil Conservation Districts and Cornudas & North Draws watershed in the El Paso-Hudspeth Soil Conservation District in Texas and the Otero Soil and Water Conservation District in New Mexico. Upon favorable reports the Board approved these two applications as being favorable projects for planning on motion by A. F. Leesch, seconded by J. S. Sharp.

Preliminary surveys on Upper California Creek and Lower California Creek watersheds in the California Creek Soil Conservation District indicated these watersheds were not economically feasible. On motion by A. F. Leesch, seconded by

E. W. Wehman, the Board disapproved these two applications.

On motion by A. F. Leesch, seconded by J. S. Sharp, an amended application on South Concho River watershed in the Eldorado-Divide Soil Conservation District was tabled by the Board for further checking on the need and advisability for amending the application.

Mr. C. W. Graham reviewed the current status of watershed appropriations and watershed planning in Texas. It appears that funds will be reduced which in turn may affect the progress of watershed planning the next fiscal year. Mr. Graham discussed the hold up on the Big Creek watershed work plan near Bryan and expressed his doubts that the plan could be made acceptable.

A tentative schedule for watershed planning was reviewed by the Board on Chocolate Bayou near Port Lavaca, Duck Creek at Spur, Chicota Creek near Paris, Rush Creek near Commanche, and Running Water Draw near Plainview.

The Cameron County watersheds were reviewed by the Board. Cameron County is still dealing with the Housing and Home Finance Agency for funds to develop their plan. If this is worked out it is proposed that representatives of the Board and Soil Conservation Service will meet with the local sponsors to determine the adequacy of their sponsorship for future planning priorities.

Norton reviewed a request from the Willacy-Hidalgo WCID #1 toward amending the watershed application in Willacy and Hidalgo counties. The Board took no action on this item but it was generally thought that an overall basin plan would need to be developed prior to any planning within a smaller subdivision.

The Board considered the Williamson Creek application for possible future planning and advised Mr. Graham to consider ways and means for work plan development at an early date.

A request from the Calhoun-Victoria Soil Conservation District to change the subdivision boundaries of the district was discussed by the Board. On motion by

E. W. Wehman, seconded by A. F. Leesch, the Board approved the recommended changes between zone 4 and zone 5 boundaries.

The request from the Brazoria-Galveston Soil Conservation District to change its name to the Waters Davis Soil Conservation District was again discussed by the Board. On motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by J. S. Sharp, the Board approved changing the name to the Waters Davis Soil Conservation District.

On motion by J. S. Sharp, seconded by A. F. Leesch, the Board approved the dates of October 27, 28 and 29, 1964 for the Annual State Meeting of Soil Conservation District Supervisors to be held at Sherman, Texas.

Harvey Davis gave an account of the Great Plains State Committee meeting held on December 12, 1963.

A request from the Hale County Soil Conservation District to host the State Board Member election for Zone 1 at Plainview was considered. On motion by A. F. Leesch, seconded by J. S. Sharp, the Board accepted the invitation.

Davis discussed the National Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation Districts to be held in Kansas City, Missouri on February 2 through 6, 1964. On motion by A. F. Leesch, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board authorized Davis, Sharp and Gray to attend the meeting. If either of the above named men cannot attend, Davis was authorized to select a replacement.

The supervisors' training schools scheduled over the State were reviewed by Davis. The school held in Port Lavaca, January 14, 1964, had favorable comments. Others scheduled are:

Amarillo Texas	February 18, 1964
Lubbock, Texas	February 20, 1964
Boerne, Texas	February 24, 1964
Deep East Texas	
Assn. of SCDs	March 7, 1964

Davis proposed that the Board set up regular meeting dates. The Board decided to take this under consideration and make a decision at their next meeting.

A. L. Bading reviewed comments from several districts relative to the Supervisors' Training meeting in Port Lavaca. He also reviewed some work the Association was encouraging relative to research data on brush control. The Association is sending Bill Goldsberry to Oxford, Mississippi in January, 1964 to discuss and encourage research on the above problem.

Mr. Davis reviewed for the Board the actions of the Governor's Statewide Water Recreation Study Committee during the last several weeks. Notices have been released relative to public hearings to be held over the State during the month of February. A report to the Governor with the Committee's recommendations is due in March.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

J. Frank Gray
Chairman

J. M. Newton
Secretary

March 5, 1964
Date

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your minutes dated January 16, 1964.

Thanks very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
John Connally