

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 18, 1968

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met in a regular session in the Conference Room, 10th Floor, First National Building, Temple, Texas, at 9:00 a.m. on January 18, 1968.

Board members present were: A. F. Leesch, Chairman; E. W. Wehman, Frank Gray, Albert Roach, and Henry Turney, Members.

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director, and Josephine Chupik, Secretary, of the State Board staff; and L. J. Lann, Assistant State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service.

Minutes of the November 16, 1967, meeting were read and approved.

A request from the San Patricio Commissioner's Court to withdraw the 1958 application on the Tri-Bay watershed was reviewed by the Board. The area in the Tri-Bay watershed is included in the applications on the Chiltipin and San Patricio watersheds. On motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the withdrawal of the 1958 Tri-Bay watershed application.

A favorable field examination was reviewed on the Deer Creek watershed near Chilton, Texas in Falls County. On motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the watershed application as being economically feasible for planning.

L. J. Lann reviewed the status of watershed planning on Public Law 566 projects and presented a detailed summary to each Board Member. The Board agreed to consider additional planning priorities before June. A schedule of dates on tours and hearings will be considered at the March Board meeting.

Harvey Davis reviewed the status of State Planning funds. Funds obligated by signed project agreements beginning Sept. 1, 1967 through January 17, 1968, are as follows:

Hog Creek	\$13,000
Sanderson Canyon	18,000
Hitson, C & L, & Washburn Draws	<u>36,000</u>
	\$67,000

Project agreements ready for signatures are as follows:

Pond Creek	\$21,000
Lipan	40,000
Upper Cibolo	<u>3,000</u>
	\$64,000

Of the \$150,000 available in State Planning funds for the 1967-68 fiscal year, \$131,000 has been obligated to date.

Harvey Davis discussed the acquisition of land rights by Fee Simple being exercised in some of the P.L. 566 projects. He cited instances in which land was being taken away from landowners by Fee Simple instead of securing easements. He stated that he had requested the Soil Conservation Service to secure an opinion from the Office of General Counsel as to the legality of this. No Board action was necessary.

Correspondence was discussed from the Los Olmos watershed in Starr County. Severe flooding damages had been sustained in this area due to Hurricane Beulah. The Board agreed to a re-examination of the Los Olmos Creek watershed.

The "West Texas Water" conference to be held at Texas Tech in Lubbock on February 2, 1968, was discussed. If possible, members of the Board and staff will attend.

On motion by Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the appointment of the following supervisors:

Stanley M. Nowlin - Upper Clear Fork # 121
A. P. McGuire - Gaines-Andrews # 128
Robert Morgan Bratton - Concho #201
L. B. Johnson - Upper Pecos #213
Siler E. Williams - Middle Concho # 234
Robert W. Carter - Hays-Caldwell-Travis #304
Robert L. Massey - Calhoun-Victoria # 315
J. R. Cole - Bedias Creek # 428
Leo Chrane - Central Colorado # 517
A. H. Davis - Lower Clear Fork # 531

Petitions were received by the State Board for transfers of land among the following Soil and Water Conservation Districts:

Limestone-Falls # 501 to Nolan-Aquilla # 536
Ellis-Prairie # 504 to Nolan-Aquilla # 536
Navarro-Hill # 514 to Nolan-Aquilla # 536

A motion was made by Henry Turney to approve the transfers of land as being practicable and feasible. Motion seconded by Albert Roach. Motion carried.

Mr. Turney gave a report on the meeting held on November 30, 1967, with the Wilbarger-Wichita Soil and Water Conservation District regarding the dissolution of this district and re-organizing it into two districts. The Board agreed to hold public hearings after receipt of a petition from this district to determine the feasibility of the proposal.

The Board reviewed letters received from the Medina Valley Soil and Water Conservation District #226 and the Dos Rios Soil and Water Conservation District requesting transfer of land from the Atascosa Soil and Water Conservation District #307. No action was taken by the Board at this time since this transfer involves another district that has not been heard from.

Harvey Davis reviewed the program arrangements for the National Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation Districts to be held in Dallas at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, February 4-8, 1968. All the State Board staff members will be helping in some capacity at the meeting. The State Board agreed to meet in Dallas during the National meeting.

A request to approve the change in name of the North Texas Soil and Water Conservation District #415 to the Lamar County Soil and Water Conservation District #415 was reviewed by the Board. On motion by Albert Roach, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the requested name change. *

The site for the annual meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors in 1969 was discussed by the Board. The Board agreed to consider San Antonio if facilities were adequate. As a second choice, the Board agreed to consider Austin.

* see page 4 of these minutes

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board decided to hold a joint meeting with the Directors of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Austin, Texas on March 19, 1968.

The Board agreed to change its regular meeting date to the third Tuesday of each odd month beginning at 8:15 a.m. If necessary a special meeting to be called in between the regular meeting date.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary

3-5-68

Date

* Even though the Board approved the name change to Lamar County, it was the opinion of the State Board that it would be better to leave the word "county" out to keep down confusion. The Board suggested that the local district be contacted on this and if the local Board agreed, that the name be changed to Lamar Soil and Water Conservation District. By letter dated March 19, 1968, the local Board agreed that the word "county" should be left out.

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 18, 1968.

3-5-68

Date



Executive Director