

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING  
January 18, 1973

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 8:30 a.m. on January 18, 1973 in the Conference Room, 1018 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

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

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director; John Millican, Assistant Executive Director; Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer; and Josephine Chupik, Office Manager of the State Board staff; Logan Crews, Assistant State Conservationist, Watersheds of the Soil Conservation Service.

The minutes of the November 16, 1972 meeting were approved as read.

The following new Public Law 566 watershed applications in Jackson County were reviewed:

- (1) Brushy Creek
- (2) Lunis & Venado Creeks
- (3) Dry Branch & Long Branch
- (4) Dry and Southerland Creek
- (5) Cox's, Keller's & VI-A-3 Creeks
- (6) Lavaca Laterals, III-A-15 and McFarlin Creeks

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board disapproved these watershed applications pending field examinations to determine practicability and feasibility.

Field examinations were reviewed on several watersheds. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board disapproved the Duffau Creek watershed in Erath, Hamilton and Bosque Counties due to unfavorable cost-benefit ratio.

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Rankin Draw watershed in Upton County was disapproved due to interest rate increases

making it have an unfavorable cost-benefit ratio even though it was previously approved on July 11, 1966.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Dry Creek watershed in Delta County was approved as being feasible for planning.

Status of the Wichita Valley-Pond Creek watershed in Wichita and Archer Counties was discussed. The Pond Creek portion of this watershed appears feasible for planning. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board agreed that the priority previously granted to the Wichita Valley-Pond Creek watershed would be authorized for Pond Creek as soon as sponsors submit an amendment to the application.

Additional watershed planning priorities will be considered at the March Board meeting. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board authorized Harvey Davis to set up tours and hearings and change the regular Board meeting date accordingly.

Logan Crews reviewed the status of watershed construction and planning on Public Law 566 projects and presented a detailed summary of watershed activities as of January 1, 1973 to each Board member.

On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the appointment of the following District Directors:

Wayne Riggs - Donley County SWCD #127  
A. R. Friemel - Palo Duro SWCD #147  
Cal A. Newton - Nueces-Frio-Sabinal SWCD #221  
A. S. McSwain - Brazos-Robertson SWCD #431  
Loy Jackson - Central Colorado SWCD #517  
Weldon Edwards - Central Colorado SWCD #517  
Joe Ben Whitaker - Little Wichita SWCD #532

A petition received on December 18, 1972 from landowners in Jim Hogg and Starr Counties for inclusion of territory in the Monte Mucho Soil and Water Conservation District #331 was discussed. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board authorized a public hearing on February 9, 1973 at 10:00 a.m. in Hebbronville.

Frank Gray reported on public hearings held in Matador and Paducah on January 16, 1973, to determine the feasibility of the division and reorganization of the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District #123. The hearings were favorable. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board agreed to proceed with the division and reorganization.

Mr. Davis reviewed budget recommendations for 1974-75 fiscal years by the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's office. Recommended appropriations by the Governor's office were \$856,306 for the 1974 fiscal year and \$862,844 for the 1975 fiscal year. The Legislative Budget Board recommended \$919,158 for the 1974 fiscal year and \$926,660 for the 1975 fiscal year. A 3.4% increase for classified positions is included in both recommendations. Our budget request as submitted is \$1,142,920 for 1974 and \$1,162,454 for 1975.

Several bills due to be introduced during this session of the legislature on environment, land-use zoning, etc. were discussed.

The Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors will be held on October 30, 31, and November 1, 1973 in Fort Worth, Texas. The Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel will be the headquarters with rates of \$17.00 on singles and \$21.00 on doubles.

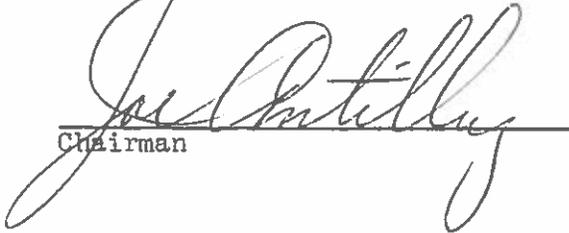
Mr. Davis reported to the Board that Mr. Don Blasingame of the Federal Land Bank of Houston has offered to sponsor a breakfast or equivalent function for all in attendance at the next Annual State Meeting in Fort Worth. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board agreed to accept Mr. Blasingame's offer if an agreeable function can be worked out.

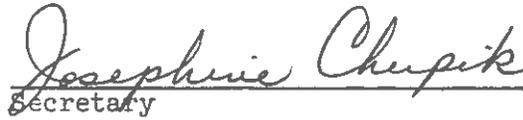
A special group air flight is scheduled out of Dallas to Las Vegas for the National Association of Conservation Districts' meeting to be held

February 11-15, 1973. Approximately 60 reservations are confirmed for this flight.

The National Watershed Congress will be held in Wichita, Kansas on June 3-6, 1973.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

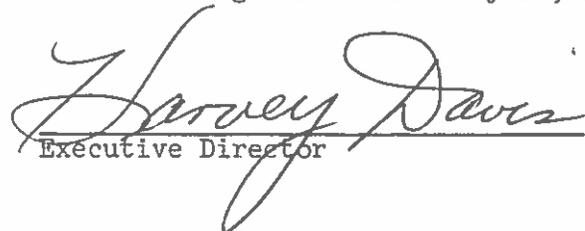
  
Chairman

  
Secretary

3-22-73  
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 18, 1973.

3-22-73  
Date

  
Executive Director