

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
January 19, 1978

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on January 19, 1978 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1006 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Joe Antilley, Chairman  
Frank Gray, Vice Chairman  
Henry Turney, Member  
E. W. Wehman, Sr., Member

Staff members present were:

A. C. Spencer, Executive Director  
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director  
James Moore, Hydrologist  
Bob Buckley, Staff Services Assistant  
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor

Others present were:

George Marks, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service  
Dr. Bill Harris, Soil and Water Use Specialist, Agricultural Extension Service  
Jim Webster, Director, Government Affairs, Kirby Lumber Corporation

Minutes of the December 1, 1977 meeting were approved as read.

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the following district director appointments:

Larry McBee - Devil's River SWCD # 224  
Cecil E. Woodard - Upper Llanos SWCD # 225  
Ralph Stoltzfus - Nueces-Jim Wells-Kleberg SWCD # 311  
Douglas Meadows - Bowie County SWCD # 408

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the appointment of Sherrill McMurray to the Rusk Soil and Water Conservation District # 447 contingent upon receipt of completed appointment papers.

This being the first official meeting of the Board since A. C. Spencer became Executive Director on January 1, 1978, on motion of Henry Turney, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board authorized Mr. Spencer to sign all expenditures, purchases, and other necessary transactions on behalf of the Board.

Bob Buckley reported that budget instructions for fiscal years 1980 and 1981 are forthcoming shortly. In order for the State Board to include an item for matching funds in its budget request, districts will need to be surveyed as to their matching fund needs for the next biennium. After lengthy discussion, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board agreed that forms be developed and districts surveyed to determine the amount of matching funds needed by each district for fiscal years 1980 and 1981. It was agreed that matching fund requests should not exceed \$5,000 per district for each fiscal year. Allocations to soil and water conservation districts will be determined after funds have been appropriated based on the final amount appropriated.

A report of expenditures for the first four months of the fiscal year 1978 were distributed to each board member.

John Millican reported on his investigation of possible sites in Austin, El Paso and Corpus Christi for the 1978 Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board selected Corpus Christi as the site for the 1978 Annual meeting with the dates of the meeting to be October 3, 4, and 5, 1978. However, the Board suggested that the staff pursue further the possibility of holding the meeting the week of October 22, 1978.

It was reported that at least one hotel had suggested that it might be easier to obtain needed space at hotels if the days of our meeting were changed from Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to either Wednesday, Thursday and Friday or Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The Board agreed that since

this would be a change from our traditional days, any such change should be discussed with the Directors of the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and possibly discussed with District Directors at the Annual Meeting next October.

Draft copies of Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 of the Statewide Control Strategy for the Control of Agricultural NonPoint Source Pollution pursuant to P.L. 92-500, Section 208, being prepared by the State Soil and Water Conservation Board were distributed to members of the Board. James Moore discussed the report. The Board decided to hold a special board meeting on February 16 and 17 to review and discuss recommendations for the control strategy.

Draft copies of Silvicultural Activities in Relation to Water Quality in Texas were presented to the Board. The report was prepared by the Forest Science Department at Texas A & M University under a contract with the Texas Department of Water Resources and presents the control strategy for silvicultural activities pursuant to P.L. 92-500, Section 208. James Moore discussed his review of this report.

John Millican informed the Board of the following Area Association meetings:

South Texas Ass'n - January 24, 1978 - Alice, Texas  
South Central Texas and Gulf Coast Ass'ns (joint meeting)  
-February 15, 1978 - Hallettsville, Texas  
South Plains Ass'n - February 21, 1978 - Morton, Texas  
Panhandle Ass'n - February 22, 1978 - Amarillo, Texas

Also, a Workshop for new directors will be held in Area 5 in Mineral Wells on January 30, 1978.

John Millican discussed proposed guidelines for Regional Conservation Awards programs which were being developed by the State Soil and Water Conservation Board staff. These guidelines are to contain categories

for awards, time tables for development of program, cost estimates, and possible methods of financing the program. The guidelines would be written to conform to the resolution passed at the 1977 Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors and would be circulated to the State Board Members and Association Directors for their views, comments and suggestions.

Reservations at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California for the National Meeting of Conservation Districts to be held on February 5-9, 1978 have been confirmed for all Board members and staff.

James Moore advised the Board he expected to receive shortly a P.L. 566 watershed application on the Alpine Creek watershed from the Big Bend Soil and Water Conservation District. Moore also advised the Board that he would be accompanying Soil Conservation Service personnel on a field examination of the Lower Bois d'arc Creek Watershed during the week of January 23-27, 1978.

George Marks reminded the Board of the workshop on implementation of the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act (P.L.95-192) to be held in Fort Worth on January 31 through February 1, 1978 at the Green Oaks Inn.

Bill Harris supplied the Board office with one draft copy of "An Economic Analysis of Erosion and Sedimentation in Lavon Reservoir, Watershed" and stated that a review copy would be mailed to each board member within the next few days. He issued an invitation to hold a future board meeting on the campus of Texas A & M University.

A. C. Spencer reported on recent meetings with the Legislative Budget Board staff and the job classification section of the State Auditor's Office preparatory to the beginning of budget preparation.

The matter of the resignations received from G. E. Kretzschmar, Jr. and

Charles Rothe were discussed. Mr. Spencer stated that contacts are being made for a suitable replacement for at least one of these vacancies.

The next regular meeting of the State Board is scheduled for March 16, 1978.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

*Joe P. Kelly*  
Chairman  
January 31, 1978  
Date

*Josephine Chupik*  
Secretary

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 19, 1978.

January 31, 1978  
Date

*G. T. Spencer*  
Executive Director