

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
March 1, 1977

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on March 1, 1977 at 8:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 8, Sheraton-Crest Inn, Congress & First, Austin, Texas.

Board Members present were:

Joe Antilley, Vice Chairman
Henry Turney, Member
Frank Gray, Member

Staff Members present were:

Harvey Davis, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer
Charles Rothe, Engineer
Bob Buckley, Staff Services Assistant
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor
Jay Kuykendall, Administrative Technician
Bill Reece, Field Representative
Fred Squyres, Field Representative
L. F. Stewart, Field Representative
Barney L. Jefferson, Field Representative
Allen V. Sheppard, Field Representative
Omar J. Garza, Field Representative
David C. Powell, Field Representative
Mel Davis, Field Representative
Don Brandenberger, Field Representative
W. T. Crumley, Field Representative

Others present were:

Kenneth Kuykendall, President, Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts
Doyle Hutcheson, Director of NACD, and Chairman of the Hood-Parker Soil and Water Conservation District
John Turney, Attorney

Since minutes of the January 20, 1977 meeting were mailed to each Board Member, on motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, the minutes were approved without being read.

Updated field exams on Faulkenberry Creek watershed in Limestone County and Upper Navasota River watershed in Limestone and Hill Counties

indicated costs of these projects would exceed project benefits. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board disapproved the watershed applications for PL 566 assistance.

Letters were received from the Navasota Soil and Water Conservation District and the El Paso-Hudspeth Soil and Water Conservation District requesting withdrawal of PL 566 applications on the following watersheds:

Beason-Cedar - - Grimes and Waller Counties
Grassy Creek - - Grimes County
Pendell-Zaragosa - - El Paso County

On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the withdrawal of these applications.

Due to lack of securing land rights for construction of the Pond Creek watershed in Bell and Falls Counties (Rosebud), the watershed has been placed on an inactive status until May 1, 1977 by the Soil Conservation Service. The work plan had been approved for operations on June 29, 1971. No action taken by the Board.

Don Brandenberger reported on problems concerning easements for watershed planning in the Lower East Fork Laterals watershed in the Kaufman-Van Zandt Soil and Water Conservation District. Easements failed to be executed properly at the time of initiation and that one easement had been determined to be invalid by a State District Court in Kaufman County. No action was taken by the Board.

The Board considered granting watershed planning priorities. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board granted a planning priority on the Deep Creek watershed at Snyder and reinstated the planning priority on the Maverick County watershed at Eagle Pass.

On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the following district director appointments:

James R. Conley - Lower Pease SWCD # 162
Alan M. Hepworth - Upper Pecos SWCD # 213
L. L. Dougharty - Lower Sabine-Neches SWCD # 446
Vernon Price - Hill Country SWCD # 534

On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the appointment of James W. Land to the Davy Crockett-Trinity Soil and Water Conservation District # 404 contingent upon receipt of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Davy Crockett-Trinity Soil and Water Conservation District in which Dr. John Wootters had submitted his resignation.

Bob Buckley reviewed briefly several bills introduced in the Legislature which would affect State agency operations.

In the meeting on January 20, 1977, the Board designated Lubbock as its 1977 Annual Meeting site contingent upon verification of rooms available for lodging and other facilities necessary to hold the meeting. Verification of rooms by State Board Field Representative Bill Reece did not coincide with the proposal received from the Lubbock Convention & Tourism Bureau indicating a shortage of lodging facilities. No decision was made at this time pending further study of lodging availability and facilities.

Mr. Davis reported that Joe Antilley, Bob Buckley and he had appeared before the House Appropriations Committee for a hearing on the 1978 and 1979 budget requests on February 21, 1977. The Committee members were very courteous and expressed no concern or adverse criticism about the Board's program.

Mr. Davis reported that Texas A & M University is planning a seminar on 208 planning on August 29-30, 1977. Since we were requested to participate, the Board recommended that we assist in planning the two day educational program.

The Board agreed not to hold its regular meeting on March 17, 1977.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Albert Roach
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

April 18, 1977
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 March 1, 1977.

April 18, 1977
Date

Samuel Davis
Executive Director