

MINUTES

The Texas State Soil Conservation Board held its regular meeting at the Alice Hotel, Alice, Texas on March 3, 1955 at 7:30 p.m.

Members present were: E. W. Wehman, chairman, Arthur Leesch, C. M. Caraway, J. P. Martin and S. J. Payne. Others present were A. C. Spencer and Wilson Moon.

Chairman Wehman asked A. C. Spencer to report on progress of districts in the process of organization (a copy of report is attached).—

A. C. Spencer reported that V. C. Marshall held a public hearing on March 21, at Eagle Pass, on the propositions of

1. Organizing a soil conservation district to include that part of Maverick County not now in a soil conservation district.
2. To annex the above territory to Maverick district No. 228.

The six landowners present voted unanimously to organize a new district, ~~and~~ ~~against annexation.~~ It was pointed out that there are only about twelve resident landowners in the area.

After considerable discussion, Arthur Leesch moved and S. J. Payne seconded a motion of determination that an election not be granted. The motion carried. Reason for this determination was that there is an insufficient number of resident landowners to successfully operate a district.

New application for planning under public law 566 were considered on the Diablo Arroyo and Guayuco Arroyo watersheds in the El Paso-Hudspeth Soil Conservation District. These applications were disapproved pending further investigation on motion made by Arthur Leesch and seconded by C. M. Caraway.

Preliminary survey reports on Little Blanco and Palo-Alto Creeks were reviewed by Wilson Moon. Since the survey reports showed that annual benefits on these

two watersheds would only be about 25 per cent of the annual cost. Arthur Leesch moved that both applications be disapproved. The motion was seconded by S. J. Payne, and carried.

Mr. Moon reported that preliminary survey data shows that benefits will exceed cost on the Sulphur Creek Watershed in the Hill Country Soil Conservation District.

A. C. Spencer stated that the Commissioners Court and City of Lampasas have shown themselves to be willing and able to provide whatever local financing necessary.

On motion by C. M. Caraway, seconded by S. J. Payne, the Sulphur Creek application was approved.

Wilson Moon stated that preliminary survey work has been done on the San Diego-San Fernando and Agua Dulce watershed. The survey report was not ready, but it was evident that the watershed was far in excess of the 250,000 maximum allowed under public law No. 566. The board recommends that the application be submitted as two or three applications on the separate creeks. Determination of practicality and feasibility will then be made on a separate basis.

E. W. Wehman reported on the facilities for holding the annual meeting of soil conservation district supervisors at Lubbock and Tyler (survey of hotel facilities attached). After discussion, C. M. Caraway moved and J. P. Martin seconded a motion to hold the 1956 annual meeting at Lubbock, Texas on January 18, 19 and 20. The motion carried.

After discussion it was agreed that the next meeting of the State Board would be held in State District No. 4 sometime prior to April 16. The exact time and place will be determined by A. C. Spencer and J. P. Martin.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Approved May 12 1955

A. C. Spencer
Secretary

E. W. Wehman
Chairman