

TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
Board Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2013

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on March 5, 2013, at 3:13 p.m. at 20 N Interstate 35, Austin, Texas.

Board Members present:

Barry Mahler, Chairman
Marty H. Graham, Vice-Chairman
Scott Buckles, Member
José Dodier, Member
Jerry Nichols, Member
Larry Jacobs, Member
Joe Ward, Member

Staff Members present:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
Jack Foote, Program Specialist
Ben Wilde, Program Specialist
Kendria Ray, Program Specialist
Adrian Perez, Program Specialist
Tony Franklin, Program Specialist
Joel Clark, Program Specialist
Don Brandenberger, Program Specialist
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist
Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor
Tuffy Wood, Program Specialist
Melissa Grote, Program Specialist
Aaron Wendt, Special Projects Advisor
John Foster, Statewide Programs Officer
T. J. Helton, Nonpoint Source Programs Coordinator
Kenny Zajicek, Chief Fiscal Officer
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator
Loren Warrick, Public Affairs Specialist
Rusty Ray, Public Affairs Specialist
Lee Munz, Flood Control Program and Regional Office Coordinator
Clyde Gottschalk, Program Specialist
Dawn Heitman, Human Resources Specialist
Karen Preece, Accountant

Others present:

Jule Richmond, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Dr. Ken Rainwater, Texas Tech University Water Resource Center

Chairman Mahler called the meeting to order at 3:13 and welcomed those present.

Mr. Jule Richmond, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, addressed the Board. Mr. Richmond commented on the success of the NACD Annual Meeting, the current Legislative Meetings, meetings upcoming in Washington D.C., and stated that they would like to see in the future an Invasive Species Field Day.

Dr. Ken Rainwater, Texas Tech University Water Resource Center, addressed the Board. Dr. Rainwater conducted a power-point presentation, "Evaluation of Nine Projects for Prioritization of Water Enhancement".

A work session was conducted which covered agenda items in detail. Questions were taken and answered.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.



Chairman

May 16, 2013

Date



Secretary

May 16, 2013

Date

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Executive Director

May 16, 2013

Date

TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
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March 6, 2013

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on March 6, 2013, at 8:02 a.m. at 20 N Interstate 35, Austin, Texas.

Board Members present:

Barry Mahler, Chairman
Marty H. Graham, Vice-Chairman
Scott Buckles, Member
José Dodier, Member
Jerry Nichols, Member
Larry Jacobs, Member
Joe Ward, Member

Staff Members present:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
Jack Foote, Program Specialist
Ben Wilde, Program Specialist
Kendria Ray, Program Specialist
Adrian Perez, Program Specialist
Tony Franklin, Program Specialist
Joel Clark, Program Specialist
Trey Watson, Program Specialist
Don Brandenberger, Program Specialist
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist
Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor
Tuffy Wood, Program Specialist
Aaron Wendt, Special Projects Advisor
John Foster, Statewide Programs Officer
T. J. Helton, Nonpoint Source Programs Coordinator
Pam Casebolt, Nonpoint Source Grants Coordinator
Mitch Conine, Nonpoint Source Project Management Coordinator
Jana Lloyd, Nonpoint Source Project Manager
Kenny Zajicek, Chief Fiscal Officer
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator
Loren Warrick, Public Affairs Specialist
Rusty Ray, Public Affairs Specialist
Lee Munz, Flood Control Program and Regional Office Coordinator
Clyde Gottschalk, Program Specialist
Dawn Heitman, Human Resources Specialist
Karen Preece, Accountant

Others present:

George Noelke, Office of the Attorney General
Kerry Nieman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Cameron Turner, Texas Water Development Board

Chairman Mahler called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and welcomed those present.

AGENDA ITEM 1: Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENDA ITEM 2: Comments from Federal, State and Local Governmental Entities

Mr. Cameron Turner, Texas Water Development Board, addressed the Board and reviewed the handout. Mr. Turner commented on the drought and the lack of irrigation.

Mr. Kerry Nieman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, addressed the Board. Mr. Nieman commented on TMDL's, Annual Clean Water Act, drought report, and a 319 program budget cut.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Comments from the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

AGENDA ITEM 4: Consider Approval of Minutes from the January 28-29, 2013 Board Meetings

Chairman Mahler called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28-29, 2013 Board Meetings. Mr. Dodier moved for the approval of the minutes as presented. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Consider Approval of District Director Appointments

Ms. Preece presented district director appointments for the Board's consideration and verified they were in order and met all qualifications. Mr. Nichols moved for the approval of the following appointments. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cade Bonn, Gillespie County #220, Zone 4, Replace Clayton Grona
Gary W. Weaver, Trinity Bay #434, Zone 3, Replace James Weaver
Keith Hatton, Longleaf #439, Zone 4, Replace Luther Moye
Brent Hackley, Jack #549, Zone 4, Replace Eddie Francis

AGENDA ITEM 6: Budget and Accounting Report

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Sunset Legislation Implementation Status

Mr. Foster reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Foster referred to agenda item 15, Water Supply Enhancement Program, as the main Sunset focus at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Legislative Update

Mr. Foster reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Foster commented on Flood Control funding and House Bill 677.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Water Quality Management Plan Program Report

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Consider Approval of Requests for Waivers as per 31 TAC §523.6(E)(2)(A) thru (F)

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Jacobs moved for the approval of the requests as presented. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Consider Statewide Water Quality Management Plan Cost Share Requests

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Nichols moved for the approval to fund the first two requests as presented, and to defer funding on the remaining requests until the May Board Meeting. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Flood Control Programs Status Report

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 13: Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program Report

Ms. Casebolt reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 14: Poultry Water Quality Management Program Status Report

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 15: Consider Adoption of Water Supply Enhancement Program Policies and Procedures

Mr. Wendt reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Jacobs moved for the approval of the policies and procedures as presented. Mr. Dodier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 16: Consider Allocations of Funding for the Water Supply Enhancement Program

Mr. Oswald reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Buckles moved for the approval of the allocations as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 17: Water Supply Enhancement Program Report

Mr. Oswald reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 18: Consider Re-adoption, Revision, or Repeal of 31 TAC, Chapter 517, Subchapter A, Conservation Assistance (§§517.1-517.12)

AGENDA ITEM 19: Consider Re-adoption, Revision, or Repeal of 31 TAC, Chapter 519, Subchapter A, Technical Assistance (§§519.1-519.12)

AGENDA ITEM 20: Consider Re-adoption, Revision, or Repeal of 31 TAC, Chapter 521, Subchapter A, Agriculture Water Assistance (§§521.1-521.13)

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information for agenda items 18, 19, and 20. Mr. Ward moved to publish these rules in the *Texas Register* as presented for a thirty day review and comment period. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 21: State Board Member Elections

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

Mr. Mahler stated that Mr. Ward, Governor Appointee, had been reappointed for another 2 year term.

AGENDA ITEM 22: 2013 Annual State Meeting Planning

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

Workshop ideas:

Dow Chemical
Estate Planning

Tour ideas:

Bear Creek Ranch
Resistol Hat Company
US Department of Treasury; Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Speaker ideas:

Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples – 1st option for banquet
Texas FFA Foundation Executive Director Aaron Alejandro - banquet
Texas State Senator Wendy Davis
Texas State Senator Craig Estes
Texas State Senator Tommy Williams
Texas State Representative Jim Pitts

Mr. Graham asked Mr. Davis to confirm with the hotel in Corpus Christi for the Annual State Meeting in 2015 since he was told that the hotel sold.

AGENDA ITEM 23: Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 24: Interagency Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 25: National Association of Conservation Districts Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 26: National Association of State Conservation Agencies Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 27: Public Information/Education Report

Mr. Gottschalk reviewed the agenda information. Next SWCD Director and Employee Program Development Workshop is scheduled for June 25-26, 2013.

AGENDA ITEM 28: Human Resources Report

Ms. Heitman reviewed the agenda information. Ms. Heitman stated that she is about to be audited on Civil Rights. Ms. Heitman also stated that Mr. Clay Wright, Information Officer, will receive his 15 year service award absentee.

AGENDA ITEM 29: Set Date for Next State Board Meeting

May 15-16, 2013, to be held in Temple.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.



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