

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
March 7, 1983

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on March 7, 1983 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 513 F, Stephen F. Austin Building, Austin, Texas.

Board members present were:

Joe Antilley, Chairman
J. Frank Gray, Vice Chairman
C. F. "Dick" Schendel, Member
Albert Roach, Member
Hermon Petty, Member

Staff members present were:

Harvey Davis, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs
James Moore, Engineer
Mel Davis, Soil Conservationist
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor

Directors of the Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts present were:

Joe Montgomery, President
Waldo Smith, Vice President
W. Q. Richards, Secretary-Treasurer
Wilson Scaling, Director
Judge Larry McCasland, Director

Chairman Antilley called the meeting to order and welcomed the Directors of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Dick Schendel, the minutes of the January 20, 1983 meeting were approved as mailed out.

On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by Dick Schendel, the following district director appointments were approved:

Roger Jones - Upper Pecos SWCD # 213
Mrs. Gene Laird - Matagorda County SWCD # 316

Bob Buckley reported on legislative actions pursuant to the agency's 1984-85 budget request.

Bob Buckley discussed a request for \$1,500.00 in additional matching funds (conservation assistance) from the Cap Rock SWCD #126. This district's

allocation is \$500.00. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, the board granted \$1,500.00 to the Cap Rock District totaling \$2,000.00 in conservation assistance.

Chairman Antilley reported on expressions of thanks and appreciation from George Marks and the family of W. S. Gibbs.

Soil and Water Conservation District audits were discussed. It was reported that in the past a few districts had inadvertently used Public Accountants who were not registered with the State Board of Public Accountancy as required by State law. After a review of audits for the biennium ending August 31, 1982, it was noted that this problem had been corrected and districts are now being audited by Registered Public Accountants as provided in the statutes. On motion of Dick Schendel, seconded by Albert Roach, the board decided no further action is needed.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts have expressed concern with the cost of performing an audit on their accounting records. A report on audit expenditures by districts statewide will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

James Moore gave a status report on the PL 83-566 Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program. Specific items covered included a report on the negative results of a feasibility study on a potential project in Abilene, notice of the termination of the Afton Area Watershed project in Dickens County, and notice that a field examination had been conducted on a potential project in Hudspeth County.

Action by the Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council on a study of salinity problems in Runnels County was discussed followed by a discussion of preliminary work being done by State Board staff to implement the agency's proposed statewide salinity investigation.

Bob Buckley and Mel Davis reviewed proposed legislation of concern to soil and water conservation district directors.

Each member was given a written report of staff activities.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Joe O'Tilly
Chairman
May 19, 1983
Date

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on March 7, 1983.

May 19, 1983
Date

Lancey Davis
Executive Director