

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING  
March 9, 1972

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 8:30 a.m. on March 9, 1972 in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were: Albert Roach, Chairman, Joe Antilley, Vice Chairman, E. W. Wehman, Frank Gray and Henry Turney.

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director, John Millican, Assistant Executive Director, and Josephine Chupik, Office Manager of the State Board staff and Clyde Graham, State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service.

Minutes of the Board meeting held on January 20, 1972 were approved as read.

Mr. Davis reported that Gilbert E. Kretzschmar, Jr. had been employed as our Engineer effective February 1, 1972 replacing Phil Grazier who had resigned in January and Elizabeth Jones will fill the new position of Secretary effective April 1, 1972.

Mr. Davis discussed the possibility of the Goodyear Awards being presented at the Texas Conservation Awards Program sponsored by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bill King of the Fort Worth Chamber had previously contacted Harvey Davis about this proposal and had extended an invitation for the Goodyear Awards to be presented at the Fort Worth program. Ray Oviatt, Director of the Soil Conservation Program for Goodyear was contacted in this regard. Mr. Oviatt replied that it does not make any difference to him at which time these awards are presented but he did not know whether he could get the plaques from his supplier by May but would let us know as soon as this

information is available. The Goodyear Conservation Awards have always been presented at the annual State meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors.

Harvey Davis read a letter from the Alamo Soil and Water Conservation District which had been mailed to citizens, agencies and neighboring Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The letter and resolution expressed concern in the use of prime agricultural land in increased urban development. With the consent of the Alamo Soil and Water Conservation District, the Board agreed that this letter and resolution be mailed to the Chairman of each Soil and Water Conservation District in Texas.

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

Eldon L. Williams - Duck Creek SWCD #157  
Lon Cartwright - Live Oak SWCD #323  
John Lumpkins - Hopkins-Rains SWCD #445  
Curtis Scott - Johnson County SWCD #541

A motion was made by Henry Turney, seconded by Joe Antilley, that the Board approve the appointment of Kenneth Bannowsky in the Upper Llanos SWCD #225 contingent upon verification of his eligibility. Motion carried.

Clyde Graham gave a brief report on Public Law 566 projects and various other programs of the Soil Conservation Service affecting Districts.

The Board discussed a letter from the Dalworth Soil and Water Conservation District in regards to an Industrial Solid Waste Management Site being proposed in their district. The Board took a neutral position at this point since it is within the framework of the law.

The Rural Development bill, HR 12931, sponsored by Representative Bob Poage of Texas and others was discussed. The provisions of this bill would make a contribution to the continuing development of rural areas.

The Board agreed to go to Washington, D. C. on March 14, 1972 to meet with several members of the Congressional delegation of Texas and officials in the United States Department of Agriculture to discuss pending legislation affecting programs of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Also during this time Harvey Davis will attend the NACD District Outlook Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Albert Roach  
Chairman

Josephine Chupik  
Secretary

May 13, 1972  
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 9, 1972.

May 13, 1972  
Date

Harvey Davis  
Executive Director