

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
March 22, 1973

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on March 22, 1973 at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

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

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director; John Millican, Assistant Executive Director; Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer; and Josephine Chupik, Office Manager of the State Board staff; Ed Thomas, State Conservationist and Logan Crews, Assistant State Conservationist, Watersheds, of the Soil Conservation Service.

Since copies of the minutes of the Board meetings held on January 18, 1973, February 7, 1973 and March 5-6, 1973 had been mailed to each Board member, on motion of Henry Turney, seconded by E. W. Wehman, these minutes were approved by the Board without being read.

The Board reviewed an application for watershed planning under Public Law 566 on McBee Creek in the Kaufman-Van Zandt Soil and Water Conservation District #505. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board disapproved the application pending a field examination to determine feasibility.

Favorable field examinations were reviewed on the following watersheds:

- (1) Upper Caney Creek - Bedias Creek SWCD #428
- (2) Afton Area watershed - Duck Creek SWCD #157
- (3) Cox's, Keller's and VI-A-3 Creeks - Jackson SWCD #336
- (4) Brushy Creek - Jackson SWCD #336

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved these watersheds as feasible for planning.

Unfavorable field examinations were reviewed on the following watersheds:

- (1) Middle Leon, Hamilton-Coryell County - Hamilton-Coryell SWCD #506
- (2) Ball Waterhole - Medina Valley SWCD #226
- (3) Elm Creek (Abilene) - Upper Clear Fork SWCD #121, Middle Clear Fork SWCD #206 & California Creek SWCD #515
- (4) Cedar Creek - Upper Clear Fork SWCD #121, Middle Clear Fork SWCD #206 and California Creek SWCD #515

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board disapproved these watersheds due to unfavorable cost-benefit ratio.

Sonny Kretzschmar reported on field level reviews in the Red Deer Creek watershed in the Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District and on Kickapoo Creek in the Hood-Parker Soil and Water Conservation District.

Letters of request had been received from sponsors in the following watersheds to withdraw applications for planning assistance under Public Law 566:

- (1) Two Mile Creek - Calhoun SWCD #345
- (2) Rio Grande City - Starr County SWCD #332
- (3) Los Villarreales - Starr County SWCD #332
- (4) El Quiote - Starr County SWCD #332
- (5) Roma Creek - Starr County SWCD #332

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the withdrawal of these five watershed applications.

Logan Crews reviewed the status of watershed construction and planning on Public Law 566 projects and presented a detailed summary of watershed activities as of March 22, 1973 to each Board member.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board granted planning priorities on the following watersheds:

- (1) Los Olmos Creek - Starr County SWCD #332
- (2) Sandia Creek - Starr County SWCD #332
- (3) Brushy Creek - Jackson SWCD #336
- (4) Cox's, Keller's and VI-A-3 Creeks - Jackson SWCD #336
- (5) Elm Creek (Ballinger) - Runnels SWCD #232
- (6) Dry Creek - Delta SWCD #443

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board requested re-evaluation by the Soil Conservation Service of the Rock-Dry Creek watershed in the Hood-Parker Soil and Water Conservation District #529.

Ed Thomas reported on reduction of employees in the Soil Conservation Service in Texas. As of November 1972 there were 1,335 employees; as of June 1973 it will be 1,302 and as of June 1974 it will be 1,202. All changes in personnel and the possibility of closing some of the local offices will be reported to the Board prior to finalization.

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the appointment of the following District Directors:

Royce K. Fancher - Coke County #219
Damon S. Capps - Mason County #223
Edwin A. Dwyer - Midland #244
Mrs. David Howell - Gonzales #338
Frank Towson - Kaufman-Van Zandt #505
Albert W. Brockriede - Wichita #538

Harvey Davis reported on the public hearing held at Hebbbronville on February 9, 1973 on the inclusion of territory owned by the East Brothers and A. T. Canales Estate in Starr and Jim Hogg Counties to the Monte Mucho Soil and Water Conservation District #331. Based on the hearing, E. W. Wehman made a motion, seconded by Albert Roach, to approve the inclusion of this territory as practicable and feasible. Due to the addition of territory, the Board also approved the new zone boundaries.

The Board considered the division and re-organization of the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District #123 creating the Cottle County and the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation Districts. A petition was received on April 27, 1972 and a favorable public hearing was held on January 16, 1973. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the division and reorganization of the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District as being practicable and feasible. Due to the division of the District, the Board approved new subdivisions in the Cottle County Soil and Water Conservation District #163 and the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District #164 and appointed D. D. Chewning as Director in subdivision 2 and Loyd Mayes as Director in subdivision 4 of the Cottle County District; W. D. Lipscomb as Director in subdivision 2 and Billie R. Slover as Director in subdivision 4 of the Upper Pease District.

Mr. Davis reported on the budget recommendation for the 1974-75 fiscal year. We requested five additional field representatives and the Governor's

Budget Office recommended three additional field representatives.

Legislative activity on land use management, water and the environment effecting Soil and Water Conservation Districts was discussed.

Mr. Davis reported that Allen V. Sheppard of Tahoka has been employed as a Field Representative in Area III effective July 1, 1973.

The Board agreed to hold its next meeting at 2:00 in Fort Worth, Texas on May 12, 1973. The State Conservation Awards Program will be held on the evening of May 12, 1973 at the Texas Christian University Student Center Ballroom in Fort Worth.

The City of El Paso has extended an invitation for the 1974 Annual State meeting. No decision was made on the invitation. The Board agreed to check available facilities at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Joe O'Reilly
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

May 12, 1973
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 22, 1973.

May 12, 1973
Date

Harvey Davis
Executive Director