

Minutes
State Soil Conservation Board Meeting
March 30, 1962
College Station, Texas

The regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board was held in the Memorial Student Center, A & M College, College Station, Texas, March 30, 1962, beginning at 6:15 P.M.

Members present were: J. S. Sharp, Chairman, A. F. Leesch, E. W. Wehman, J. Frank Gray, and J. C. Porter.

Others present: Dr. R. E. Patterson, Dr. G. M. Watkins, Dr. D. W. Brown, A & M College System, John D. Wells, President and Arthur Bading, Executive Director of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts, Jack H. Barton and Lynn Pittard, Extension Soil and Water Conservation Specialists, H. O. Evans, Assistant Editor of Texas Extension Service, Harvey D. Davis, Executive Director and J. M. Norton, Engineer of the State Soil Conservation Board.

The minutes of the regular meeting on February 25 and 26 were read and approved.

The State Board together with representatives of the A & M College System took into consideration a revision of the Memorandum of Understanding which provides for coordination of effort and assistance between the State Soil Conservation Board, the A & M College System, and Soil Conservation Districts. After review and discussion, the Memorandum was approved on motion by J. C. Porter, seconded by Frank Gray. (Copy attached)

An amended watershed application on Big Chocolate Creek to change boundaries and include Little Chocolate Creek and Lynn Bayou was accepted and considered by the Board. No action was taken on feasibility of project.

Progress and recent meetings in Choctaw and Castleman Creek watersheds were discussed by Harvey Davis.

J. M. Norton reviewed a preliminary reconnaissance of the eight (8) watershed applications submitted from the Willacy-Hidalgo and Southmost Soil Conservation Districts.

H. D. Davis discussed the watershed hearings and reviewed scheduled dates for each hearing.

On motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by J. C. Porter the meeting recessed until 8:00 a.m., March 31, 1962.

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The Board reconvened at 8:00 a.m., March 31, 1962 in the Memorial Student Center with all members present, together with John D. Wells and A. L. Bading of the Association of Soil Conservation Districts, and H. D. Davis and J. M. Norton, State Soil Conservation Board staff.

H. D. Davis reported to the Board that approximately \$13,000 has been expended to date for watershed planning on Upper Bosque watershed with about 12% of the planning completed.

On a motion by J. C. Porter, seconded by Frank Gray the Board approved the attendance of A. F. Leesch and J. M. Norton to the National Watershed Congress to be held in Columbus, Ohio, May 7-9, 1962.

J. M. Norton and J. C. Porter reported on the meeting of representatives of the State Soil Conservation Board, Red River Authority, Freese and Nichols, Consulting Engineers, and the Soil Conservation Service at Wichita Falls relative to data on Upstream Flood Prevention Programs and soil and water conservation to be provided by Soil Conservation Districts for inclusion in a Master Plan.

H. D. Davis discussed the appropriation needs of Soil Conservation Districts. It was agreed that funds requested for district operations and watershed planning should be listed as separate items in the budget. Budget should be prepared by June 1 for submitting to Legislative Budget Board. Davis and Bading are to

tabulate and analyze information from questionnaires for consideration by the Board at their meeting on May 5, 1962.

It was noted that entries in the Fort Worth Press Awards Program have become less and less. A need for revision of entry forms was expressed to facilitate interest and simplify procedure and to encourage participation.

The Board was reminded of the election of the State Board Member in Area IV to be held in the County Courthouse, Crockett, Texas, May 1, 1962.

On a motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by J. C. Porter, the Board approved the payment of \$366.00 to the Nueces-Frio-Sabinal Soil Conservation District #221 as additional allocation of 1962 State appropriations.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

J. D. Sharp
Chairman

Harvey Davis
Secretary

May 4, 1962
Date

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