

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
April 29-30, 1976

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on April 29, 1976 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

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

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director; John Millican, Assistant Executive Director; Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer; Bob Buckley, Staff Services Assistant; and Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor, of the State Board office.

Field Representatives of the State Board staff present were: L. F. Stewart, Barney Jefferson, Bill Reece, Fred Squyres, Omar Garza, Allen Sheppard, Mel Davis, David Powell, Dub Crumley and Don Brandenberger.

Since copies of the minutes of the April 6, 1976 meeting were mailed to each Board member, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the minutes were approved without being read.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board approved the appointment of Don Langston as Director of the Lubbock Soil and Water Conservation District No. 108 and tabled action on the appointment of Russell Wilbanks as director of the High Point Soil and Water Conservation District No. 230 until proof of ownership of land could be established.

In a meeting of the Board on March 4, 1976, the Board tabled action on a petition transferring approximately 33,000 acres of Bee County from the Copano Bay Soil and Water Conservation District No. 329 to the Bee Soil and Water Conservation District No. 344. Mr. Wehman reported that he had met with the Copano Bay Board since that time and this portion of Bee County is all that the Copano Bay Board is agreeable to transfer. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the transfer of territory as

originally petitioned on February 17, 1976 as being practicable and feasible and approved the new subdivisions for each district.

A letter requesting withdrawal of the Delta County watershed application by the sponsors was discussed by Sonny Kretzschmar. Due to the benefit-cost ratio factor not being economically justified, on motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the withdrawal of the Delta County watershed application.

John Millican reported on the Conservation Awards Program being sponsored by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. This year's program has had its share of difficulties. Announcement of winners was delayed with insufficient supplies printed; thereby delaying contacts with award winners. The Area Awards programs are scheduled as follows:

Area I - May 13, 1976, West Texas University, Canyon

Area II - May 12, 1976, Angelo State University, San Angelo

Area III - May 11, 1976, Jackson County Service Bldg., Edna

Area IV - May 10, 1976, Stephen F. Austin Student Center, Nacogdoches

Area V - May 4, 1976, Stephenville High School, Stephenville, Texas

The State awards banquet will be held Friday, May 7, 1976 at the Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Davis reviewed the designation by Governor Briscoe of the State Board in handling of the non-point source planning with respect to agricultural and silvicultural practices as provided under Section 208 of Public Law 92-500, the Federal Water Control Act of 1972. No action was necessary by the Board.

Mr. Davis read a letter from Governor Briscoe commending the Board for its support of Governor Briscoe's 1978 and 1979 biennium budget recommendation to economize.

Correspondence was also read from J. A. Marshall expressing appreciation to the Board for their attendance at the Agriculture Convocation honoring the V. C. Marshall family at Texas A & M University on April 5, 1976.

Mr. Davis testified before the Subcommittee on Economic Development and Law Enforcement of the Joint Advisory Committee on Government Operations in Austin on April 27, 1976. This committee is studying the feasibility of combining all agriculture agencies under one major department.

Mr. Davis is scheduled to testify at a hearing before the Natural Resources Subcommittee of the Joint Advisory Committee on Government Operations in Austin on May 3, 1976 relative to responsibilities of our agency on water-related functions.

The Board considered Matching fund requests from districts for the 1978-1979 biennium budget. The Board agreed not to exceed the 1977 fiscal year total in the amount of \$435,889. Of the 165 requests received to date, the amount was exceeded considerably. The Board agreed to review each request, consider justification, and financial condition of the district.

The meeting recessed at 5:10 p.m.

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The Board meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on April 30, 1976 in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

In attendance were the same people as those on April 29 except Frank Gray, Sonny Kretzschmar and David Powell.

The Board Member and Field Representatives for each Area considered each individual district's matching fund request based on the district's ability to match its previous allocation; the financial need of the district; and justification of request if increased over the 1977 allocated amount.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board agreed to adjust each district's request based on the above factors and not exceed the amount of \$3,000 for any district's request leaving the total Matching Fund request in the 1978-1979 biennium budget at the 1977 level of \$435,889.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at 2:00 p.m., May 7, 1976, in the Santa Gertrudis Room of the Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

H. J. Tummy
Chairman
May 7, 1976
Date

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

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 April 29-30, 1976.

May 7, 1976
Date

Lewey Davis
Executive Director