

Official Minutes  
State Soil Conservation Board Meeting  
May 4, 1962

The State Soil Conservation Board met at the Chamber of Commerce office in Hamilton, Texas on May 4, 1962, at 10:45 a.m.

Board Members present were: J. S. Sharp, Chairman, J. C. Porter, E. W. Wehman, A. F. Leesch and Frank Gray. Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director, Bob Carlisle, Assistant Executive Director, and Bud Norton, Water Engineer, of the State Board, and Arthur Bading, Executive Director of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts.

At 11:00 A.M., the group toured the Pecan Creek watershed to study the condition of the watershed and the flood damages. A hearing was held at 1:30 p.m. in the courthouse in Hamilton in order for the local people to express their views in favor or against a watershed protection and flood prevention program being established on Pecan Creek under Public Law 566. About 250 people attended the hearing. All testimony presented at the hearing was favorable to the project.

After the hearing, the State Board traveled to Ft. Worth to attend the "Save the Soil and Save Texas" awards program at 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Sharp called a meeting of the Board at 10:00 P.M. following the awards program.

The minutes of the March 30, 1962 meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Sharp called for nominations for new officers of the Board for the ensuing year. A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by Frank Gray for A. F. Leesch to be elected Chairman. Motion carried. E. W. Wehman moved Frank Gray be Vice Chairman, seconded by J. C. Porter. The motion carried.

The following new watershed applications were presented:

Chicota - North Texas Soil Conservation District

Upper Medio Creek - Bee and Karnes-Goliad Soil Conservation District

Wichita and Archer Counties - Wilbarger Wichita Soil Conservation  
District

A motion was made by A. F. Leesch and seconded by J. C. Porter to disapprove these applications pending preliminary surveys to determine feasibility. The motion carried.

An amended application was received from the sponsors of the Maverick County watershed to adjust the acreage in the watershed from 220,000 acres to 249,600 acres. A motion was made by A. F. Leesch and seconded by Frank Gray to accept the amended application. The motion carried.

J. C. Porter reported that the Choctaw Creek hearing had been set for May 12, 1962.

The Board discussed the financial needs of Districts in order to determine the amount to include in the Budget Request. After considerable discussion, it was decided to wait until the next morning to make a final decision.

J. C. Porter made a motion seconded by J. S. Sharp that the next Board meeting be held on May 25, 1962, at 3:30 P.M. in Lubbock. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 12:00 M until 8:00 A.M. the next day.

May 5, 1962

The State Board met with representatives of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts at 8:00 A.M. to continue the discussion of financial needs of districts. After discussing and analyzing the needs, a motion was made by Frank Gray and seconded by J. S. Sharp to request \$182,000. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M. and the Board members proceeded to Granbury to tour and hold a hearing on the Ruckers Creek watershed. This being a small watershed, about 25 people attended the hearing and gave favorable testimony in behalf of a watershed protection and flood prevention project being installed in the watershed.

The hearing adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

*O. K. Beach*

Chairman

*Harvey Davis*

Secretary

*May 25, 1962*  
~~June~~

Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the State Soil Conservation Board meeting held on May 4 and May 5, 1962.

*May 25, 1962*  
~~June~~

Date

*Harvey Davis*

Executive Director

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your minutes dated May 4, 5, 1962.

Thanks very much for your cooperation.

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TEXAS STATE  
SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD  
TEMPLE, TEXAS

Sincerely yours,

*Price Daniel*