

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
May 7, 1976

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met in the Santa Gertrudis Room of the Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas at 2:15 p.m..
Friday, May 7, 1976.

In attendance were:

State Soil and Water Conservation Board

Henry W. Turney, Chairman
Albert Roach, Vice Chairman
E. W. Wehman, Member
Joe Antilley, Member
Frank Gray, Member
Harvey Davis, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Sonny Kretzschar, Engineer
Bob Buckley, Staff Services Assistant
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor
Jay Kuykendall, Administrative Technician
L. F. Stewart, Field Representative
Don Brandenberger, Field Representative
Allen Sheppard, Field Representative
David C. Powell, Field Representative
Melvin H. Davis, Field Representative
Bill Reece, Field Representative
William T. Crumley, Field Representative
Fred H. Squyres, Field Representative
Omar J. Garza, Field Representative
Barney L. Jefferson, Field Representative

Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Dee E. Brune, President
Kenneth Kuykendall, Vice President
Charles Wood, Secretary-Treasurer
Gene Gilbreath, Director
David Tong, Director
Doyle Hutcheson, Immediate Past President
Bill Goldsberry, Alternate Director - Area 3
Hermon Petty, Alternate Director - Area 5

Soil Conservation Service

George Marks, State Conservationist
Logan Crews, Assistant State Conservationist, Watersheds

Agricultural Extension Service

Dr. Bill Harris, Land and Water Use Specialist

Since copies of the minutes of the April 29-30, 1976 meeting were mailed to each Board Member, on the motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the minutes were approved without being read.

The Board met in joint session with the Board of Directors of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts to discuss activities on Section 208 and Section 404 of Public Law 92-500, The Federal Water Control Act amendments of 1972 relative to non-point source planning with respect to agricultural and silvacultural practices under Section 208 and review legislation on Section 404 of the same act.

Mr. Davis reported on testifying before two subcommittees of the Joint Advisory Committee on Government Operations in Austin; the Subcommittee on Economic Development and Law Enforcement relating to a study on the feasibility of combining all agriculture agencies under one major department and the Subcommittee on Natural Resources relative to responsibilities of our agency on water-related functions.

Dr. Harris reported on activities involving Soil Stewardship Week, May 23-30, 1976. County Agents will be assisting Districts in promoting this activity. He expressed appreciation of our participation in soil judging activities involving youth.

Sonny Kretzschmar reviewed a field examination on the Caney and Peach Creek watershed lying within the Montgomery-Walker Soil and Water Conservation District #425, Polk-San Jacinto Soil and Water Conservation District #436 and Lower Trinity Soil and Water Conservation District #435. Due to an unfavorable benefit-cost ratio, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board disapproved the project for assistance under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act.

Mr. Kretzschmar briefly explained the survey of conservation problems being conducted by the Research Committee of the Association. The survey

has been coordinated with the USDA Agricultural Research Service, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. Each Soil and Water Conservation District is to complete a survey form for each land resource area in its district. A report will be published upon completion of the survey.

Correspondence was read from Governor Dolph Briscoe and Lieutenant Governor Hobby commending the Board and Association for its support of holding down State spending in the proposed 1978 and 1979 biennium budget.

George Marks acknowledged the excellent working relations with the Board, Association and Districts. Mr. Marks reported an increase in personnel by 14. Soil Conservation Service ceiling has been at 1,228 people.

Logan Crews reviewed current activities in the Public Law 566 - Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program in Texas.

The National Watershed Congress will be held in Biloxi, Mississippi on June 27-30, 1976 at the Sheraton Motor Inn. A motion was made by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, that the Chairman, Harvey Davis and Sonny Kretzschmar be authorized to attend and attendance being optional for those authorized, contingent upon the final program. Motion passed.

Bill Goldsberry reported on local activities in preparation for the Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors to be held in McAllen, Texas, on October 12-14, 1976.

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board elected Albert Roach as Chairman and Joe Antilley as Vice Chairman.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board agreed not to hold its regular meeting on May 20, 1976 and authorized the Chairman to call a meeting at anytime it is deemed necessary prior to our next regular scheduled meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. so that those present could attend the Annual Texas Conservation Awards Banquet at the Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel sponsored by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

Albert Roach
Chairman

Lois Cain
Secretary

June 10, 1976
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 May 7, 1976.

June 10, 1976
Date

Janey Davis
Executive Director