

Minutes for May 12 Meeting

The Texas State Soil Conservation Board held its regular meeting at the Fredonia Hotel in Nacogdoches at 7:30 p. m. on May 12, 1955. Members present were: E. W. Wehman, Chairman, S. J. Payne, A. F. Leesch, C. M. Caraway and J. P. Martin. Others present were Paul H. Walser, Deputy State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service; H. B. Boswell, Executive Director, State Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors; Bob Mayo, Asst. Editor, Soil and Water Magazine; F. L. Martin, Area Vice-President of State Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors and A. C. Spencer, Field Planning Engineer, State Soil Conservation Board.

A report on a hearing held as a result of a petition for inclusion of that part of Maverick County not now in a Soil Conservation District was made. This hearing was held by Mr. V. C. Marshall on November 30, 1954. According to Mr. Marshall's report, there are only about 12 resident land owners in the area, 6 of whom were present. Those 6 land owners expressed themselves as not desiring to be annexed to the Maverick District.

Upon motion by A. F. Leesch, seconded by S. J. Payne, the board entered a determination that there is not sufficient interest at this time for annexation of this territory.

A. C. Spencer reported that the election held in Orange County for the organization of the Lower Sabine-Neches Soil Conservation District No. 446 was passed by a vote of 51 to 0. Upon motion by J. P. Martin, seconded by C. M. Caraway, a finding that the organization of this district is practicable and feasible was entered.

Upon motion by J. P. Martin, seconded by A. F. Leesch, J. E. Womack was appointed supervisor of zone 2 and Louis Akers, zone 4 of the Lower Sabine-Neches Soil Conservation District No. 446. A. C. Spencer reported that a petition signed by more than 2/3 of the land owners in the remainder of Aransas County which is not now in a Soil Conservation District has been received. The petitioners request annexation to the San Patricie Soil Conservation District. A public hearing has been set at Rockport on May 26. A. C. Spencer reported that the board of supervisors has been completed for the Nueces Las-Moras Soil Conservation District No. 236. This board was organized by Mr. V. C. Marshall and is now working on its program and plan.

The Upper Nueces-Frio Soil Conservation District 238 has not elected the three supervisors to complete its board.

Preliminary surveys for 10 watersheds were presented for board action. After considerable discussion pertaining to cost sharing and amount of funds that may be available for future construction under public law 566, motion was made by J. P. Martin and seconded by A. F. Leesch that the following watersheds be approved as being practicable and feasible since preliminary surveys showed benefits derived will exceed cost of structures.

1. Kickappo Coke County
2. Resley Upper Leon
3. Caney Upper Elm-Red
4. Choctaw Upper Elm-Red
5. Rush Creek Upper-Leon
- 6 5. Johnson Draw Crockett
- 7 6. Bennett Creek Brown-Mills
- 8 7. Hackberry Creek Navarro-Hill and Nolan-Aquilla
- 9 8. Aquilla Creek Nolan-Aquilla and McLennan County

The application on Harris Creek in the Sabine River-Cypress Creek Soil Conservation District was disapproved on motion made by A. F. Leesch, seconded by J. P. Martin. Preliminary surveys on Harris Creek showed that cost would exceed benefits.

New applications were received on the following watersheds:

1. Upper San Gabriel Little River San Gabriel
2. Lower San Gabriel Little River San Gabriel
3. Upper Lake Fork Hopkins-Rains
4. Elm Creek Middle Clear Fork

Upon motion by A. F. Leesch, seconded by S. J. Payne these applications were disapproved pending further information to be developed by a preliminary survey party.

Mr. E. W. Wehman, reminded the board that Mr. V. C. Marshall's resignation presented Septmeber 28, 1954 become affective July 1, 1955. Mr. Wehman stated that he has talked with Mr. Marshall concerning his ~~work~~ continuing with the board in capacity of Field Planning Engineer through Dec. 31, 1955. Mr. C. M. Caraway moved that Mr. Marshall

be asked to continue with the board from July 1, through Dec. 31, 1955 in the capacity of field planning engineer. The motion was seconded by A. E. Leesch and carried.

Following the usual custom of electing new officers after the first Tuesday in May, Mr. C. M. Caraway was elected chairman of the board to serve for one year. Mr. E. W. Wehman was congratulated by the other board members on his re-election to the board for a new term of five years. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p. m.

Approved 6-29 1955

A. P. Spencer
Secretary

C. M. Caraway Sr.
Chairman