

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
May 13, 1972

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 2:00 p.m. on
May 13, 1972 in the Ann Boleyn Room, Green Oaks Inn, Fort Worth, Texas.

The following people were present:

State Soil & Water Conservation Board:

Albert Roach, Chairman
Joe Antilley, Vice Chairman
E. W. Wehman, Member
Frank Gray, Member
Henry Turney, Member
Harvey Davis, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
G. E. Kretzschmar, Jr., Engineer
Josephine Chupik, Office Manager
A. W. Dalrymple, Field Representative
Truman Gregory, Field Representative
L. F. Stewart, Field Representative
Don Brandenberger, Field Representative

Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts:

Doyle Hutcheson, President
Dee Brune, Vice President
Charles Wood, Secretary-Treasurer
Ben Sims, Director
W. S. Gibbs, Director

Soil Conservation Service:

Clyde Graham, State Conservationist
M. J. Spears, Deputy State Conservationist
L. J. Lann, Assistant State Conservationist, Watersheds
Logan Crews, Assistant State Conservationist

The minutes of the March 9, 1972 meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Davis reported that Albert Roach was unanimously re-elected as a member of the Board representing Area IV at an election held in Nacogdoches, Texas, Tuesday, May 2, 1972. In attendance were 72 % of the delegates in Area IV.

On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the board approved appointment of the following District Directors:

Eldon Lyles - Donley SWCD #127
B. D. Miller - Hockley SWCD #129
G. W. Lyon - Cochran SWCD #149
J. H. Bowden - Upper Pecos SWCD #213
A. O. Baker - Devil's River SWCD #224
Oswald Raggett - Midland SWCD #244
A. J. Simpson - Lower Sabine-Neches SWCD #446
Bill Pritchard - California Creek SWCD #515

A petition to divide and reorganize the Upper Pease SWCD #123 was considered by the Board. A motion was made by Frank Gray, seconded by E. W. Wehman, to hold a public hearing in the Upper Pease SWCD to determine the feasibility of the division and reorganization of this district. Motion carried.

A petition received on March 21, 1972 to transfer that portion of Ellis County in the Navarro Soil and Water Conservation District #514 to the Ellis-Prairie Soil and Water Conservation District #504 was reviewed by the Board. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the transfer of this territory as being practicable and feasible and approved the new subdivisions for each district.

The Board reviewed the following applications for watershed planning under Public Law 566:

- (1) Middle Leon, Coryell-Hamilton County (Gatesville) in the Hamilton-Coryell SWCD
- (2) Cedar Creek (Abilene) in the Middle Clear Fork, California Creek, and Central Colorado Soil & Water Conservation Districts
- (3) Elm Creek (Abilene) in the California Creek, Upper Clear Fork and Middle Clear Fork Soil & Water Conservation Districts

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board disapproved these applications pending field examinations to determine feasibility.

Mr. Davis reviewed correspondence from the Upper San Marcos watershed giving results of the bond issue which passed 8 to 1. A request

to amend the Upper San Marcos watershed application was reviewed by the Board. The amendment adds the Upper San Marcos Watershed Reclamation and Flood Control District as a sponsor. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the amendment.

G. E. Kretzschmar reported on the following watersheds ready for a field level review:

San Felipe Creek in Val Verde County
Leona River in Uvalde County
Paluxy River in Erath, Hood, and Somervell Counties

Correspondence of April 10, 1972 from the Maverick County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 was reviewed. The Maverick County watershed was approved as feasible for planning May 25, 1962 with a planning priority granted on May 21, 1968 and planning suspended on December 17, 1969. After considerable discussion it was agreed by the Board that additional information pertaining to the ability of the sponsors would be necessary before planning should be resumed.

Harvey Davis reported on a meeting with the Texas Water Rights Commission held on May 4, 1972. He stated that Judge Dent and others were concerned about some flood detention structures impounding more than 200 acre feet of storage due to the borrow pit not being figured in the sediment pool. He reminded Judge Dent of a meeting between the Water Rights Commission, the State Soil and Water Conservation Board, and the Soil Conservation Service at least three years ago at which time the State Soil and Water Conservation Board agreed to adopt a policy requiring that the borrow pit be included in the 200 acre feet limit if the Water Rights Commission would assure the Board that state law was being broken under the system in use at that time. Frank Booth, who

was Executive Director of the Commission at that time, asked the Commission to allow him to study the question further and said that he would advise the Board by letter of the Commission's position. The State Board has never received the proposed letter from the Commission. Clyde Graham did agree to begin figuring the borrow pit in determining the 200 acre feet limitation in the future. Harvey Davis concurred with Clyde Graham in this decision.

Clyde Graham reported on the Soil Conservation Service policy of public access at Reservoir sites in PL 566, flood prevention and Resource Conservation Development projects. The policy provides that additional storage of water for recreation purposes only will necessitate public access to the structures.

L. J. Lann briefly reviewed the status of watershed construction and planning of Public Law 566 projects and presented a detailed summary as of May 12, 1972 to each Board member. He also stated that by early fall three planning priorities will be needed.

Harvey Davis reported on participation in the National Symposium on State Environmental Legislation held in Washington, D. C., March 15-18, 1972. A Task Force was organized to draft suggested sediment control legislation so that each state could amend its statutes now in effect to include sediment and erosion control programs.

Doyle Hutcheson reported on the meeting of National Association of Conservation District Directors held March 18-20, 1972 in Washington, D. C. stating that two new positions were adopted that were proposed by the Texas Association and State Board:

- (1) Districts should not be denied participation in Revenue Sharing should it be adopted.
- (2) Supported Federal matching funds for districts on at least a 2 to 1 ratio based on State appropriated funds for direct assistance to districts.

Harvey Davis reported that facilities had been checked at El Paso for the 1973 State meeting site. The Chamber of Commerce had not given any availability of dates for 1973. No decision was made as to the 1973 meeting site at this time.

Committee reports were given by the following:

Albert Roach, Soil Stewardship
Don Brandenberger, Environmental
Aubrey Dalrymple, Research
L. F. Stewart, Education
Harvey Davis, Awards

The National Watershed Congress will meet in San Diego, California on June 4-7, 1972 at the Hilton Inn. A motion was made by Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, that the Chairman and Executive Director make the decision on representation of our organization at the Watershed Congress. Motion carried.

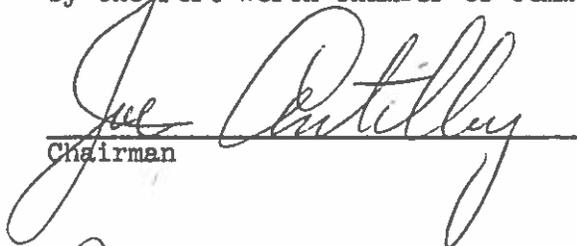
The South Central Area meeting of the National Association of Conservation Districts will be held in Houston, Texas at the Astroworld Hotel, June 29-July 1, 1972. Reservation cards were distributed.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 20, 1972.

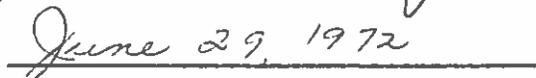
Harvey Davis reported that Jake Schrum had been employed as our Field Representative in Area IV effective July 1, 1972, replacing Ottis F. Armstrong who passed away April 12, 1972. Mr. Schrum will be headquartered in Gilmer, Texas.

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

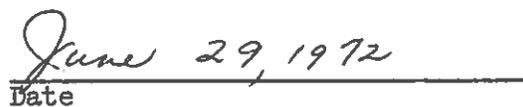
The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. in order to attend the Texas Conservation Awards Program at Texas Christian University sponsored by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

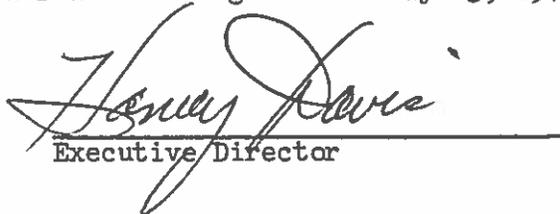

Chairman


Secretary


Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the State Soil & Water Conservation Board meeting held on May 13, 1972.


Date


Executive Director