

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
May 21, 1970

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met in regular session in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas at 8:00 a.m. May 21, 1970.

Board Members present were: E. W. Wehman, Chairman, H. W. Turney, Vice Chairman, Albert Roach, Frank Gray and Joe Antilley.

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director, John Millican, Assistant Executive Director, Leland Barnes, Engineer and Josephine Chupik, Office Manager of the State Board staff; and L. J. Lann, Assistant State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service.

The minutes of the March 19, 1970 and May 2, 1970 meetings were read and approved.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board unanimously elected Henry Turney as Chairman of the Board.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board unanimously elected Albert Roach as Vice Chairman of the Board.

John Millican was welcomed as a new member of the State Board staff having been employed on May 18, 1970 as Assistant Executive Director.

A request to amend the Big Creek watershed near Marlin by updating signatures of sponsors on the original application and adding the non-discrimination provision was considered by the Board. A motion was made by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach. Motion carried.

L. J. Lann reviewed the status of watershed construction and planning on Public Law 566 projects and presented a detailed summary to each Board member.

Harvey Davis reviewed several watersheds with questionable cost-benefit ratios due to the increase in interest rates imposed by the National Water

Resources Council. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board agreed to ask the SCS for re-examinations on the following watersheds:

Rankin Draw, Rankin
Willow Creek, Miles
Comanche Creek, Mason
Elm Creek, Winters

The Board agreed to hold tours and hearings in June and July to determine the watersheds to be considered for planning priorities. The tentative schedule for these tours and hearings is as follows:

June 17, 1970 --- Lewis & Seymour Creeks, Seymour
July 2, 1970 --- Deport Creek, Deport
July 9, 1970 --- Old River, Caldwell
July 10, 1970 --- Allens Creek, Sealy
July 15, 1970 --- Hamilton Creek, Burnet

Planning priorities will be considered in the Board meetings on July 16, 1970.

On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the appointment of Burl Belew, as a director of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District # 115.

The following budget request for the 1972 and 1973 fiscal years was adopted by the Board:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Requested 1972</u>	<u>Requested 1973</u>
1. Per Diem-Board Members	6,000	6,000
2. Executive Director	25,000	25,000
3. Assistant Executive Director	15,000	15,500
4. Program Coordinator	13,500	14,000
5. Classified Positions	152,928	158,016
6. Travel Expense	212,200	212,200
7. Office Operating Account	19,543	14,943
8. Watershed planning	150,000	150,000
9. Matching funds	<u>329,618</u>	<u>335,715</u>
Total	<u>\$923,789</u>	<u>\$931,374</u>

The Board discussed procedure for final distribution of Matching funds for this fiscal year. The Board agreed to send a letter to each District having a Matching fund balance asking for a firm commitment on its funds as to whether they will request their balance or whether the balance will be released to other districts. This commitment is due by June 26, 1970. The Board also agreed to send letters to all districts allowing them to request released Matching funds and to make it known by filing a request by June 26, 1970. After tabulation of the results of these mailings, the Board will make a decision on procedure for distribution of the Matching funds in its July 16, 1970 meeting.

Further discussion was held on the site of the 1971 Annual Statewide Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors. Mr. Davis had checked facilities since the last Board meeting at McAllen and Fort Worth to determine which would offer better meeting accommodations, rates, etc. A motion was made by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, to select McAllen as the site for the 1971 annual meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe Antilley, seconded by Frank Gray, to invite John Wilder, President of the National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts as speaker to the 1970 Annual State meeting. Motion carried.

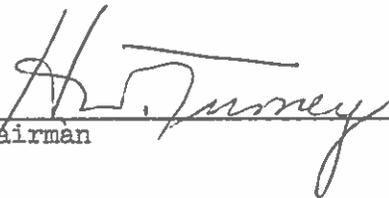
Harvey Davis reviewed S 3354, federal legislation sponsored by Senator Jackson of Washington, amending the Water Resources Planning Act (P.L.89-80) to include provision for a national land use policy by broadening the authority of the Water Resources Council and river basin commissions and by providing financial assistance for statewide land use planning. Further developments on this legislation will be reported to the Board.

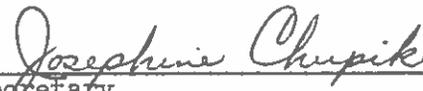
The National Watershed Congress will be held in Denver, Colorado on June 7-9, 1970 at the Brown Palace Hotel. Mr. Turney will not be able to attend. Albert Roach, Vice Chairman and Harvey Davis will represent the Board at the Congress.

The South Central Area Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas on June 29, 1970-July 1, 1970. All Board members, Harvey Davis and John Millican will attend this meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 16, 1970.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

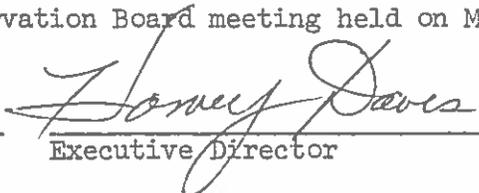

Chairman


Secretary

7-16-70
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 21, 1970.

7-16-70
Date


Executive Director