

TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
Board Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2012

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on May 23, 2012, at 1:10 p.m. at 4311 South 31st Street, Suite 125, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present:

Barry Mahler, Chairman
Marty H. Graham, Vice-Chairman
Scott Buckles, Member
José Dodier, Member
Jerry Nichols, Member
Larry Jacobs, Member

Staff members present:

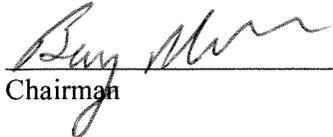
Rex Isom, Executive Director
Steve Jones, Regional Office Coordinator
Judy Albus, Program Supervisor
Carl Steffey, Program Supervisor
Lawrence Brown, Program Supervisor
Bob Gruner, Program Specialist
Jack Foote, Program Specialist
Ben Wilde, Program Specialist
Kendria Ray, Program Specialist
Adrian Perez, Program Specialist
Tony Franklin, Program Specialist
Joel Clark, Program Specialist
Trey Watson, Program Specialist
Don Brandenberger, Program Specialist
Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor
Tuffy Wood, Program Specialist
Melissa Grote, Program Specialist
Mark Cochran, Program Supervisor
John Foster, Statewide Programs Officer
Pam Casebolt, Nonpoint Source Grants Coordinator
Mitchell Conine, Nonpoint Source Project Management Coordinator
Aaron Wendt, Statewide Watershed Planning Coordinator
Loren Warrick, Nonpoint Source Project Manager
Ashley Alexander, Nonpoint Source Project Manager
Jana Lloyd, Nonpoint Source Project Manager
Rusty Ray, Public Affairs Specialist
David Reeves, Database Administrator
Kenny Zajicek, Fiscal Officer
Richard Egg, Statewide Programs Engineer
Lee Munz, Flood Control Programs Coordinator
Jared Bowen, Flood Control Specialist
Ben Bowers, Flood Control Specialist
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator
Mary Jo Schooler, Public Affairs Specialist
Clyde Gottschalk, Program Specialist
Dawn Heitman, Human Resources Coordinator
Karen Preece, Accountant

Others present:

Kristen Kylberg, Intern
Russell Gregorczyk, Jansen & Gregorczyk, CPA's, Internal Auditor
Leslie Wendland, Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau
Lou Garcia, Omni Hotels & Resorts Corpus Christi

A work session was conducted which covered all agenda items in detail. Questions were taken and answered.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.



Chairman

July 26, 2012

Date



Secretary

July 26, 2012

Date

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board meeting held on May 23, 2012.



Executive Director

July 26, 2012

Date

TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

Board Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2012

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on May 24, 2012, at 8:32 a.m. at Texas Farm Bureau Conference Center 7410 Fish Pond Rd Waco, Texas.

Board Members present:

Barry Mahler, Chairman
Marty H. Graham, Vice-Chairman
Scott Buckles, Member
José Dodier, Member
Jerry Nichols, Member
Larry Jacobs, Member

Staff members present:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
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Clyde Gottschalk, Program Specialist
Dawn Heitman, Human Resources Coordinator
Karen Preece, Accountant

Others present:

George Noelke, Office of the Attorney General
Tamara Daniel, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Jule Richmond, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Pat Hudson, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Bill Thomas, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Ben Bono, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Volney Hough, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Monica Harris, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Clyde Bohmfalk, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Salvador Salinas, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Alfonso Leal, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Elisha Kuehn, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Cameron Turner, Texas Water Development Board
Jay Bragg, Texas Farm Bureau
Chris Clary, River Systems Institute
John Bumgarner, United States Geological Survey

Chairman Mahler called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m., welcomed those present, and acknowledged the use of the Texas Farm Bureau Conference Center with appreciation.

AGENDA ITEM 1: Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENDA ITEM 2: Comments from Federal, State and Local Governmental Entities

Ms. Monica Harris, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, addressed the Board. Ms. Harris named new staff at their agency, and gave an update on Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). Ms. Harris commented on a joint meeting with TSSWCB staff, success stories, the drought, public utilities watering schedules, and the Recreational Use-Attainability Analyses (RUAAAs).

Mr. Cameron Turner, Texas Water Development Board, addressed the Board. Mr. Turner named their new Board Chairman and Board member, and commented on the drought in West Texas.

Mr. Jay Bragg, Texas Farm Bureau, addressed the Board. Mr. Bragg commented on their Conference Center and its availability to TSSWCB for future use. Mr. Bragg reviewed handout of their 2012 Agricultural Water Summit Report.

Chairman Mahler acknowledged the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts Directors in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Comments from the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Mr. Jule Richmond, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, addressed the Board. Mr. Richmond commented on the NACD Farm Bill, the U. S. Senate Committee on Agriculture's version of the Farm Bill, input with USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Water Quality Initiative, and contacts with Congressmen that have direct contact with the Farm Bill.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Comments from Federal, State and Local Governmental Entities

Mr. Salvador Salinas, Natural Resources Conservation Service, addressed the Board. Mr. Salinas thanked the Board and the Association for their partnership with NRCS. Mr. Salinas reviewed handout, and commented on the Landscape Initiative, Water Quality Initiative, district's assistance to NRCS staff, and that NRCS is currently at 92-93% obligated funds. Mr. Salinas stated that NRCS is hoping to have more input from local associations and organizations, and that NRCS Chief White is considering how NRCS will be operating into the future.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Minutes from the March 21-22, 2012 Board Meetings

Chairman Mahler called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21-22, 2012 Board Meetings. Mr. Nichols moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Mr. Buckles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: District Director Appointments

Ms. Preece presented district director appointments for the Board's consideration and verified they were in order and met all qualifications with the exception of Mr. Norton's being fax copies. Mr. Dodier moved the following appointment be approved contingent upon all original paperwork being received in the Temple office. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Matt Norton, Midland #244, Zone 5, Replace Robert (Bob) Midkiff (fax copies)
James Patrick Walker, Webb #337, Zone 1, Replace Guillermo Benavides, Z
Guillermo Benavides, Z, Webb #337, Zone 2, Replace James Patrick Walker
Bill Wagner, Davy Crockett-Trinity #404, Zone 1, Replace Jason Meshell
Stephen Still, Upshur-Gregg #417, Zone 5, Replace Charles L. Still

AGENDA ITEM 6: Internal Audit Reports Presentation and Approval

Mr. Graham moved for the approval of the audit reports as presented. Mr. Dodier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Fiscal Report

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Consider Approval of 2013-2017 Agency Strategic Plan

Mr. Foster reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved to approve the Strategic Plan as presented. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Sunset Legislation Implementation Status

Mr. Foster reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Water Quality Management Plan Program Report

Mr. Jones reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Consider Approval of Requests for Waivers as per 31 TAC §523.6(E)(2)(A) thru (F)

Mr. Jones reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Nichols moved for the approval of the requests for waivers as presented. Mr. Dodier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Consider Approval of Supplemental Requests for Water Quality Management Plan Cost Share Assistance

Mr. Jones reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Buckles moved for the approval of the requests as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 13: Consider Statewide Water Quality Management Plan Cost Share Requests

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved for the approval of the requests as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 14: Flood Control Programs Status Report

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 15: Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program Report

Mr. Conine reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 16: Consider Approval of 2012 Revision of the Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program

Mr. Wendt reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved to approve the document as presented, with notification to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) of our action, grant the Executive Director the latitude to make modifications with notification to the State Board if the TCEQ should modify the document, and deliver the document to the Governor. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 17: Poultry Water Quality Management Program Status Report

Mr. Cochran reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 18: Water Supply Enhancement Program Report

Mr. Wood reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Wood introduced Mr. John Bumgarner, United States Geological Survey.

AGENDA ITEM 19: Approve Ranking Criteria for Water Supply Enhancement Program

Mr. Wood reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Buckles moved for approval of the ranking criteria as presented. Mr. Dodier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 20: State Board Member Elections

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 21: Consider Request for Subdivision Boundary Changes by the Cochran SWCD #149

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Buckles moved for the approval of the changes as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 22: Review Plans for 2012 Annual State Meeting

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Davis requested suggestions for guest speakers, tours, and workshops from Board members and staff. Mr. Nichols moved for Mr. Davis to have the latitude to move forward in the best interest of TSSWCB for planning of the State Meeting. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dodier moved to accept the Pre-registration Regular fee at \$110 and the Pre-registration Spouse fee at \$75. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 23: Consider Selection of Future Annual State Meeting Sites

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Graham moved for the 2015 Annual State Meeting to be held in Corpus Christi. Mr. Dodier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 24: District Elections in Accordance with §201.076(c), Agriculture Code for Colorado County SWCD #333

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved for the Order of Cancellation for the election as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Dodier thanked Mr. Salinas for NRCS opening their office for Colorado County SWCD's belongings and helping with the district.

AGENDA ITEM 25: Consider Re-Adoption, Revision or Repeal of 31 TAC; Chapter 517; Subchapter B; Cost-Share Assistance for Water Supply Enhancement (§§517.22 - 517.37)

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Jacobs moved to publish the rule in the *Texas Register* as presented. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 26: Consider Re-Adoption, Revision or Repeal of 31 TAC; Chapter 527; Removal of a District Director (§§527.1-527.7)

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved to publish the rule in the *Texas Register* as presented. Mr. Buckles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 27: Customer Service Survey

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 28: Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 29: National Association of Conservation Districts Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 30: National Association of State Conservation Agencies Report

Mr. Davis stated that NASCA held a webinar on May 23rd for Technical Training Program.

AGENDA ITEM 31: Regional Conservation Awards Program

Mr. Davis and Mr. Gottschalk reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 32: Public Information/Education Report

Mr. Gottschalk reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 33: Human Resources Report

Ms. Heitman reviewed the agenda information at the Board Work Session. Nothing further at this time.

Mr. Hudson, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, was congratulated on becoming the 2nd Vice President of the Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc.

Mr. Mahler awarded Mr. Watson his 5 year service award.

AGENDA ITEM 34: Board Election of Officers

Mr. Dodier moved that the current officers should remain as is for another term. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 35: Set Date for Next State Board Meeting

July 18-19, 2012, to be held in Temple.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Ray Murr
Chairman

July 26, 2012
Date

Karen Arce
Secretary

July 26, 2012
Date

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[Signature]
Executive Director

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