

Official Minutes  
State Soil Conservation Board Meeting  
May 25, 1962  
Lubbock, Texas

The regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board was held in the Pioneer Hotel, Lubbock, Texas, May 25, 1962 beginning at 4:00 PM.

Members present were: A. F. Leesch, Chairman, Frank Gray, J. C. Porter and J. S. Sharp.

Others present were: John E. Hutchinson, Director, and Jack H. Barton, Specialist, of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Clyde Graham, Assistant State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service; Harvey Davis, Executive Director, A. W. Dalrymple, and J. M. Norton, State Soil Conservation Board.

The minutes of the regular meeting on May 4 and 5 were read and approved.

An amendment to Application No. 167 on Running Water Draw dated April 25, 1962 was considered and accepted by the Board. This amendment changed the acreage covered by deleting Parmer County portion and adding a portion of Hale County, and changed the name to "Lower Running Water Draw Watershed".

A new watershed application under Public Law 566 on Running Water Draw (Curry Co., New Mexico, and Parmer Co., Texas) was reviewed with the Board by J. M. Norton. This application compliments the one on "Lower Running Water Draw" to facilitate the planning and construction necessary for watershed protection.

On motion by Frank Gray, seconded by J. C. Porter, the Board approved "Running Water Draw" and "Lower Running Water Draw" watersheds following a review of preliminary field examination reports by Norton.

Field examinations of Raymondville-La Sara, Raymondville-San Perlita, Arroyo Colorado, Los Fresnos Resaca, and Rancho Viejo watersheds were reviewed for the

Board as being feasible projects. On motion by J. C. Porter, seconded by J. S. Sharp, the Board approved the applications.

The results of a field examination on Maverick County watershed was also reviewed with the Board as being economically feasible and favorable for a project. On motion by J. C. Porter, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the application.

A letter from the Soil Conservation Service indicating sufficient data and information was available to justify the economic feasibility of the amended application on Chocolate Creek was discussed by Harvey Davis. On motion by Frank Gray, seconded by J. C. Porter, the Board approved the application.

Clyde Graham reviewed the current status of watershed planning. Town Branch watershed work plan has been completed and approved. Work plans on Salado Creek, Valley Creek, Kent Creek, East Bay Bayou, and Big Creek have been completed and are presently in review stage. Planning is approximately 20% complete on Pine Creek and 40% complete on Upper Bosque. Planning has just begun on Nolan Creek near Belton, and the Army has started construction on its second flood water retarding structure.

Harvey Davis explained to the Board that the sponsors of the Wilbarger Creek watershed have not, to our knowledge, completed arrangements to meet their local responsibilities in carrying out the project. It was questionable as to whether or not the local people would complete their arrangements in time to utilize their planning priority granted in 1960. The Board suggested that the sponsors be contacted to determine their status and progress for consideration when setting additional priorities.

A financial report on the Board's present operations was reviewed by Harvey Davis for the Board. All funds appear to be adequate to complete the fiscal year. Some additional funds for travel was approved for three field planning

engineers to adjust for that part of fund accumulated during vacancy in one position and to carry on operations. Since Chaparal Soil Conservation District #240 requested only \$1,000 of the fund budgeted to their district, \$10,965 will be unexpended and revert to the State's Treasury.

A \$5,293 balance is remaining of \$55,000 apportioned to Soil Conservation Districts for operations by the Board. In that all districts have drawn their allocation on the basis of request and as established by the Board, it was approved by the Board, on motion by J. C. Porter and seconded by J. S. Sharp, that the \$5,293 be applied to watershed planning and that Chairman Leesch be authorized to sign a supplemental agreement with the Soil Conservation Service to include this amount. The motion carried.

A revised outline for preparing or up-dating a Program and Plan for a Soil Conservation District was reviewed with the Board. It was noted that 37 districts have requested the new outline. The outline was prepared by the staff and submitted to the field for trial and review after being worked out with other agencies and boards. The need for such an outline was a result of a changing agriculture and its effect on district plans and operations. Many of the original Programs and Plans are 20 years old and out dated by changed land use, current needs, conservation treatment, and are being influenced by urban and industrial expansion.

A request for a representative of the State Board to participate in the Western Gulf Area Meeting at Hot Springs, Arkansas was reviewed. On motion by J. C. Porter, seconded by J. S. Sharp, the Board designated A. F. Leesch and Harvey Davis to represent the Board at this meeting July 18, 19, 20, 1962.

A report on the National Watershed Congress held at Columbus, Ohio was given by A. F. Leesch and J. M. Norton.

Mr. John Hutchinson expressed his pleasure and appreciation of the invitation for himself and Mr. Barton to attend the Board meeting. He expressed his regrets

for not being able to attend meeting of March 30, 1962 in College Station, at which time the revised Memorandum of Agreement between the State Soil Conservation Board, A & M College and Soil Conservation Districts was reviewed and approved. He stated that the memorandum was of great benefit to the conservation program in uniting and coordinating efforts of both agencies and districts and was an instrument for strengthening relations and efforts for all concerned. Release has been made to all County Agents and SCD's for their review and approval. The need was expressed for an annual review of the provisions for a better and continued understanding.

He further stated that they had reviewed the outline for up-dating district's Program and Plan and approved of the new concept.

Mr. Barton suggested, as a matter for perhaps better correlation of effort in assisting with Soil Conservation District Supervisor elections, that the State Board and the Texas Extension Service release information and election packets concurrently to County Agents and to Soil Conservation Districts.

Mr. Hutchinson suggested as topic for the State Meeting, "Implication of Trends in Agriculture to Economy of State or Groups". The Board commended Mr. Hutchinson on their work and contribution to the conservation program and to the good relations now being enjoyed between the Board, the Texas Extension Service and the districts.

The Board recessed at 6:15 PM and reconvened at 7:30 PM with people from Lubbock and surrounding area relative to setting up committees and making plans and preparations for the Annual State Meeting of Soil Conservation District Supervisors to be held in Lubbock, January 16, 17, 18, 1963. Harvey Davis presented the group with an outline for setting up committees together with the responsibilities of each. After discussion and several suggestions on speakers and participation at the meeting, J. C. Porter moved that Dean Gerald Thomas of Texas Tech and Frank Gray of the State Soil Conservation Board act as co-chairmen of the Steering Committee. Motion was seconded by J. S. Sharp and unanimously approved. The other committees are to be appointed by Dean Thomas and Frank Gray. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

The State Soil Conservation Board reconvened at 10:00 PM with the same members present together with Harvey Davis, Executive Director, A. W. Dalrymple, J. M. Norton, of the Board Staff, and Clyde Graham of the Soil Conservation Service.

Mr. Graham discussed planning operations and funds needed to finance the operations of a planning party on an annual basis. After which he was excused.

Harvey Davis then reviewed with the Board the needs and proposed budget for the State Soil Conservation Board for fiscal year 1964 and 1965. The following budget request was approved:

<u>Item</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
1. Per Diem of Board Member	2,000	2,000
2. Executive Director	9,500	9,500
3. Salaries of Classified Positions	6-42,252	6-42,420
4. Seasonal and Part-time Help	3,000	3,600
5. Travel Expense	84,000	85,000
6. Office Expense	8,340	8,340
7. Operating Expenses of SCD's	182,000	182,000
8. Watershed Planning	100,000	100,000
Total	431,092	432,860

The Meeting recessed until 8:00 AM, May 26, 1962.

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The Board proceeded to McLean, Texas, to tour the McClellan Creek watershed and conduct a public hearing on its problems and needs. Approximately 70 persons attended the hearing at which time favorable testimony was presented toward the planning and installation of a Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Project on the watershed. The hearing adjourned at 3:30 PM.

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Chairman

*Harvey Davis*

Secretary

*June 25, 1962*

Date

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your  
minutes dated May 25, 26, 1962.

Thanks very much for your cooperation.

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TEXAS STATE  
SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD  
TEMPLE, TEXAS

Sincerely yours,

*Fritz Daniel*