

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
May 25-26, 1977

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on May 25, 1977 at 5:00 p.m. in the Round Up Room, Holiday Inn, Kingsville, Texas.

Board Members present were:

Albert Roach, Chairman
Joe Antilley, Vice Chairman
Frank Gray, Member
E. W. Wehman, Member

Staff members present were:

Harvey Davis, Executive Director
Omar J. Garza, Field Representative
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor

Others present were:

George Marks, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service
Kenneth Kuykendall, President, Association of Texas Soil and Water
Conservation Districts
Christine Lockett, Tasmania, Australia, Rotary Exchange Student
Lyndal Taylor, Sidney, Australia, Rotary Exchange Student

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the minutes of the April 18, 1977 meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Davis welcomed the two young ladies from Australia and briefly explained the program of the State Board and Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the following district director appointments:

Mrs. Helen Mahlmann - Coastal Plains SWCD #317
Robert R. Yaeger, Jr. - Monte Mucho SWCD #331
Elton G. Petty - Upshur-Gregg SWCD #417
Preston J. Ruffino, III - Brazos-Robertson SWCD #431
A. B. Gilbert - Palo Pinto SWCD #518

Correspondence in regards to the Pond Creek watershed (Rosebud) was discussed. The watershed was placed on inactive status May 1, 1977.

Correspondence on the Darr's Creek watershed (Holland) was read. The Little River-San Gabriel Soil and Water Conservation District # 508 has withdrawn its sponsorship and requested termination of the project. The USDA legal staff is investigating the effect that the withdrawal of the Soil and Water Conservation District sponsorship will have on the project and what steps are necessary in deauthorizing a project that has been authorized by Congressional Committees.

Mr. Marks reported briefly on recruiting new personnel and activity on Resource Conservation and Development projects.

The Board authorized Mr. Davis to concur in a contract for \$80,000 pursuant to P. L. 92-500, Section 208 and Executive Order DB 18A between the Texas Water Resources Institute of Texas A & M University and the Texas Water Quality Board.

Mr. Davis reported that the site has finally been selected for the 1977 Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. After lengthy negotiations on availability of lodging facilities, the meeting will be held in Lubbock, Texas at the Civic Center on October 11, 12 and 13, 1977. Seventy-five additional rooms will be available at the Hilton Inn making a total of 300 rooms within walking distance of the Civic Center.

The South Central Area Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation Districts will be held at the Lincoln Plaza Inn, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on July 31, 1977 through August 2, 1977. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board authorized Harvey Davis, and/or his designees and Josephine Chupik to attend the meeting.

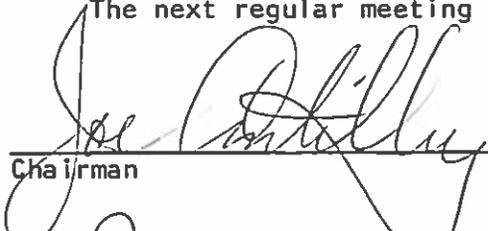
The National Watershed Congress will be held in Washington, D. C. Stouffer's National Center Hotel on June 19-22, 1977. The Middle Colorado River Watershed Project in Texas has been selected as the winner in the Special Flood Prevention Project Award for 1977.

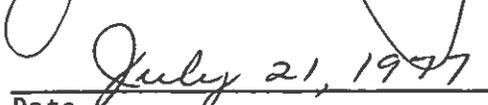
Mr. Davis reported to the Board that additional office space adjacent to our present office was available including a larger conference area which is badly needed. He also advised the board that at least \$5,000 would be needed to furnish the conference room space and that money was available to purchase necessary furniture. The Board felt that additional space and the conference room was needed and suggested that space be rented and furniture purchased.

On May 3, 1977, Albert Roach was re-elected to serve another five year term as a Board member representing Area IV. The Board elected Joe Antilley as Chairman and Frank Gray as Vice Chairman.

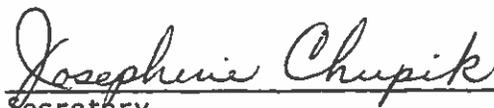
The Board recessed at 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. the next day for a tour of the King Ranch to observe conservation and other activities being carried on in the ranching operation. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on May 26, 1977.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 21, 1977.



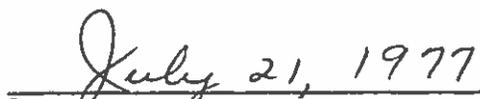
Chairman


Date July 21, 1977

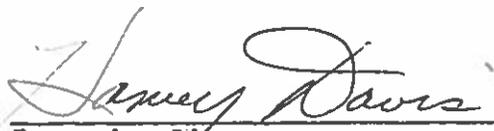


Secretary

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 25-26, 1977.



Date July 21, 1977



Executive Director