

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING  
June 5, 1974

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 8:25 a.m., June 5, 1974, in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were: Frank Gray, Chairman; E. W. Wehman, Vice-chairman; Joe Antilley, Henry Turney and Albert Roach.

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director, John Millican, Assistant Executive Director; Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer; and Lois Cain, Secretary.

Since copies of the April 26, 1974 minutes and the May 3, 1974 minutes were mailed to each Board member, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the minutes were approved without being read.

Harvey Davis and Sonny Kretzschmar reported to the Board about problems on Site 10, Pond Creek, and the easement on Rev. A. E. Harrison's farm near Rosebud, Texas, that had been brought to their attention by State Representative W. J. Blythe, Chairman of the Special Interim Committee on Water Supply and Waste Disposal in Metropolitan Areas. After some discussion it was decided to further review the use of blanket easements similiar to the one signed by Rev. Harrison.

Sonny Kretzschmar reviewed the status of the San Patricio and Chiltipin Watersheds. Apparently the Soil Conservation Service may not be able to reconcile its watershed records with the Board's previous action disapproving the applications. The Board agreed to leave them disapproved due to inadequate sponsorship.

E. W. Wehman reported on the meeting he and Sonny Kretzschmar had with the Medina County Commissioners Court regarding Seco Watershed on May 13, 1974. The court indicated that a new resolution would be adopted reaffirming sponsorship of the Seco Creek project and expressed a need for one year to reorganize their efforts.

Harvey Davis informed the Board that Joe Antilley had been appointed by Governor Briscoe to serve on the Interim Surface Mining Committee to investigate surface mining problems in Texas and develop proposed legislation to be presented to the next session of the legislature concerning Surface Mining in Texas.

On motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the appointment of Larry Book to the Concho SWCD #201.

Harvey Davis informed the Board that Willacy-Hidalgo and Southmost SWCD's are considering reorganization of their two districts into three districts.

Summaries of the proposed budget for fiscal years 1976 - 1977 were passed out and explained by Harvey Davis, John Millican and Sonny Kretzschmar. Lengthy discussion was held concerning the amount of money to be requested for district matching funds. Seventy-three districts had indicated that they needed more than the \$3,000.00 per district limit. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board agreed to request that the appropriation bill's language allow any district to receive as much as \$5,000.00 per year of State appropriated matching funds. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board voted to adopt a budget request in the amount of \$6,542,769 for 1976 and \$7,747,563 for 1977 fiscal years allowing for adjustments necessitated by any minor discrepancies.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board voted to elect its new officers. E. W. Wehman was elected Chairman and Henry Turney, Vice-chairman.

Harvey Davis told the Board about the National Watershed Congress to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., June 16 - 19, 1974. The Board did not designate a representative to attend the meeting.

Harvey Davis also informed the Board of the NACD South Central Area Meeting to be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, at the Royale Vista Inn during July 28 - 30, 1974. Board members, the Executive Director, and staff selected by the Executive Director were authorized to attend.

Brief discussion was held on H. R. 10294, the land use bill sponsored by Congressman Morris K. Udall, Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Environment, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, currently pending consideration in the House of Representatives, U. S. Congress.

The next Board meeting was set for July 18, 1974.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

*[Signature]* Chairman                      *Josephine Chapik* Secretary

September 19, 1974  
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 June 5, 1974.

September 19, 1974 Date                      *Harvey Davis* Executive Director