

OFFICIAL MINUTES
TEXAS STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD
June 29, 1955

The Texas State Soil Conservation Board held its regular meeting at the Texas Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas on June 29, 1955 at 7:30 P. M.

Members present were C. M. Caraway, Sr., Chairman, and members S. J. Payne, E. W. Wehman, and A. F. Leesch.

Others present were H. N. Smith of the Soil Conservation Service, J. D. Prewitt of the Extension Service, O. F. Armstrong and A. C. Spencer, of the State Soil Conservation Board and H. B. Boswell of the State Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors.

The minutes were read and approved with C. M. Caraway stressing the necessity for keeping a good set of minutes.

A. C. Spencer reported that the board of supervisors of District No. 238 has been completed, the board organized and work is now in progress on the program and plan. It was also reported that the board has been completed for district No. 446, but that the three supervisors have not qualified by taking the oath of office. The board will be organized as soon as all supervisors have qualified. Mr. Spencer reported that petitions are being circulated for the dissolution of the Middle Guadalupe-Basin Soil Conservation District and the organization of two new districts in the same territory. An incomplete petition for annexation of Bolivar Peninsula to Trinity Bay Soil Conservation District has been received and returned for certification by the tax assessor-collector.

Mr. Spencer reported that a public hearing for the annexation of a portion of Aransas County to the San Patricio Soil Conservation District was held on May 26, 1955. About thirty landowners were present all of whom were favorable to the annexation. There being less than 100 landowners in this area, E. W. Wehman moved that the annexation be declared practicable and feasible. The motion was seconded by A. F. Leesch and carried.

New applications for assistance in planning for watershed protection and flood prevention were received on the following watersheds:

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| 1. Lower Lake Fork Laterals | Wood SCD | No. 444 |
| 2. Middle Lake Fork Laterals | Wood SCD | No. 444 |

3. Cow & Armstrong Creek	Upper Leon SCD	No. 525
4. Big Sandy Creek & Laterals	Wood SCD	No. 444
5. Agua Dulce	San Diego-Agua Dulce SCD	No. 311
6. Chiltipin-San Fernando	San Diego-Agua Dulce SCD	No. 311
7. San Diego-Rosita	San Diego-Agua Dulce SCD	No. 311
8. Agua Dulce Laterals	San Diego-Agua Dulce SCD	No. 311
9. Upper Sabine River	Upper Sabine SCD	No. 530
10. Wilbarger Creek	Taylor SCD	No. 513

A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by S. J. Payne that these applications be dis-approved pending a preliminary survey. The motion carried.

Favorable reports having been received from preliminary survey parties on the following watersheds, a motion was made by A. F. Leesch and seconded by E. W. Wehman that the applications be approved. The motion carried.

1. Big Creek	Limestone-Falls and McLennan
2. Rock (Dry) Creek	Hood Parker and Palo Pinto
3. Ruckers Creek	Hood Parker
4. York Creek	Comal-Hays-Guadalupe
5. Knob Creek	Central Texas
6. Upper Lake Fork	Hopkins-Rains and Upper Sabine
7. Turkey Creek	Hopkins-Rains

Unfavorable reports were received on the following watersheds indicating that benefits would not justify costs.

1. Billiams Creek	Long Leaf
2. Buckners Creek	Bastrop-Fayette

A motion was made by S. J. Payne and seconded by E. W. Wehman that these applications be finally disapproved. The motion carried.

Mr. Caraway called on Mr. J. D. Prewitt for any business he might bring. Mr. Prewitt reported good progress in the Farm and Home Program and Progress in Agency Cooperation.

Mr. H. N. Smith asked the board to consider priorities for planning watershed programs during the next fiscal year. Mr. Smith stated that only one survey party will be available to Texas for the next year and that about three watersheds is all the party will be able to plan. From meetings held with the watershed groups in the watersheds previously approved by the State Board, it appears that the watersheds best able to supply their share of the costs of the projects at this time are:

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| 1. Turkey Creek | Coastal Plains |
| 2. Leona River | Nueces-Frio-Sabinal |
| 3. Lagunillas Creek | Atascosa |

A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by A. F. Leesch that priorities be set in this order. The motion carried.

After a brief discussion, on the accomplishments of the past legislature in the field of water legislation by H. B. Boswell, the meeting adjourned.

8-9-55
Date

A. C. Spencer
Secretary

C. M. Caraway Sr.
Chairman

*Correction: Lagunillas Creek should be # 2 priority
and Leona River # 3 priority
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