

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
July 10, 1975

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met in the Conference Room at 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas at 8:20 a.m. on Thursday, July 10, 1975.

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

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director; John Millican, Assistant Executive Director; Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer; and Josephine Chupik, Office Manager of the State Board staff; Dee Brune, President, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Ed Thomas, State Conservationist and Logan Crews, Assistant State Conservationist, Watersheds of the Soil Conservation Service; Dr. Bill Harris, Land and Water Use Specialist, Agricultural Extension Service.

The minutes of the May 2, 1975 meeting were approved as read.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board elected Henry Turney as Chairman and Albert Roach as Vice Chairman.

Sonny Kretzschmar reviewed completed Public Law 566 watershed projects, projects under construction, projects planned with no construction, projects planned that are non-operational, projects in planning status, and projects ready for planning priority consideration. The Board agreed to hold tours and meetings with sponsors during the week of August 18, 1975 and the week of September 1, 1975 before setting planning priorities in October.

Logan Crews reported on the status of watershed activities in Texas.

Dr. Bill Harris reported a successful Soil Judging Contest with excellent participation by local Soil and Water Conservation Districts. He expressed appreciation to the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts for their donation to youth activities.

Ed Thomas reported that Mel Davis is the new Administrator of Soil Conservation Service replacing Ken Grant who is retiring after 30 years of service. Mr. Thomas stated that recommendations for 125 Agriculture Service Centers have been submitted. As of this date only one has been implemented.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the following District Director appointments:

Robert C. Daniel - McClellan Creek SWCD #156
William W. McGinney - Neches-Sabine SWCD #426
Angus Mims - Rusk SWCD #447
Max Sturdivant - McLennan County SWCD #512
Clyde M. Smith - Denton-Wise SWCD #528

John Millican reported to the Board on a proposal to create a Soil and Water Conservation District in Leon County which is now in the Freestone-Leon Soil and Water Conservation District #424 and the Bedias Creek Soil and Water Conservation District #428. Since no petition documents had been received, the Board took no action.

Harvey Davis reported that \$1,171,555 was appropriated in the budget for the 1976 fiscal year and \$1,201,035 for fiscal year 1977. The appropriations bill authorized 9 additional staff people but included funds for only 8 people. The Board authorized Harvey Davis to make the necessary decisions in regards to additional personnel and designated headquarters for this personnel.

The Board discussed Matching Funds for fiscal year 1976 and 1977. The appropriation bill has raised the limit from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Matching funds appropriated for fiscal year 1976 and 1977 are \$430,237 and \$435,889 respectively, which is the same amount of money requested by districts with a limit of \$3,000. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board agreed to allocate the exact amount requested by each district with a limit of \$3,000 which was used to prepare the official State Board budget and to raise this limit for each district to \$5,000 at the end of the third quarter of the fiscal year.

As of July 9, 1975 there is a balance of \$68,904.78 in Matching Funds for the 1975 fiscal year. All claim requests and supplements are due in by August 10, 1975.

A financial statement reflecting expense and income for the 1975 Area Conservation Awards banquets was handed out. Each area had a net income as follows:

Area I	-	\$150.50
Area II	-	\$218.45
Area IV	-	\$150.20
Area V	-	\$ 45.50

The Area III awards banquet was hosted by the DeWitt Soil and Water Conservation District which included financial arrangements.

The Annual Statewide meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors will be held in the Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas on September 23 - 25, 1975. Plans were made for the entire program. This year's theme is "Land Use Decisions - Private versus Public."

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board agreed to increase the registration fee from \$2.00 to \$5.00 for each gentlemen in attendance. Ladies registration remains free.

The site for the 1976 Annual State Meeting was discussed. Locations

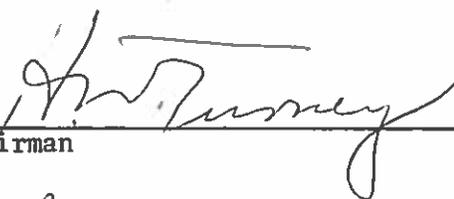
suggested were El Paso, The Valley and Houston. These are tentative pending availability of dates and facilities to accommodate the meeting.

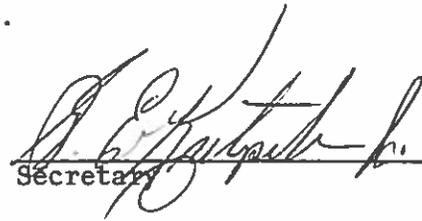
The South Central Area meeting of the National Association of Conservation Districts will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on July 27 - 29, 1975.

The meeting of the Soil Conservation Society of America will be in San Antonio, Texas on August 10 - 13, 1975.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 18, 1975.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

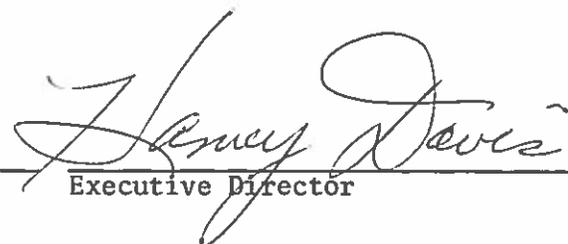

Chairman


Secretary

September 3, 1975
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 July 10, 1975.

September 5, 1975
Date


Executive Director