

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD
JULY 12, 1964

The State Soil Conservation Board met in a regular session on July 12, 1964 at 7:00 p.m. in the Granada Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

Board members present were: E. W. Wehman, Chairman, J. C. Porter, Vice Chairman, Frank Gray, J. S. Sharp and A. F. Leesch.

Others present were: H. D. Davis, Executive Director; J. M. Norton, Engineer; Gene Jones, Assistant Executive Director; L. F. Stewart and Aubrey Dalrymple, Field men; of the State Board staff and H. N. Smith, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service.

The minutes of the June 29, 1964 meeting were read and approved.

Mr. J. C. Porter and Frank Gray reviewed the tour and hearing of the Sweetwater Creek watershed held on May 21, 1964 at Wheeler, Texas and Sayre, Okla. The status of organization necessary for carrying out the project was reviewed by the Board and discussed with reference to a planning priority. The merits of securing additional federal funds were discussed and Mr. Smith stated it was doubtful that additional federal funds could be secured with which to plan Sweetwater Creek. The Board discussed other ways and means of planning Sweetwater Creek in reference to action and agreements with the Oklahoma State Soil Conservation Board and the Soil Conservation Service in Oklahoma.

Mr. Davis reviewed a request from the sponsors of the Williamson Creek watershed to change the name from Williamson Creek to Williams Creek watershed. On motion by J. S. Sharp, seconded by A. F. Leesch, the Board approved the change of name to Williams Creek watershed.

Mr. Davis reported on the condition of O. F. Armstrong, his recent medical examination, and the recommendation of the Doctor to resume his physical activity.

Mr. Davis further reported on his discussion with Mr. Armstrong relative to the Doctor's report, his future work and efficiency on the job. It was brought out that the employee's extended leave had terminated July 1, 1964. The Board approved additional leave for the month of July based on a statement from Mr. Armstrong's Doctor. According to the medical statement, Armstrong should be able to resume his duties August 1, 1964.

Mr. Leesch proposed a meeting of the State Board in the near future to review its activities and programs and any changes that need to be made. Other members agreed that a meeting should be held and the Board agreed to meet in Wichita Falls on September 4 and 5, 1964.

At this point, the Board recessed its meeting to meet jointly with the Oklahoma State Soil Conservation Board and representatives of the Sweetwater Creek watershed.

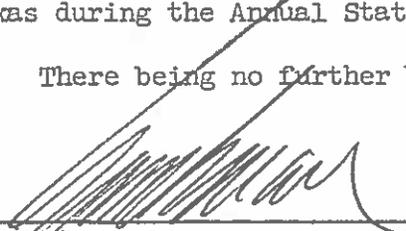
The following members of the Oklahoma State Soil Conservation Board were present: Claud Ingram, Lawrence Drake, M. G. Thompson, Paul Mungle.

Others present were: Marvin Emerson, Executive Director and Leonard Solomon, Assistant Executive Director of the Oklahoma State Board; Charlie Kidd, supervisor-North Fork SCD; Chick Lowry, Work Unit Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service; Ray Walker, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, all from Oklahoma.

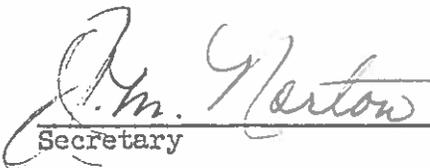
Mr. J. C. Porter reviewed the meeting at Sayre, Oklahoma and the agreement with the Oklahoma group to meet together in San Antonio at the 4-State meeting to discuss a division of funds between federal, state and local government with which to develop a work plan on the Sweetwater Creek watershed. Upon Mr. Gray's request Marvin Emerson, Executive Director of the Oklahoma State Soil Conservation Board, explained the opposition to the Sweetwater Creek development by the Altus irrigation project but he thought that their opposition would not prevent the development of the upstream watershed program. In discussing the division of costs, Mr. Emerson

proposed that they divide the costs as (1) combination of drainage area and benefits received and (2) that Texas do the Field survey and engineering and Oklahoma develop the work plan. The estimated cost for developing the work plan on both watersheds was approximately \$125,000. In further discussion the Boards realized that they would not have enough information with which to make the final decision. At the request of both State Boards, Mr. H. N. Smith, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Texas and Mr. Ray Walker, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Oklahoma, agreed to provide an estimated cost breakdown showing the damages and benefits in each State together with the basic cost of the work plan by the separate States and total allocated costs to each State. With this information each State Board will make a determination as to how costs should be allocated and will discuss it together in a meeting of the two Boards at Sherman, Texas during the Annual State meeting to be held on October 27, 28, and 29, 1964.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary

Date

September 3, 1964