

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
July 13, 1979

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on July 13, 1979 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1006 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

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

Staff members present were:

A. C. Spencer, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs
Omar Garza, Soil Conservationist
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor

Others present were:

George Marks, Soil Conservation Service
Clark Bolt, KCEN-TV, Waco
O. M. Holt, Agriculture Workers Mutual Auto Ins. Co.

Chairman Wehman called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests.

Since each Board member received by mail a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on June 11, 1979 and there being no changes, on motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, the minutes were approved.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the following district director appointments were approved:

Eldon L. Flowers - Roberts County SWCD # 145
Henry J. Y. Mills, III - Devil's River SWCD # 224
Earnest E. Berry - Upper Sabine SWCD # 530

John Millican presented a petition received on July 5, 1979 for annexation of territory in Kenedy and Kleberg Counties to the Nueces-Jim Wells-Kleberg Soil and Water Conservation District # 311. Omar Garza explained, with a large scale map of the area, the location of the

territory and informed the Board that 21 of the 26 landowners signed the petition. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board agreed to proceed with the annexation and authorized a public hearing to be held.

Bob Buckley passed out a copy of recommended Matching Fund allocations for the 1980 and 1981 biennium for each of the 199 soil and water conservation districts as agreed on in each of the five areas of the State. No district allotment exceeds \$3,400.00. Supplements, as in the past, may be claimed should funds be available. Appropriated matching funds for the 1980-81 biennium are \$537,389 for each year. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the allocations totaling \$528,164 for fiscal year 1980 and \$531,829 for fiscal year 1981. (copy attached)

Bob Buckley reviewed the preliminary operating budget for the 1980 fiscal year. Total appropriations are \$1,649,940. A copy was given to each board member. The passage of Senate Bill # 568 increased District Directors mileage from 8¢ per mile to 18¢ per mile and per diem for \$10.00 to \$30.00. This will go into effect September 1, 1979.

Passage of Senate Bill 538 changed the rate of per diem for State Board members not to exceed \$100.00 per diem. Frank Gray made a motion, seconded by Joe Antilley that the rate of \$100.00 per diem be set effective September 1, 1979 with the understanding that all needed board activities will be conducted whether or not appropriated funds are sufficient to cover per diem. The motion carried with Board Member, Henry Turney voting no.

Carl Spencer reported several speakers have been contacted for the 1979 Annual State Meeting to be held in El Paso October 2, 3, and 4, 1979. Replies have not been received. John Millican reported on lodging accommodations and informed the Board available flight schedules to El Paso would be mailed to all districts. The meeting will follow the same format as previous years.

The Board agreed to leave the registration fee at \$10.00 for the gentlemen in attendance. Ladies registration remains free.

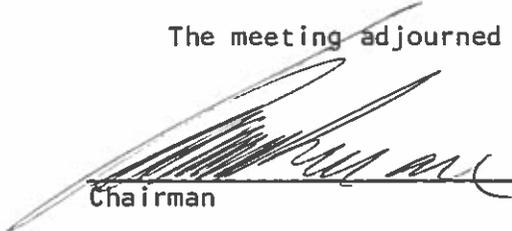
Carl Spencer will participate in another District Outlook Committee meeting to be held in Washington, D. C. on July 24, 25, and 26, 1979.

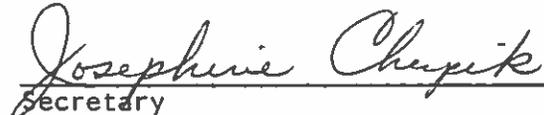
Clyde Gottschalk reported on activities of the Public Information Committee. Tapes are being made for conservation district spot announcements on statewide radio coverage.

George Marks briefly discussed PL 83-566 watershed activities in Texas and gave each member a detailed status report on watershed projects.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on September 20, 1979.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

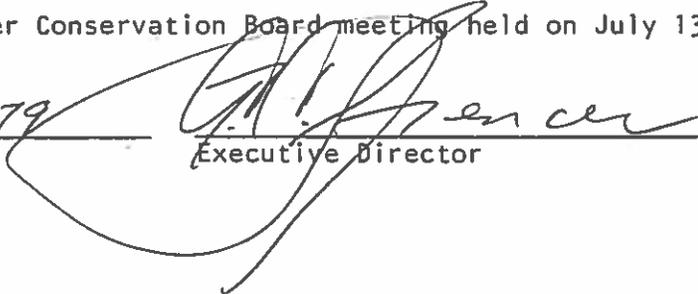

Chairman


Secretary

September 20, 1979
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 13, 1979.

September 20, 1979
Date


Executive Director