

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
JULY 16, 1968

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met in regular session in the Conference Room, 10th Floor, First National Building, Temple, Texas, at 8:00 a.m. on July 16, 1968.

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

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director; Gene Jones, Assistant Executive Director; L. H. Barnes, Engineer; and Josephine Chupik, Secretary of the State Board staff; and L. J. Lann, Assistant State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service.

The minutes of the May 21, 1968, and May 29, 1968, meetings were read and approved.

Field examinations were reviewed by the Board on the Pollard Creek watershed near Mineral Wells in the Palo Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District and Elm Creek watershed near Ballinger in the Runnels and Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation Districts. On motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the watersheds as being economically feasible for project development.

A field examination report was reviewed on the Coyote Creek watershed near Ballinger in the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District and the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District. Due to an unfavorable examination, on motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board disapproved the Coyote Creek watershed.

L. H. Barnes reviewed briefly the field level work plans on the Darrs Creek watershed in the Little River-San Gabriel Soil and Water Conservation District and the Lakeview watershed in the Hall and Donley County Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

L. J. Lann reviewed the status of watershed planning on Public Law 566 projects and presented a detailed summary to each Board Member.

Harvey Davis gave a report on the upstream flood prevention portion of the Red River Basin study, involving the States of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. The National Association of Conservation Districts River Basin Committee will hold a meeting in Shreveport in November with President of the Texas Association, A. L. Black, State Board Chairman Frank Gray and Harvey Davis being invited to participate. The Board authorized Frank Gray and Harvey Davis to attend.

A petition was received by the Board on June 5, 1968, requesting the division of the Calhoun-Victoria Soil and Water Conservation District #315 and organizing the Calhoun Soil and Water Conservation District #345 and the Victoria Soil and Water Conservation District #346. The Board reviewed the distribution of assets, liabilities, and other fiscal matters along with an audit report. On motion by Albert Roach, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the division and re-organization of the Calhoun-Victoria Soil and Water Conservation District #315 as being practicable and feasible. Due to the division of this district, the Board approved new subdivisions in the Calhoun Soil and Water Conservation District #345 and the Victoria Soil and Water Conservation District #346 with Fritz Sturm as supervisor in subdivision 2 and Alvin A. Hahn as supervisor in subdivision 4 of the Calhoun Soil and Water Conservation District #345 and William Kyle, Jr., as supervisor in subdivision 2 and Guthrie J. Sklar as supervisor in subdivision 4 of the Victoria Soil and Water Conservation District #346.

A petition was received from the Wilbarger-Wichita Soil and Water Conservation District #533 on February 17, 1968, requesting division and re-organization of this district. The Board held a public hearing on April 15, 1968, with no opposition voiced; therefore, the Board reviewed the distribution of assets, liabilities, and other fiscal matters along with an audit report. On motion by Joe Antilley, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board approved the division and re-organization of the Wilbarger-Wichita Soil and Water Conservation District #533 as being practicable and feasible. Due to the division of this district, the Board approved new subdivisions in the Wilbarger Soil and Water Conservation District #537 and the Wichita Soil and Water Conservation District #538 with Edward Lehman, Jr., as supervisor in subdivision 2 and Carol Mitschke as supervisor in subdivision 4 of the Wilbarger Soil and Water Conservation District #537 and Donald C. Hill as supervisor in subdivision 2 and Dee Hankins as supervisor in subdivision 4 of the Wichita Soil and Water Conservation District #538.

A petition was received by the Board on June 29, 1968, requesting the division of the Upper West Fork Soil and Water Conservation District #507 and organizing the Upper West Fork Soil and Water Conservation District #507 and the Young Soil and Water Conservation District #539. The Board reviewed the distribution of assets, liabilities, and other fiscal matters along with an audit report. On motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the division and re-organization of the Upper West Fork Soil and Water Conservation District #507 as being practicable and feasible. Due to the division of the Upper West Fork Soil and Water Conservation District, the Board approved new subdivisions in the Upper West Fork Soil and Water Conservation District and the Young Soil and Water Conservation District #539 with A. J. Thompson as supervisor in subdivision 2 and John E. Smith as supervisor in subdivision 4 of the Upper West Fork Soil and

Water Conservation District #507 and Troy Lee Shepard as supervisor in subdivision 2 and Nathan Allen as supervisor in subdivision 4 of the Young Soil and Water Conservation District #539.

On motion by Joe Antilley, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board disapproved the appointment of Keith Morrow as supervisor of the Big Bend Soil and Water Conservation District #227 because he did not own any land.

On motion by Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board approved the appointment of C. L. Lane as a supervisor of the Wood Soil and Water Conservation District #444.

Correspondence was reviewed from the Upper Nueces-Frio Soil and Water Conservation District #238 in regard to the resignation of T. M. Sparks as supervisor of this board and a letter from Don Jackman, Chairman of this district, requesting forms to appoint a supervisor in subdivision 2. Due to the vagueness of Mr. Sparks' letter written to Mr. Jackman, it was agreed by the Board that Harvey Davis write a letter to Mr. Sparks to determine whether he has resigned.

Gene Jones reported on the Council of Governments. Since the last Board meeting, four meetings have been held with participation at each by the local district supervisors. This is a relatively new program with by-laws in the planning stage. The Board recommended that Soil and Water Conservation Districts be represented in this program.

Harvey Davis gave a report on the 1968-69 budget. The Board had requested \$453,529. Appropriated was \$443,571. Included in the 1968-69 appropriation are two additional field men and an office supervisor. The present Secretary III position was left out of the budget appropriation. The travel expense, operating expense, and watershed planning account were appropriated funds as requested.

Harvey Davis reported on the results of a letter on matching funds mailed to districts from A. L. Black, President of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Replies have been received from 77 districts requesting funds totaling \$84,675 and averaging \$1,100 per district with a projected total of \$205,639.

An incomplete, tentative budget request for 1969-70 was approved to be completed by Harvey Davis when additional information on the matching fund is received. Items approved were the following: State Board Members' Per Diem - \$4,000 each year, Executive Director's Salary - \$17,500 each year, Classified Positions - one-step increase each year plus re-instatement of secretary's position that was left out, Travel Expense - \$181,200 each year, Office Expense - \$11,500 for 1970 and \$12,000 for 1971, and Watershed Planning - \$150,000 each year.

The State Meeting to be held in Galveston, October 15-17, 1968, was reviewed. The Board agreed to invite the following State Officials to appear on the program: House Speaker Ben Barnes, Representative Gus Mutscher, Senator A. M. Aikin, and Representative Charlie Jungmichel. In addition, John Wilder, Vice President of the National Association of Conservation Districts, and Dr. Joe Nichols, Supervisor of the Marion-Cass Soil and Water Conservation District #433, were extended an invitation. The program as approved will follow the same format as last year's program.

The Agricultural Water meeting to be held in Dallas on July 19, 1968, was discussed. Harvey Davis will represent the State Board at this meeting.

The 1968 Southern Conference of State Soil Conservation Boards will be held in Asheville, North Carolina, on September 8-10, 1968. The Board authorized Albert Roach, Harvey Davis, and any staff member he designates to attend.

The next regular meeting of the State Board will be held on September 17, 1968, at 8:00 a.m. in Pleasanton, Texas.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

J. Frank Gray
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

9-17-68
Date

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your minutes dated July 16, 1968.
Thanks very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

John Connally

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 16, 1968.

9-19-68
Date

Larney Davis
Executive Director