

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
July 19, 1973

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 8:30 a.m., July 19, 1973 in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

The following people were in attendance:

State Soil and Water Conservation Board

Frank Gray, Chairman
E. W. Wehman, Vice Chairman
Joe Antilley, Member
Henry Turney, Member
Albert Roach, Member
Harvey Davis, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer
Josephine Chupik, Office Manager

Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Doyle Hutcheson, President
Dee Brune, Vice President
Charles Wood, Secretary-Treasurer
W. S. Gibbs, Director
Kenneth Kuykendall, Director

The group discussed the present soil and water conservation district program, new objectives and the need for new programs. All programs involving federal expenditures were analyzed and in each case the federal government has reduced its activity. All those in attendance were asked to give some thought to how various programs could be strengthened and also what new programs are needed to accomplish soil and water conservation. This matter was to be discussed at a future meeting of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board and of the Directors of the Association.

Mr. Davis advised the group on the status of Matching Funds for the 1973 fiscal year. Since there will be a balance in Matching Funds on August 1, 1973, on motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board agreed to allocate supplemental requests beginning with the smallest requests and graduating upward until all funds are expended. This procedure has been

used in the past three fiscal years which assures all districts with supplemental requests some additional funds provided their requests do not exceed the \$3,000 limit per district within the fiscal year.

The Annual State meeting will be held on October 30, 31, and November 1, 1973 in Fort Worth, Texas. The group discussed a theme for the meeting, selected speakers and entertainment for the opening night.

Dates for the 1974 Texas Conservation Awards program were announced. The State Conservation Awards Program will be held on May 3, 1974 in Fort Worth, Texas. The Area Awards Programs will be held on the following dates:

Area I	May 7, 1974
Area II	May 9, 1974
Area III	May 10, 1974
Area IV	May 16, 1974
Area V	May 17, 1974

John Millican gave statistics on the 63rd Legislative Session which ended in June. Out of the total of 2,726 bills introduced, 977 were in the Senate and 1,749 in the House. Of 688 bills passed 300 were in the Senate and 388 were in the House. Resolutions introduced were 1,647, of which 1,120 were in the Senate and 527 in the House. Resolutions adopted were 1,265 of which 1,026 were in the Senate and 239 in the House.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with Chairman Gray welcoming Ed Thomas, State Conservationist, and Logan Crews, Assistant State Conservationist, Watersheds, of the Soil Conservation Service.

The minutes of the May 12, 1973 meeting were approved as read.

A new watershed application under Public Law 566 on Deep Creek (Snyder) in the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District #115 was discussed. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the application was disapproved pending a field examination.

Unfavorable field examinations were reviewed on the following watersheds:

- (1) Tierra Blanca Creek (Hereford) - Tierra Blanca SWCD #143 and
Parmer County SWCD #140
- (2) Lower Tierra Blanca Creek (Hereford) - Palo Duro SWCD #147 and
Tierra Blanca SWCD #143
- (3) Palo Duro Creek (Canyon) - Palo Duro SWCD #147 and
Tierra Blanca SWCD #143

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board disapproved these watersheds due to an unfavorable benefit-cost ratio.

A field examination was reviewed on the Big Creek watershed (Rosenberg) in the Coastal Plains SWCD #317. Due to a favorable benefit-cost ratio of 1.9:1.0, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the watershed as being feasible for planning.

Requests to amend the P. L. 566 Elm Creek watershed (Ballinger) application were discussed. The Elm Creek Water Control District has requested to become a sponsor and the Valley Creek Water Control District has requested to become an endorser rather than a sponsor. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the requests.

Sonny Kretschmar reported on the field level reviews on the Kickapoo Creek watershed (Granbury) and the Red Deer Creek Watershed (Miami).

Logan Crews reviewed the status of watershed construction and planning on Public Law 566 projects and presented a detailed summary of watershed activities as of June 30, 1973 to each Board member.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the appointment of the following District Directors:

J. L. Whitaker - Canadian River SWCD #160
Gene Strachan - El Paso-Hudspeth SWCD #205
Gordon McAdoo - High Point SWCD #230
Pedro P. Uribe - Zapata SWCD #335

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board tabled action on the appointment of Hjalmar Axelson of the Taylor SWCD #513 pending additional information.

A petition received on July 18, 1973 to transfer that portion of Sterling County in the Mitchell SWCD #207 to the North Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District #208 was reviewed by the Board. On motion of E.W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the transfer of this territory as being practicable and feasible and approved the new subdivisions for each district.

The next regular State Board meeting is scheduled for September 20, 1973.

The Southern States Administrative Officers Meeting will be held in Richmond, Virginia on September 5 and 6, 1973. A motion was made by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, that the Chairman and/or one person from the State Board staff attend. Motion carried.

There being no further discussion, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

J. Frank Gray
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

September 20, 1973
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 19, 1973

September 20, 1973
Date

Lemmy Davis
Executive Director