

Official Minutes

Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board

July 19, 1989

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on Wednesday, July 19, 1989, at 8:00 a.m. in its conference room at 311 North Fifth Street, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Fred Squyres, Chairman
Larry McCasland, Vice Chairman
Joe Antilley, Member
Harvey Davis, Member
C. F. "Dick" Schendel, Member

Staff members present were:

Robert G. Buckley, Executive Director
John W. Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Bill Neiser, Director of Programs
Leonard Pietzsch, Chief Accountant
James Moore, Engineer
Jay Kuykendall, Planner
Janet Gonser, Planner
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist
Lois Cain, Office Services Supervisor
Rex Isom, State Board Field Representative
Bob Gruner, State Board Field Representative
Johnny Oswald, State Board Field Representative
Joe Freeman, State Board Field Representative
Roy Freeman, State Board Field Representative
Andy Garza, State Board Field Representative
David Powell, State Board Field Representative
Joe McKay, State Board Field Representative
Don Brandenberger, State Board Field Representative
Dub Crumley, State Board Field Representative

Others present were:

Clyde Hale, President, Assn. of Texas SWCDs
Wes Oneth, Soil Conservation Service
Gary Westmoreland, Soil Conservation Service
O'Gene Barkemeyer, Soil Conservation Service
Comer Tuck, Texas Water Development Board
Tom Milligan, Texas Water Development Board

Dr. Bill Harris, Texas Agricultural Extension Service
Jack Edmiston, Chairman, McCulloch SWCD #249
Charles Haenisch, Secretary, McCulloch SWCD #249

Chairman Squyres called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Larry McCasland, the minutes of the May 24, 1989 meeting were approved as mailed to each Board member.

John Millican presented a request from the Lower Sabine-Neches Soil and Water Conservation District No. 446 requesting rezoning of Subdivisions 3 and 4 in order to bring in more agricultural land into Subdivision 3 to allow the district to appoint a qualified director for that subdivision. On motion of Larry McCasland, seconded by Harvey Davis, the request was approved.

John Millican reviewed information on appointees for district directors for consideration and recommended they be approved. On motion of Harvey Davis, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the Board approved the following district directors:

Douglas Zuber, Cochran SWCD #149
Glen Gruben, Upper Clear Fork SWCD #165
R. Simpson (Bud) Johnson, Coke County SWCD #219
Gilbert Lauter, Washington SWCD #348
James Malcolm McNatt, Harrison County SWCD #412
Clifford L. Hensarling, Piney Woods SWCD #429
Pat Hudson, Lower Sabine-Neches SWCD #446
Don Walker, California Creek SWCD #545

Ennis Christenberry, Sulpher-Cypress SWCD #419 and John Hatler, Young

SWCD #539 were approved contingent upon receipt of resignation letters of directors they were to replace.

John Millican presented the necessary forms for the division and reorganization of the Dos Rios Soil and Water Conservation District No. 322 to form the McMullen County Soil and Water Conservation District #353 and the LaSalle County Soil and Water Conservation District #354. Appointments of the district directors for Zones 2 and 4 were approved for each district. Clifton Wheeler, Jr. in Zone 4 and Larry L. Miles in Zone 2 were approved for McMullen County SWCD. Raymond A. Landrum, Jr. in Zone 2 and Chip Briscoe in Zone 4 were approved for LaSalle County SWCD. On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Joe Antilley, the division and reorganization of the new districts were approved.

John Millican brought the Board up to date on plans for the upcoming Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors in McAllen on October 23-25, 1989. He provided the Board with a preliminary budget for the state meeting.

John Millican outlined the program of the South Central Regional National Association of Conservation Districts meeting to be held in South Padre Island, July 30 - August 1, 1989 and passed out preregistration forms.

Bill Neiser presented the proposed 1990 operating budget and advised the Board of the "across the board" salary increase and the changes in mileage and per diem that can be claimed. He also advised

the Board that the Legislature approved funding for one new Engineer position, the existing Administrative Technician, and authorized the Watershed Study program to be funded by a grant from the Texas Water Development Board. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the operating budget was adopted as presented.

Bill Neiser reported on the 1989 Technical Assistance Grant reallocations as of July 19, 1989.

Supplemental claims for Technical Assistance were then discussed. C. F. Schendel moved to use the same procedure as in the past to equally divide the money that was available at the end of the fiscal year. Joe Antilley seconded. Motion carried.

There was then discussion of the 1990 allocations for Technical Assistance funds. Harvey Davis moved to include all districts that requested funds to be considered for funding. Joe Antilley seconded. Motion carried. There were 21 districts not involved in the program before that had requested funds. C. F. Schendel moved to use 56% of their request to establish a base figure for those 21 districts and divide the balance of increased appropriations equally among each of the state districts. Harvey Davis seconded. Motion carried. Technical Assistance funding for each State District is as follows:

Area I - \$230,729
Area II - \$159,230
Area III - \$204,168
Area IV - \$169,333
Area V - \$266,941

Joe Antilley made the motion to go with the figures as they had been presented. C. F. Schendel seconded, motion carried. The Board members and field representatives then broke up in their area groups to allocate the funds available for each of their soil and water conservation districts. Harvey Davis moved to approve the individual allocations as recommended. Joe Antilley seconded, motion carried. (Allocations as approved are attached.)

Matching fund allocations were then discussed. Harvey Davis moved to include all districts that have a request into be considered. C. F. Schendel seconded, motion carried. Several ways of distributing the available Matching fund money were discussed. Larry McCasland made the motion to allocate funds to the districts at the level they had requested up to a maximum of \$3,200. Joe Antilley seconded, motion carried. (Allocations as approved are attached.)

Bill Neiser presented information on the Drug Free Workplace Act. This involves people employed with federal funds and since we received some federal funding we have to comply with this Act. Harvey Davis moved to adopt the example presented by Mr. Neiser as the policy for the State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Larry McCasland seconded, motion carried.

James Moore presented a report on the Nonpoint Source Management Program and advised the Board that he felt the assessment was on its way to approval by the Environmental Protection Agency. He also discussed the milestones listed in the nonpoint source management program that had

been completed and presented a report entitled "Fiscal Year 1989 Progress Report and Update to the Agricultural/Silvicultural Nonpoint Source Management Program". Larry McCasland made the motion to approve the report as presented by James Moore. Harvey Davis seconded, motion carried.

James Moore presented information on a PL 83-566 application for a watershed project for the Upper North Bosque River. Joe Antilley made a motion to make a tour of any PL 83-566 project that the Board may be involved in. Larry McCasland seconded, motion carried. The staff was then requested by the Board to make arrangements for them to tour the Upper North Bosque River on September 19, 1989 in conjunction with the next regularly scheduled State Board meeting to be held on September 20, 1989.

James Moore presented a letter from Gale Martin, Executive Director, Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission, transmitting information on the status of appointments to subcommittees of the Technical Steering Committee for the Gulf of Mexico Program.

C. F. Schendel reported on a Galveston Bay Study citizens advisory steering committee meeting he had attended in June. He said 12 out of the 17 committee members were present and Clyde Bomfalk from the Texas Water Commission presented the program.

Wes Oneth made the report for the Soil Conservation Service and advised the Board that Freddie Williams had recently been appointed the

area conservationist for the Big Spring area and that Tom Cunningham had been appointed area conservationist for the Mount Pleasant area. He also said that the Soil Conservation Service will be losing about 35 more positions during the next fiscal year.

Gary Westmoreland presented a slide program on Seco Creek and Edwards Underground Aquifer. Seco Creek has been approved by the Secretary of Agriculture as a national water quality/quantity demonstration project.

O'Gene Barkemeyer reported on a proposed study by the Lower Colorado River Authority. LCRA has \$350,000 to pay the Soil Conservation Service to do a study on the Middle Colorado project area to see if there is some land treatment to keep sediment from moving into Lake LBJ. An agreement between the Soil Conservation Service and the Lower Colorado River Authority is being worked out and he recommended that the Board become a cooperator in the project. On motion of Larry McCasland, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the Board agreed to cooperate with the Soil Conservation Service in this project.

Bill Harris advised the Board that the Memorandum of Understanding between the Texas A&M University System Agencies, the State Soil and Water Conservation Board and Soil and Water Conservation Districts was being signed by the various agencies at Texas A&M and would be forwarded to the State Board for signatures. This is to replace the Memorandum of Understanding of 1970.

Comer Tuck from the Texas Water Development Board reported that under the grants program grants have been approved for Hale County Soil and Water Conservation District #132, Dawson County SWCD #124, Upper Leon SWCD #525 and Bosque SWCD #522 totaling \$41,000 for these four districts.

Clyde Hale advised the Board there would be a Great Plains national meeting in San Angelo, Texas on October 5, 6, and 7, 1989.

Mr. Buckley discussed information received from the Attorney General's Office answering questions relating to operations of soil and water conservation districts that had been requested by the Board.

Mel Davis gave a report on the 1990 State Awards Program that is sponsored each year by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts. No changes were recommended by the Board.

Mel Davis brought the Board up to date on the outcome of the 71st Regular Legislative Session and the First Called Special Session.

Bob Buckley reported on legislation for extension of the Great Plains Conservation program. Harvey Davis made the motion to send letters of support in favor of the Great Plains program extension to all the Texas Delegation and sponsors of the Great Plains legislation. Joe Antilley seconded the motion, motion carried.

Clyde Gottschalk reported on the activities of the Public Information/Education program. He reported that he had already worked with more than 500 teachers in education workshops. He also advised the Board he was on the national steering committee for Project Food, Land and People and would be going to Denver, Colorado to attend a committee meeting.

Board members travel was then discussed. There was no out-of-state travel to be approved.

The next regularly scheduled State Board meeting is September 20, 1989.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Fred Spayser

Chairman

Lois Cain

Secretary

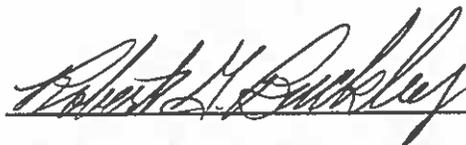
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Date

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on July 19, 1989.

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Date



Executive Director