

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
July 20, 1972

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on July 20, 1972 in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

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

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director; John Millican, Assistant Executive Director; Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer; Jake Schrum, Field Representative; and Josephine Chupik, Office Manager of the State Board staff; Ed Thomas, State Conservationist and Logan Crews, Assistant State Conservationist, Watersheds, of the Soil Conservation Service; and Doyle Hutcheson, President, of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Since copies of the minutes of the Board meeting held on June 29 and July 1, 1972 had been mailed to each Board member, on motion of Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman, these minutes were approved by the Board without being read.

Mr. Davis advised the Board on the status of Matching funds for the 1972 fiscal year. Since there will be a balance in Matching funds on August 1, 1972, on motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board agreed to allocate supplemental funds to all districts with a supplemental request beginning with the smallest requests and graduating upward until all funds are expended. This being the same procedure used in the 1971 fiscal year which assures all districts with supplemental requests some additional funds provided their requests are not above \$3,000 for the fiscal year.

The Board discussed Matching funds for the fiscal year 1973. One hundred and seventy-six Districts requested funds totaling \$335,715; however, only \$248,784 was appropriated in Matching funds for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1972 and ending August 31, 1973. After considerable discussion, on motion of Frank Gray, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board agreed to allocate 75% of the amount requested for the fiscal year 1972 by each of the 176 districts since the appropriated funds were the same for 1972 and 1973.

The Board reviewed appropriations for fiscal year 1973 to determine the needs for the next biennium (1974-1975) budget request. An additional 5 field representatives and 25 clerks for district offices are to be included in the request. The following is a tentative request for the biennium of 1974 and 1975:

	<u>Request 1974</u>	<u>Request 1975</u>
Per Diem-Board Members	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Executive Director	25,000	25,000
Salaries, Classified Positions	303,228	324,204
Travel Expense	230,048	230,048
Consumable Supplies and Office Expense	27,463	23,433
Watershed Planning	150,000	150,000
Matching Funds	<u>401,181</u>	<u>403,769</u>
Total	<u>\$1,142,920</u>	<u>\$1,162,454</u>

The Board reviewed an application for watershed planning assistance under Public Law 566 on Town Creek and Quinlan Creek near Kerrville in the Kerr County Soil and Water Conservation District. On motion of Albert Roach seconded by Frank Gray, the Board disapproved the application pending a field examination to determine feasibility.

Logan Crews briefly reviewed the status of watershed construction and planning of Public Law 566 projects and presented a detailed summary as of July 14, 1972 to each Board member. A detailed annual progress summary dated June 30, 1972 on each watershed in Texas was also given to each Board member.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board granted a planning priority for the Upper San Marcos River watershed. In granting this priority, the Board anticipated that the Edwards Underground Water District would provide the \$25,000 to help defray planning costs as proposed by the District's Board Chairman, W. H. Spice during the informal hearing held on July 19, 1972.

The Board scheduled a tour and hearing tentatively for the Elm Creek watershed near Ballinger for September 12, 1972 with an alternate date of September 14, 1972.

Harvey Davis read a resolution from the Texas Water Rights Commission re-affirming its policy that all floodwater-retarding structures have sliding gates or other acceptable outlet facilities at the water level below which not more than 200 acre-feet of water can be impounded, including that within the borrow pit excavations upstream from the dam. The resolution came as a result of the meeting on May 4, 1972 with the Texas Water Rights Commission.

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved appointment of the following directors:

John C. Gramstorff - Ochiltree SWCD #142
Jimmy Partin - Middle Clear Fork SWCD #206
L. S. Shrader - Polk-Jacinto SWCD #436
Clyde E. Hale - Upper Elm-Red SWCD #524

A request to change zone boundaries in the Bandera Soil and Water Conservation District #229 was considered by the Board. This district had received a portion of territory from the Nueces-Frio-Sabinal Soil and Water Conservation District and the district felt the need to give the people in the annexed area representation on the Board by adjusting its zone boundary lines. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board honored this request effective October 1, 1972.

The State meeting will be held on October 17, 18, 19, 1972 at the Astroworld Hotel in Houston, Texas. The Board discussed planning the program. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board appointed Joe Antilley, Doyle Hutcheson and Harvey Davis with staff members to finalize the State meeting program. The theme selected for this year's meeting is "Natural Resources - Meeting the needs of People".

The Board reviewed the model State act for soil erosion and sediment control. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board decided that each Soil and Water Conservation District should receive a copy of the model act for study and consideration. Field Representatives will be reviewing this act in district board meetings.

The Board discussed amendments to H.B. 444. It was decided that the limit on the amount of Board members per diem be removed. At present the limit is \$20.00.

The site for the 1973 State meeting was not selected.

The Annual Conference of Southern States Soil and Water Conservation Boards, Commissions or Committees will be held on August 30 and 31, 1972 at the

Astroworld Hotel in Houston, Texas.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Joe Antilley
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

9-12-72
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the State Soil & Water Conservation Board meeting held on July 20, 1972.

9-12-72
Date

Lancey Davis
Executive Director