

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
July 20, 1978

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board held a public hearing on July 20, 1978 at 8:00 a.m., 1006 First National Building, Temple, Texas to consider the removal of Ramiro Carrillo as Director of the Agua Poquita Soil and Water Conservation District # 321. A copy of the hearing proceedings are attached.

After adjournment of the public hearing at 9:30 a.m., Chairman Frank Gray called to order a meeting of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board with the following people in attendance:

Board Members -

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

Staff Members -

A. C. Spencer, Executive Director  
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director  
James Moore, Engineer  
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor

Others -

George Marks, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service  
Jimmy Hill, Assistant State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service  
Harvey Davis, Executive Director, Texas Department of Water Resources  
Dr. B. L. Harris, Texas Agricultural Extension Service  
Dr. Edwin Colburn, Texas Agricultural Extension Service  
Clark Bolt, KCEN-TV

Since each board member received by mail a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on May 17, 1978, and there being no changes suggested, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the minutes were approved without being read.

Harvey Davis reported on the activities of the Texas Department of Water Resources. He discussed the meeting of the Subcommittee on Coastal

Zone Management Program of the Natural Resources Council.

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the following district director appointments were approved:

Allen W. "Pete" Maddox - Garza SWCD # 158  
V. V. Fritze - Mason County SWCD # 223  
Buster Cole - Sandhills SWCD # 241  
Edmund T. Garza - Live Oak SWCD # 323  
Humberto Gonzalez, Jr. - Zapata SWCD # 335

A. C. Spencer reported that Governor Dolph Briscoe had signed Executive Order DB 39 on July 17, 1978 designating the State Soil and Water Conservation Board as the management agency for implementing agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source control programs in the State of Texas in compliance with the provisions of Section 208 (j) of P. L. 92-500.

James Moore reported an application for a Public Law 566 Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention project had been received on Alpine Creek on July 13, 1978. The sponsors of the project are the Big Bend Soil and Water Conservation District, Brewster County Commissioners Court and the City of Alpine. Preliminary examination of the watershed reveals a benefit-cost ratio of 1.04:1 with almost all of the 21,760 acres in rangeland. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the project as feasible for planning.

George Marks reported their budget for fiscal year 1979 was about the same as for the present year. He informed the Board the procedures were now available for de-authorization of watersheds.

Jimmy Hill gave a brief summary of activities on PL 566 watershed projects.

Dr. Bill Harris informed the Board that a "Conservation Tillage" conference was being planned for January 25-26, 1979. At this point the location was undecided but facilities at A & M would be considered. Taken into consideration would be wind erosion and water erosion as well as general and specific elements for the program.

Mr. Spencer reported tha Resource Conservation Act meetings were being held by local soil and water conservation districts throughout the State. Generally attendance was good with active participation by district directors.

Mr. Spencer informed the Board of a hearing held with the staff of the Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Office on July 10, 1978 in regards to the 1980 and 1981 fiscal year budget requests.

Mr. Spencer reported several personnel changes. Robert Buckley had been named Director of Programs effective July 1, 1978. On August 1, 1978, Elmer (Moe) Seidensticker will be employed as Soil Conservationist in Area II to be headquartered in Kerrville, Texas replacing L. F. Stewart who retired on May 31, 1978. Joe Byron Freeman will be employed as Administrative Technician effective August 1, 1978.

The Steering Committee for the Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors to be held in Corpus Christi on October 17, 18, and 19, 1978 composed of Frank Gray, Kenneth Kuykendall and A. C. Spencer will choose a theme for the meeting. The Board discussed the registration fee for the meeting. It was agreed to leave the fee at \$10.00 for each gentleman. Ladies registration remains free. The Board selected several speakers that will be invited to appear on the program.

The Board agreed to have a joint meeting with the Directors of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 1978.

John Millican reported that facilities had been checked in Austin, Brownsville, El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio for the selection of a site for the Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors in 1979. The Board agreed that district directors should be given an opportunity to help in the selection of the location. It was decided to mail a form to each district director allowing Austin, El Paso and San Antonio

to be voted on as possible sites. After taking this survey into consideration, the site will be announced at the 1978 Annual meeting in Corpus Christi.

The next regular meeting date of the Board is September 21, 1978.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

J. Frank Gray  
Chairman

Josephine Chupik  
Secretary

9-21-78  
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 20, 1978.

9-21-78  
Date

[Signature]  
Executive Director