

Official Minutes
State Soil Conservation Board
July 21, 1958

The regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation board was held in the Wooten Hotel, Abilene, Texas, beginning at 8:00 A.M., July 21, 1958.

Members present were: S. J. Payne, Chairman, E. W. Wehman, J. C. Porter, and A. F. Leesch.

Others present were: A. C. Spencer, H. D. Davis, L. F. Stewart, and Garner Jones of the State Soil Conservation Board.

The minutes of the May 16, 1958 meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by A. F. Leesch to disapprove the following watershed applications pending preliminary surveys:

1. Bartons and Sunday Creek-Palo Pinto SCD #518
2. Village-Farmers Creek-Upper Elm-Red SCD #524

The motion carried.

Having received favorable reports from preliminary surveys on the following watersheds, a motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by J. C. Porter to approve these watersheds:

1. Pecan Creek-Hamilton-Coryell SCD
2. Irons Bayou-Shelby-Panola SCD
3. Sanders Creek-North Texas & Fannin County SCD

The motion carried.

Having received an unfavorable report from a preliminary survey on Palo Pinto Creek located in the Palo Pinto SCD, a motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by E. W. Wehman to finally disapprove this watershed application. The motion carried.

E. W. Wehman stated that he and A. F. Leesch had attended a meeting of local people that were sponsoring the Salado Creek watershed in the Alamo Soil Conservation District. Mr. Wehman stated that the sponsors were interested in Salado Creek being used to re-charge underground water supply if feasible

and they asked that more investigation be made in this respect before any further action be taken by the State Board. The State Board agreed to defer further action on the Salado Creek application until more information could be obtained.

A. C. Spencer reported on the Public hearings held in the Nacogdoches-Rusk Soil Conservation District #401 and the Shelby-Panola Soil Conservation District #414 on the proposition of dissolving and re-organizing said districts. After discussing this proposition at length and considering the fact that J. S. Sharp was not able to attend the Board meeting because of illness and that he represents that area in which the districts are located and also helped to conduct the Public hearings, a motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by A. F. Leesch to defer action on this proposition until the next Board meeting and to notify the local people to this effect. The motion carried.

Garner Jones gave a report to the Board on the work that had been done on the State Water Study.

L. F. Stewart discussed the need for teacher training in the field of conservation of soil, water, and plant life. Stewart stated that Sul Ross College at Alpine was the only College in Texas offering credit courses in this field at the present time for teachers. Stewart also discussed the work of the State Committee on Conservation Education.

A. F. Leesch reported on the State Board's Budget hearing and stated that the group participating in hearing were well received by the Budget Committees.

A. F. Leesch stated that he, A. C. Spencer, and W. C. Howard had discussed the 1959 State Meeting Program and had agreed the same general procedure of the 1958 meeting would be good to follow.

The Board agreed to ask Will Wilson, Attorney General of Texas, to speak at the 1959 State Meeting.

A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by E. W. Wehman to hold its September meeting at Dublin, Texas and also, to hold Public hearings on Rush, Resley and Cow and Armstrong Creeks, in connection with the Board meeting. A schedule of the hearings and meeting to be worked out by A. C. Spencer. The

motion carried.

A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by A. F. Leesch to recommend priority for planning on the following watersheds by the privately financed party:

1. LaPuerta-La Casita-Garciasville-Starr County SCD
2. Garceno-Los Morenos-Starr County SCD
3. Fronton-Starr SCD

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Garnett Jones
Secretary

S. J. Payne
Chairman

9/5/58
Date