

**TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 20, 2011**

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on July 20, 2011, at 2:35 p.m. at 4311 S 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present:

Barry Mahler, Chairman  
Marty H. Graham, Vice-Chairman  
Scott Buckles, Member  
José Dodier, Member  
Jerry Nichols, Member  
Larry Jacobs, Member  
Joe Ward, Member

Staff members present:

Rex Isom, Executive Director  
Steve Jones, Regional Office Coordinator  
Judy Albus, Program Supervisor  
Carl Steffey, Program Supervisor  
Lawrence Brown, Program Supervisor  
Luis Pena, Program Supervisor  
Jack Foote, Program Specialist  
Ben Wilde, Program Specialist  
Kendria Ray, Program Specialist  
Adrian Perez, Program Specialist  
Tony Franklin, Program Specialist  
Joel Clark, Program Specialist  
Trey Watson, Program Specialist  
Don Brandenberger, Program Specialist  
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist  
Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor  
Mark Cochran, Program Supervisor  
John Foster, Programs Officer  
Aaron Wendt, Watershed Planning Coordinator  
Loren Warrick, NPS Project Manager  
Mitchell Conine, NPS Project Manager  
Ashley Alexander, NPS Project Manager  
Jana Baker, NPS Project Manager  
David Reeves, Database Administrator  
Kenny Zajicek, Fiscal Officer  
Lee Munz, Flood Control Programs Coordinator  
Jared Bowen, Flood Control Specialist  
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator  
Dawn Heitman, H R Coordinator  
Karen Preece, Accountant

A work session was conducted which covered all agenda items in detail. Questions were taken and answered.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Chairman

September 22, 2011  
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Secretary

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Executive Director

September 22, 2011  
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# TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

## Board Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2011

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on July 21, 2011, at 8:05 a.m. at 1749 Scott Boulevard, Temple, Texas.

### Board Members present:

Barry Mahler, Chairman  
Marty H. Graham, Vice-Chairman  
Scott Buckles, Member  
José Dodier, Member  
Jerry Nichols, Member  
Larry Jacobs, Member  
Joe Ward, Member

### Staff members present:

Rex Isom, Executive Director  
Steve Jones, Regional Office Coordinator  
Judy Albus, Program Supervisor  
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Mitchell Conine, NPS Project Manager  
Ashley Alexander, NPS Project Manager  
Jana Baker, NPS Project Manager  
David Reeves, Database Administrator  
Kenny Zajicek, Fiscal Officer  
Richard Egg, Engineer  
Lee Munz, Flood Control Programs Coordinator  
Jared Bowen, Flood Control Specialist  
Ben Bowers, Flood Control Specialist  
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator  
Clyde Gottschalk, Program Specialist  
Dawn Heitman, H R Coordinator  
Karen Preece, Accountant

Others present:

George Noelke, Office of the Attorney General  
Tamara Daniel, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts  
Monica Harris, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Shawn Ross, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Kelly Holligan, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Salvador Salinas, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Kevin Wagner, Texas Water Resources Institute  
Cameron Turner, Texas Water Development Board  
Shane Harrington, Texas Forest Service  
Chuck Coup, Texas Forest Service  
Michael Turco, United States Geological Survey

Chairman Mahler called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. and welcomed those present.

**AGENDA ITEM 1:** Opportunity for Public Comment

**AGENDA ITEM 2:** Comments from Federal, State and Local Governmental Entities

Mr. Kevin Wagner, Texas Water Resources Institute, addressed the Board. Mr. Wagner commented that water is high on list of priorities, even with Legislature, bacteria standards, upcoming workshop, and Dr. Allen Jones retirement on August 31, 2011.

Ms. Monica Harris, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, addressed the Board. Ms. Harris introduces Shawn Ross, TCEQ intern. Ms. Harris commented on TMDL's, NPS reduction, success stories, drought, EPA revised Water Quality Standards, and Watershed Coordinator.

Mr. Cameron Turner, Texas Water Development Board, addressed the Board. Mr. Turner commented on a Reduction in Force in their agency that will include 67 positions being eliminated, and their appreciation of our cooperation in working with their staff.

Mr. Salvador Salinas, Natural Resources Conservation Service, addressed the Board. Mr. Salinas reviewed the NRCS Activity Report. Mr. Salinas commented on the Gulf of Mexico Initiative which has identified watersheds on the Texas border that need work, which will be a partnership effort. Mr. Salinas commented on the Gulf Coast Cooperative, and that there will be a State Technical Advisory Committee Meeting to be held in Austin.

**AGENDA ITEM 3:** Comments from the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Ms. Tamara Daniel, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, addressed the Board. Ms. Daniel commented on the Farm Bill, NACD, Appropriations, and upcoming Regional Meeting. Ms. Daniel stated that the 2013 NACD Meeting will be held in San Antonio, and the new CEO will be John Larson.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:** Minutes from the May 25-26, 2011 Board Meetings

Chairman Mahler called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 25-26, 2011 Board Meetings. Mr. Ward moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 5:** District Director Appointments

Ms. Preece presented district director appointment for the Board's consideration and verified it was in order and met all qualifications. Mr. Nichols moved the following appointment be approved. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Galayda, Anderson-Houston #421, Zone 1, Replace Tommy Davis  
William Lewis, Navasota #440, Zone 1, Replace Russell Butaud, Jr.  
Odis Chapman, Rusk #447, Zone 4, Replace Bobby Bane  
Mark J Carrabba, Brazos County #450, Zone 3, Replace Don Angonia  
Scott Jay Jones, Kaufman-Van Zandt #505, Zone 2, Replace Owen Cantrell

**AGENDA ITEM 6:** Review Fiscal Year 2011 Operating Budget and Consider Approving Authority for Executive Director to Reallocate Funds

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Jacobs moved for the approval of the request as presented. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 7:** Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2012 Operating Budget

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved for the approval of the budget as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 8:** Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2012 Technical Assistance, Matching Funds, and Director Mileage and Per Diem Allocations

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Buckles moved for the approval of Technical Assistance allocations as presented. Mr. Dodier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Graham moved for the approval of Matching Funds allocations as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Buckles moved for the approval of Director Mileage and Per Diem allocations as presented. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 9:** Consider Approval of Requests for Waivers as per 31 TAC §523.6(E)(2)(B),(E)

Mr. Jones reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved for the approval of the requests as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 10:** Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2012 Cost Share Allocations for Water Quality Management Program

Mr. Jones reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Buckles moved for the approval of allocations as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 11:** Consider Statewide Water Quality Management Plan Cost Share Requests

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved for the approval of the requests as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 12:** Consider Approval of Flood Control Program Funding Allocation

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Jacobs moved for the approval of the allocation as presented. Mr. Dodier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 13:** Consider Adoption of Standardized Rates for In-Kind Contributions of Match Funding Related to Flood Control Operation and Maintenance Activity Reimbursement Requests

Mr. Munz stated that there are no requests at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM 14:** Flood Control Programs Status Report

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 15:** Flood Control Dam Rehabilitation Projects for Fiscal Year 2012

Mr. Egg reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Nichols moved for the approval of the projects as requested. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 16:** Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program Report

Mr. Conine and Mr. Wendt reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 17:** Poultry Water Quality Management Program Status Report

Mr. Cochran reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 18:** Sunset Legislation Implementation Status

Mr. Foster reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 19:** Water Supply Enhancement Program Report

Mr. Oswald reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 20:** Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 21:** Interagency Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species Report

Mr. Davis reviewed agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 22:** National Association of Conservation Districts Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 23:** National Association of State Conservation Agencies Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 24:** Review plans for 2011 Annual State Meeting

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved for the approval to request Speaker of The House Joe Straus as the Monday speaker, and Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples as the Tuesday speaker. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jacobs moved for the approval to request two workshops that are CEU approved for Animal Damage Control and Gas Drilling/Water Wells (Fracking). Mr. Dodier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham moved for the approval for the banquet meal as presented. Mr. Dodier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 25:** Texas Conservation Awards Program

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved for the approval of the awards packet as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 26:** Consider Re-adoption, Revision, or Repeal of 31 TAC, Chapter 520, Subchapter B, Requirements to Receive State Funds or Administer State Programs (§§520.11 – 520.13)

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Jacobs moved to publish the proposal in the *Texas Register* as presented. Mr. Buckles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 27:** Review and Consider Revisions to the Cooperative Agreement between the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. The Board tabled this item until the September 2011 Board Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 28:** July 2011 Semiannual Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 29:** Legislative Update/Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 30:** Public Information/Education Report

Mr. Gottschalk reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 31:** Human Resources Report

Ms. Heitman reviewed the agenda information.

Mr. Mahler awarded service awards to the following:

Beverly Krause – 15 years

Loren Warrick – 5 years

**AGENDA ITEM 32:** Set Date for the Next State Board Meeting

September 21-22, 2011.

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