

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD
July 27, 1962

The State Soil Conservation Board met in regular session with the Texas Water Commission and the Texas Water Development Board in the State Office Building, Austin, Texas, at 1:30 p.m., July 27, 1962.

Members present: A. F. Leesch, Chairman, J. Frank Gray, and E. W. Wehman

Others present: Joe D. Carter, Judge O. F. Dent, H. A. Beckwith, John Vandertulip, M. A. Nations, James Luscombe, and Garner Jones of the Texas Water Commission. Marvin Nichols, Marvin Shubert, J. D. Sartwelle, C. Y. Mills, and Howard Boswell of the Water Development Board. H. D. Davis and J. M. Norton of the State Soil Conservation Board.

The meeting was called to order to discuss problems and programs of mutual interest between the agencies. The possibility and procedures of assisting small towns and communities in securing a municipal water supply through the Upstream Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program was discussed. The State Soil Conservation Board encourages such participation and planning in connection with programs under Public Law 566. The Texas Water Commission is authorized to assist under the authority granted it by the 1957 Planning Act. Efforts are to be coordinated to this end. A proposed irrigation inventory for 1964 was discussed. It was decided that the staffs of the State Soil Conservation Board and the Texas Water Commission could work together in developing procedures to follow.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

The Board reconvened in the Driskell Hotel at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were: A. F. Leesch, Chairman, J. Frank Gray, and E. W. Wehman.

Others present were: Harvey D. Davis, Executive Director and J. M. Norton, Engineer of the State Soil Conservation Board and Don McFarland, visitor.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 25-27, 1962 were read and approved.

Two new watershed applications, Upper Sweetwater Creek-199,577 acres, and Lower Sweetwater Creek watershed-137,911 acres, on Sweetwater Creek, a tributary of the Red River in Wheeler and Gray Counties of Texas and Becham and Roger Mills Counties of Oklahoma were reviewed for the Board by Norton. The application appeared to be in order and on motion by J. Frank Gray, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the applications were disapproved pending a field examination to determine economic feasibility.

H. D. Davis reviewed a meeting held with Vernon McGee relative to information, data, and procedure needed to supplement the Board's request for appropriations to Soil Conservation Districts.

Action on the distribution of the \$35,000 allocated to Soil Conservation District Operations from the 1963 appropriation as set up by the Board in their meeting on June 25, 1962, was postponed to the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Leesch reviewed the four-state Western Gulf Area Meeting of Soil Conservation District Supervisors held at Hot Springs, Arkansas, July 18-20, 1962. The Texas delegation presented phases of administering the watershed protection and flood prevention program in Texas.

The meeting held at Shamrock, Texas by the Red River Authority and attended by representatives of the State Soil Conservation Board, Texas Water Commission, Wheeler and Gray County Soil Conservation Districts, and local leaders of the towns of Wheeler and Shamrock were reviewed by Norton and Board Member Frank Gray. The main topic consisted of ways and means to provide the towns of Shamrock and Wheeler with a municipal water supply and for a watershed protection program on Sweetwater Creek. The participation of the State Board and Soil Conservation Service in watershed development was explained and our assistance was offered toward that end.

The State Meeting to be held in Lubbock was discussed and a review was given as to action taken and items needing further attention.

A meeting of State Soil Conservation Boards and Committees to be held in Atlanta, Georgia on September 30-October 2, 1962, was discussed as to representation from our Board. The Board authorized the attendance of three people from the Board and staff.

On motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board authorized Chairman Leesch to sign a supplemental project agreement with the Soil Conservation Service for watershed planning on the Upper Bosque River watershed to include an additional \$23,000 for planning to be effective September 1, 1962.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

[Handwritten signature of C. Leesch]

Chairman

[Handwritten signature of J. M. Norton]

Secretary

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Date

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your minutes dated July 27 1962.

Thanks very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten signature of Price Daniel]

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