

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
July 28, 1980

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on July 28, 1980
at 7:30 a.m. in the Mill Creek Room of the Rodeway Inn, Arlington, Texas.

Board members present:

Henry W. Turney, Chairman
Albert Roach, Vice Chairman
Joe Antilley, Member
Frank Gray, Member
C. F. "Dick" Schendel, Member

Staff members present:

A. C. Spencer, Executive Director
John W. Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs
James Moore, Engineer
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor
Mel Davis, Field Representative
Bill Reece, Field Representative
Don Brandenberger, Field Representative
David C. Powell, Field Representative

Others present:

George Marks, Soil Conservation Service
Bill L. Harris, Agricultural Extension Service
W. Q. Richards, Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts
Waldo Smith, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
J. D. Smith, Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service
G. Ray Sawyer, " " " "
Ed Lehman, " " " "
Steve Pringle, " " " "
Bill Blevins, " " " "
Robert L. Melbern " " " " Washington, D. C.

Chairman Turney called the meeting to order.

Since copies of the minutes of June 12, 1980 board meeting were received
in the mail by each Board member and there being no changes, on motion of Frank
Gray, seconded by Albert Roach, the minutes were approved without being read.

On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved

the following district director appointments:

Junior Taylor - Floyd County SWCD # 104
Leslie Nixon, Jr. - Floyd County SWCD # 104
Melvin W. May - Wheeler County SWCD # 141
M. A. Rodriguez - Loma Blanca SWCD # 328
Dwain Earl Nunley - Calhoun SWCD # 345
Wendell Mints - Wilbarger SWCD # 537
Daryl Anderson - Denton SWCD # 547

Mr. Gray reported that public hearings held June 23 in Aspermont and June 24 in Guthrie on the petition filed for the division and reorganization of King-Stonewall Soil and Water Conservation District # 120 were favorable. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board authorized the staff to proceed with the division and reorganization.

John Millican discussed possible meeting sites for the 1981 Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors. He had checked available facilities at Austin, Abilene, Amarillo, McAllen and Lubbock. The Board agreed by consensus that the 1981 meeting should be held in the Panhandle area. A motion was made by Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray that the site for the 1981 meeting be Lubbock. The motion failed. Board members then discussed possible Panhandle sites and agreed to hold the 1981 meeting at Amarillo since no State meeting has been held there before. This decision is contingent upon verbal commitments from Amarillo being included in a formal agreement.

In considering a site for the 1982 annual meeting, the Board decided to poll the district directors for their suggestion.

Mr. Spencer reported that speakers for the 1980 annual meeting are almost complete.

Mr. Turney welcomed the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service State Committee, its Executive Director, Steve Pringle and other staff members. The group discussed the possibility of submitting an application for assistance under the Experimental Rural Clean Water Program administered

by the ASCS, USDA. The proposed project area would include portions of segment 0303 of the Sulphur River Basin. The discussion centered around the fact that insufficient data exists to document an agricultural nonpoint source pollution problem and the State Soil and Water Conservation Board's concern that landowners could be unjustly indicted as polluters. On a motion by Frank Gray, seconded by Albert Roach, it was decided that staff members of each organization meet to work out acceptable wording for the application to be presented to the Board for its concurrence.

Due to recent developments impacting the Lake Tawakoni study, the Board agreed to delay the contract that was authorized in the Board meeting of May 1, 1980 to transfer \$23,000 in 208 planning funds to the Sabine River Authority to improve their monitoring program on Lake Tawakoni.

James Moore informed the Board of the Environmental Protection Agency nonpoint source workshop in Dallas on August 26, 1980.

James Moore reviewed the following applications for Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Projects under PL 83-566, as amended for Land Treatment Only:

- (1) Caddo Creek - Collin County & Upper Sabine SWCDs
- (2) Upper South Fork of Sabine River - Collin County, Upper Sabine and Kaufman-Van Zandt SWCDs
- (3) Lower Bois d'arc Creek - Fannin County SWCD
- (4) Mountain Creek - Upper Elm-Red SWCD

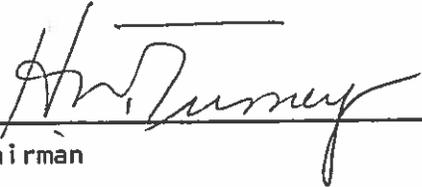
On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board disapproved the applications pending a feasibility study.

Bob Buckley reported to the Board on the budget hearing held in May in Austin. As a result of this hearing, on motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board has approved an amendment to the 1982-83 biennium budget by letter to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Budget

Board and the Governor's Budget Office increasing the salary of the Executive Director to \$35,000 plus the 5.1% increase or a total of \$37,100.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 18, 1980 and will be held in connection with a dam dedication on Deport Creek if arrangements are complete by this date.

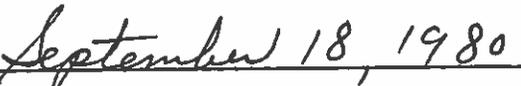
The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



Chairman



Secretary

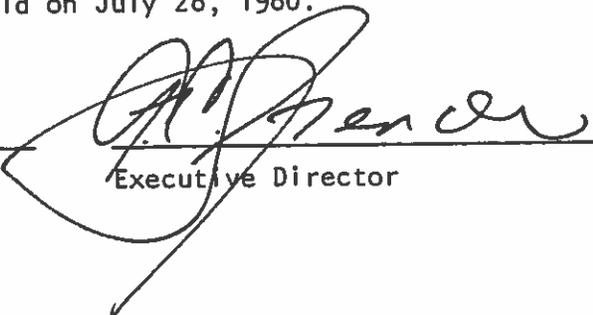


Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on July 28, 1980.



Date



Executive Director