

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
September 13, 1982

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on September 13, 1982 at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1006 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Joe Antilley, Chairman
Frank Gray, Vice Chairman
C. F. Schendel, Member
Hermon Petty, Member
Albert Roach, Member

Staff members present were:

John Millican, Acting Executive Director
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor
Leonard Pietzsch, Chief Accountant
James Moore, Engineer

Others present were:

Budd Fountain, Soil Conservation Service
Dr. Earl Burnett, Agricultural Research Service
Dr. Bill Harris, Agricultural Extension Service
Jim Ekstrom, Aquaculture Enterprises
Bob Lusk, Fish Farmer
Jim Bob Grumbles, Dow Chemical Co.

Chairman Antilley called the meeting to order.

On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Albert Roach, the minutes of the August 16, 1982 meeting were approved as mailed out.

Jim Ekstrom reported on the fish stocking program involving soil and water conservation districts. In Mr. Ekstrom's opinion most of the fish producers of Texas are in favor of the SWCD's fishstocking program. He stated he felt that what little opposition there was to the program was coming from three part time fish producers and was not representative of the entire industry in Texas.

Bob Lusk spoke favorably in regards to soil and water conservation district participation in the fish stocking program. He praised stocking of farm ponds

as an incentive for good conservation practices.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Hermon Petty, the following district director appointments were approved:

John Felton Williams - Marion Cass SWCD # 433
John C. Schnelder - Harris SWCD # 442

John Millican discussed arrangements for the Annual State Meeting to be held on October 4, 5 and 6, 1982 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Austin, Texas.

John Millican reported the final submission of the 1984-85 budget request will include the shoreline erosion research item.

Bob Buckley reviewed the proposed Operating Budget for the 1982-83 fiscal year. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the budget of \$2,281,531.00 was approved. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Hermon Petty, the board authorized the contracting of the following items in the operating budget:

Soil Conservation Service	\$ 60,000.00	- Watershed Planning
Soil Conservation Service	122,000.00	- Soil Survey Development
Agricultural Extension Service	5,250.00	- Soil Survey Development
Agricultural Experiment Station	22,750.00	- Soil Survey Development

John Millican reported on Conservation Assistance expenditures for the past fiscal year. Of the \$637,389.00 appropriated, soil and water conservation districts had claimed \$637,388.72 for fiscal year 1982. A report giving the amount of the allocation and amount received by each individual district was provided each board member.

James Moore updated the Board on activities related to Section 208, non-point source pollution programs. A study on water quality sampling in Lake Tawakoni indicated the level of arsenic in the lake sediment does not exceed recommended levels and that agricultural activities do not appear to be causing any problems.

James Moore presented a letter of request from the Jackson SWCD # 336 to withdraw the application for assistance under the Watershed Protection and

Flood Prevention Act on the Cox, Kellers and VI A-3 watershed. On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the withdrawal.

A letter from the Hood-Parker SWCD # 529 requesting re-examination of Rock and Dry Creek in Parker, Palo Pinto and Jack Counties for assistance under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act was discussed. The Board agreed to re-examine the area to determine the feasibility of a watershed project.

A report on the wetland identification and classification testing which was completed in August indicates the adoption of the Cowardin system would not be recommended by the Soil Conservation Service in Texas.

Budd Fountain provided each board member with a written report on activities of the Soil Conservation Service.

Dr. Burnett reported that at least four representatives of their agency would be in attendance at the State meeting and would participate in the meeting of the Research Committee.

Dr. Harris reported the Texas Section of the Soil Conservation Society of America will hold its meeting in 1983 in Abilene, Texas on July 7, 8, 9.

The Water for Texas conference will be held November 18 and 19, 1983 in College Station.

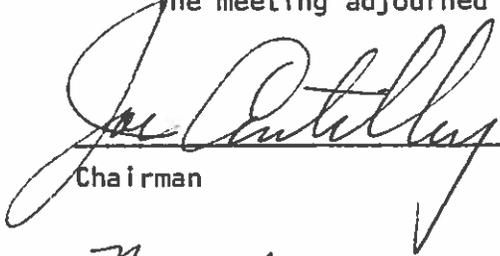
Jim Bob Grumbles of Dow Chemical Company gave a slide presentation on new herbicide products being introduced by his company.

Hermon Petty reported on the meeting of the Governor's Task Force on Water held on September 2, 1982. Mr. Petty briefed the Board on policy recommendations on water issues as approved by the Task Force.

The Southern States Commissions and Administrative Officers meeting will be held in Hilton, Head, South Carolina on November 15 and 16. Representing our agency will be Joe Antilley and John Millican.

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 17, 1982.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

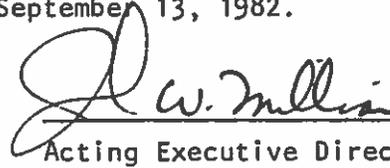

Chairman


Secretary

November 17, 1982
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on September 13, 1982.

November 17, 1982
Date


Acting Executive Director