

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 1969

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met in regular session in Room A-3 Ramada Inn, College Station, Texas at 7:30 p.m. on September 17, 1969.

The following representatives of the State Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District, the National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Soil Conservation Service were present:

State Soil and Water Conservation Board

E. W. Wehman, Chairman
Henry Turney, Vice Chairman
Albert Roach, Member
Joe Antilley, Member
Frank Gray, Member
Harvey Davis, Executive Director
Gene Jones, Assistant Executive Director

Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts

A. L. Black, President
Jack Garrett, Vice President
W. S. Gibbs, Director
Jack Buchanan, Director
G. E. Kretzschmar, Director

National Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

David Stewart, Jr., Manager, Service Department

Soil Conservation Service

Clyde W. Graham, State Conservationist
L. J. Lann, Assistant State Conservationist

The minutes of the July 9, 1969 State Board meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma were read and approved.

New watershed applications under Public Law 566 on Bee and Wolf Pen Creek, College Station, and the Old River watershed, Caldwell, were reviewed. Harvey Davis explained to the Board that it was necessary that he disapprove the Bee and Wolf Pen Creek watershed application on July 29, 1969, pending a field examination.

A motion was made by Joe Antilley and seconded by Henry Turney to ratify the action taken by Mr. Davis in regards to the Bee and Wolf Pen Creek application and to disapprove the Old River watershed application pending a field examination to determine feasibility. Motion carried.

A favorable field examination was reviewed on the Deport Creek watershed at Deport, Texas in the Lamar Soil and Water Conservation District. On motion by Albert Roach, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the watershed application as being economically feasible for project development.

A request to amend Deport Creek watershed application was reviewed by the Board. The amendment consists of the addition of Red River Soil and Water Conservation District as a sponsor, and changing the application from 3,428 acres to 6,160 acres to include all of the benefitted area in the watershed. A motion was made by Frank Gray, and seconded by Joe Antilley to approve the amendment. Motion carried.

A request to amend Three Mile-Sulfur Draw watershed application was reviewed by the Board. The amendment consists of adding the City of Van Horn as a sponsor. A motion was made by Joe Antilley, seconded by Frank Gray to approve the amendment. Motion carried.

Harvey Davis reviewed with the Board correspondence in relation to the status of Sweetwater Creek, McClelland Creek, and Willow Creek watersheds. A motion was made by Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray to postpone consideration of any change in the Sweetwater Creek watershed agreement previously reached with the Oklahoma Soil Conservation Board until the status of the McClellan Creek watershed is clarified. Motion carried. No Board action was necessary in regard to the Willow Creek watershed correspondence.

A resolution from the South Central Area meeting of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Tulsa, Oklahoma was read and reviewed by Harvey Davis. The resolution was in regard to the River Basin Study on the Red River below Denison Dam. No Board action was necessary on the resolution.

Clyde W. Graham, State Conservationist, made a report on the River Basin Survey along the Gulf Coast. He reported that it would consist of drainage problems primarily. Mr. Graham briefly discussed the Soil Conservation Service budget allocations.

L. J. Lann gave a progress report on the watershed construction and planning over the State.

On motion by Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the appointment of the following directors:

Bob Pool, McClellan Creek SWCD #156
George Brockman, Edwards Plateau SWCD #222
Charles H. Faktor, Lower Neches SWCD #437

A request to change the name of the Martin-Howard Soil and Water Conservation District # 203 to the Martin-Howard-Midland Soil and Water Conservation District #203 was reviewed by the Board. On motion by Albert Roach, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the requested name change.

A petition was received by the Board on May 21, 1969, requesting the division of the Austin-Washington Soil and Water Conservation District #314 and organizing the Austin County Soil and Water Conservation District # 347 and the Washington Soil and Water Conservation District #348. The Board reviewed the distribution of assets, liabilities and other fiscal matters along with the audit report. On motion by Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the division and reorganization of the Austin-Washington Soil and Water Conservation District #314 as being practicable and feasible. Due to the division of this District, the Board approved new subdivisions in the Austin County Soil and Water Conservation District #347 and the Washington Soil and Water Conservation District #348, with Roy Meinecke as Director in subdivision 2 and Dee E. Brune as Director in subdivision 4 of the Austin County Soil and Water Conservation District # 347 and Edmund Schultz as Director in subdivision 2 and Frank Roesse as Director in subdivision 4 of the Washington Soil and Water Conservation District # 348.

On motion by Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved a request to transfer the portion of Edwards County in the Upper Llanos Soil and Water Conservation District # 225 to the Upper Nueces-Frio Soil and Water Conservation District # 238, and signed a determination of practicability and feasibility for the transfer. Due to the change in territory involved in this transfer, the Board approved new subdivisions in the Upper Llanos Soil and Water Conservation District # 225 and the Upper Nueces-Frio Soil and Water Conservation District # 238.

Guidelines and methods of distribution of the State appropriations for Soil and Water Conservation Districts to be allocated on a matching basis not to exceed \$3,000 per district per year was discussed by Harvey Davis. On motion by Frank Gray, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the guidelines and methods of distribution. (Copy of guidelines attached)

Mr. Davis reviewed the State Board travel budget. Action by the Board unnecessary.

Mr. Davis reported to the Board that the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce would be principal sponsor of the Texas Conservation Awards Program, formally the Fort Worth Press Awards Program.

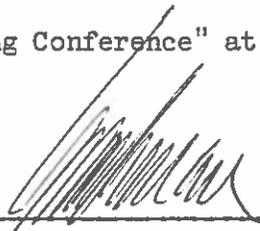
The Annual State Meeting program of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors was reviewed by the Board.

Gene Jones, Assistant Executive Director, reviewed with the Board, "Goals for the State Soil and Water Conservation Board", that were prepared on request from Governor Preston Smith. No Board action was necessary.

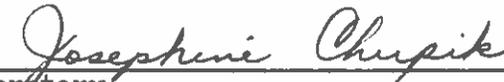
The Southern Conference of State Boards to be held October 5,6,7, 1969 at Gulfport, Mississippi was discussed. The Board approved any member of the State Board, Harvey Davis, Executive Director and Gene Jones, Assistant Executive Director to attend the conference.

The next regular meeting of the State Board will be held at the Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Texas, October 21, 1969 at 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m. All members and staff attended the Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin's "Listening Conference" at the A & M University on September 18, 1969.



Chairman



Secretary

11/20/69

Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board meeting held on September 17, 1969.

11/20/69

Date



Executive Director

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GUIDELINES FOR STATE MATCHING FUND

Authorization

House Bill 2, Acts of the 61st Legislature, 2nd called session, 1969 appropriated \$188,784 to the State Soil and Water Conservation Board to match funds obtained by soil and water conservation districts from sources other than State funds or earnings from State funds not to exceed \$3,000 per district per year.

Requests for Funds

Each district will be limited to the amount reported in the survey that was used to make the budget request. In order to receive funds, an original and one copy of a "Request for State Matching Funds" TSSWCB #32 must be filled with the State Board. The State Board will cause a check to be issued to the district within 30 days after receipt of the "Request" if possible. (Requests will not be honored for periods of less than one month.)

Deadline

If your requests have not equaled the amount that you stated in the survey that you would raise to be matched by June 1 of each year, your balance will be made available to other districts unless you assure the State Board that you will be able to request the balance by August 1.

Release of Funds

A few districts that did not request funds when the survey was made would now like to receive funds. If you do not need or find that you cannot raise the full amount that you gave us in the survey, please let us know immediately the amount that you would like to release so that we can help some of the other districts. Several of these districts helped to get the matching funds even though they did