

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
September 19, 1974

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 8:20 a.m. on September 19, 1974 in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were: E. W. Wehman, Chairman; Henry Turney, Vice Chairman; Joe Antilley and Albert Roach.

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director; John Millican, Assistant Executive Director; Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer; and Josephine Chupik, Office Manager of the State Board staff; and Logan Crews, Assistant State Conservationist, Watersheds, Soil Conservation Service.

The minutes of the June 5, 1974 meeting were approved as read.

Sonny Kretzschmar gave a brief report on the status of Public Law 566 watershed applications in Texas.

Logan Crews reported on the status of watershed planning as of September 1, 1974.

Petitions and supporting documents on the following transfers of territory were reviewed by the Board:

- (1) Portion of Nolan County in the Mitchell SWCD #207 to Upper Clear Fork SWCD #121
- (2) Portion of Limestone County in the Navarro SWCD #514 to Limestone-Falls SWCD #501
- (3) Portion of Freestone County in the Navarro SWCD #514 to Freestone-Leon SWCD #424
- (4) Portion of Live Oak County in the Bee SWCD #344 to Live Oak SWCD #323
- (5) Portion of Cameron County in the Willacy-Hidalgo SWCD #312 to Southmost SWCD #319
- (6) Portion of Hidalgo County in the Southmost SWCD #319 to Willacy-Hidalgo SWCD #312.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the transfer of territory as being practicable and feasible and approved the new

subdivision for each district.

A petition received on August 1, 1974 for the inclusion of the Yturria ranch properties consisting of 29,444 acres of land in Kenedy County to the Willacy-Hidalgo Soil and Water Conservation District #312 was considered. Based on a favorable public hearing held August 28, 1974, Albert Roach made a motion, seconded by Henry Turney, to approve the inclusion of this territory as practicable and feasible. Motion carried.

A petition to divide and reorganize the Willacy-Hidalgo Soil and Water Conservation District #312 received September 13, 1974 was considered. A motion was made by Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, to proceed with the division and reorganization. Motion passed. A motion was made by Henry Turney, seconded by Albert Roach, to authorize the Chairman of the State Board to set public hearings, if deemed necessary. Motion carried.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved appointment of the following District Directors:

Jason Justice - Hale County SWCD #132
Gary Jahnel - Hemphill County SWCD #138
Robert F. Gruner - Palo Duro SWCD #147
T. H. "Tex" Reynolds, Jr. - Johnson County SWCD #541
W. H. Hertel - Miller-Brazos SWCD #542

A report on matching funds expended by Districts for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1974 was given to each Board member. Of the \$401,181 appropriated, \$384,199.08 was expended. A report of funds requested by districts for the 1976 and 1977 fiscal year was distributed. Matching funds requested for 1976 total \$538,242 and \$546,637 for 1977.

The Annual Statewide meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors will be held on October 29, 30 and 31, 1974 at the Hilton Palacio Del Rio Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. The theme for this years meeting is "Land Use Regulations." A final review of the program activities was made.

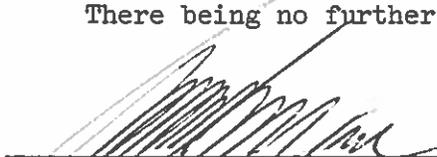
Mr. Davis reviewed House Bill 1502 requiring the division of planning coordination in the Governor's office to make a study of the functions of natural resource and environmental agencies of Texas and to make recommendations of changes needed to the next Legislature. The study is presently being made.

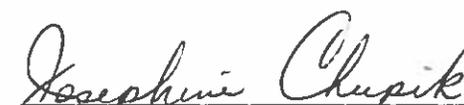
The Board considered an invitation from the City of Abilene to host the 1975 Annual Statewide Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors. Due to limited motel facilities near the convention center, the Board agreed not to consider Abilene for the 1975 Annual meeting site.

The Southern State Administrative Officers Meeting will be held in Huntsville, Alabama on September 29 and 30, 1974. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board authorized Harvey Davis and John Millican to attend.

The Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the LaPrincesa Room of the Hilton Palacio Del Rio Hotel in San Antonio, Texas on October 29, 1974.

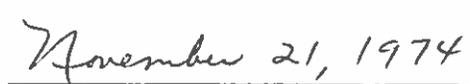
There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

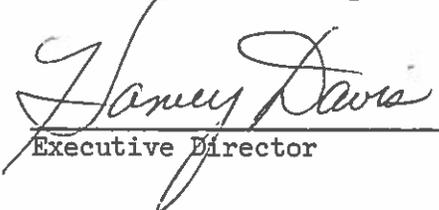

Chairman


Secretary


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 19, 1974.


Date


Executive Director