

**TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 18, 2013**

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on September 18, 2013, at 3:07 p.m. at 4311 S. 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 125, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present:

Marty H. Graham, Chairman  
Scott Buckles, Vice-Chairman  
José Dodier, Jr., Member  
Jerry Nichols, Member  
Larry Jacobs, Member  
Joe Ward, Member

Staff Members present:

Rex Isom, Executive Director  
Bob Gruner, Program Specialist  
Jack Foote, Program Specialist  
Ben Wilde, Program Specialist  
Kendria Ray, Program Specialist  
Adrian Perez, Program Specialist  
Tony Franklin, Program Specialist  
Joel Clark, Program Specialist  
Trey Watson, Program Specialist  
Don Brandenberger, Program Specialist  
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist  
Todd Oneth, Program Supervisor  
Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor  
Melissa Grote, Program Specialist  
Aaron Wendt, Special Projects Advisor  
Mark Cochran, Program Supervisor  
John Foster, Statewide Programs Officer  
Kenny Zajicek, Chief Fiscal Officer  
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator  
Rusty Ray, Public Affairs Specialist  
Lee Munz, Flood Control Program and Regional Office Coordinator  
Jared Bowen, Flood Control Specialist  
Ben Bowers, Flood Control Specialist  
Clyde Gottschalk, Program Specialist  
Dawn Heitman, Human Resources Specialist  
Karen Preece, Accountant

Others present:

Chairman Graham called the meeting to order at 3:07 and welcomed those present.

A work session was conducted which covered agenda items in detail. Questions were taken and answered.

Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Monty A. Graham  
Chairman

Karen Bruce  
Secretary

November 21, 2013  
Date

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[Signature]  
Executive Director

November 21, 2013  
Date

**TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 19, 2013**

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on September 19, 2013, at 8:04 a.m. at 5247 South general Bruce Drive, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present:

Marty H. Graham, Chairman  
Scott Buckles, Vice-Chairman  
José Dodier, Jr., Member  
Jerry Nichols, Member  
Barry Mahler, Member  
Larry Jacobs, Member  
Joe Ward, Member

Staff Members present:

Rex Isom, Executive Director  
Glenn Baker, Program Supervisor  
Carl Steffey, Program Supervisor  
Todd Oneth, Program Supervisor  
Lawrence Brown, Program Supervisor  
Ricardo Chapa, Program Supervisor  
Judy Albus, Program Supervisor  
Bob Gruner, Program Specialist  
Jack Foote, Program Specialist  
Ben Wilde, Program Specialist  
Kendria Ray, Program Specialist  
Adrian Perez, Program Specialist  
Tony Franklin, Program Specialist  
Joel Clark, Program Specialist  
Trey Watson, Program Specialist  
Don Brandenberger, Program Specialist  
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist  
Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor  
Aaron Wendt, Special Projects Advisor  
Mark Cochran, Program Supervisor  
John Foster, Statewide Programs Officer  
T. J. Helton, Nonpoint Source Programs Coordinator  
Pam Casebolt, Nonpoint Source Grants Coordinator  
Ashley Wendt, Nonpoint Source Project Manager  
Jana Lloyd, Nonpoint Source Project Manager  
Wesley Gibson, Nonpoint Source Project Manager  
Dave Morris, Geographic Information System Specialist  
Kenny Zajicek, Chief Fiscal Officer  
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator  
Loren Warrick, Public Affairs Specialist  
Rusty Ray, Public Affairs Specialist  
Lee Munz, Flood Control Program and Regional Office Coordinator  
Jared Bowen, Flood Control Specialist  
Ben Bowers, Flood Control Specialist

Clyde Gottschalk, Program Specialist  
Dawn Heitman, Human Resources Specialist  
Karen Preece, Accountant

Others present:

George Noelke, Office of the Attorney General  
Rickey James, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts  
Volney Hough, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts  
Tamara Daniel, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts  
Salvador Salinas, Natural Resource Conservation Service  
Alfonso Leal, Natural Resource Conservation Service  
Rigo Lopez, Natural Resource Conservation Service  
Kanand Brooks, Jr., Natural Resource Conservation Service  
Elisha Kuehn, Natural Resource Conservation Service  
Sonny Vela, Natural Resource Conservation Service  
Kerry Nieman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Kelly Holligan, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Kevin Wagner, Texas Water Resources Institute  
Daren Harmel, USDA-Agricultural Research Service  
Randall Rakowitz, Texas Water Development Board  
Jim Cathey, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension  
Blake Alderedge, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension  
Jared Timmons, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension  
Mark Tyson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Chairman Graham called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. and welcomed those present.

**AGENDA ITEM 1:** Opportunity for Public Comment

**AGENDA ITEM 2:** Comments from Federal, State and Local Governmental Entities

Mr. Randall Rakowitz, Texas Water Development Board, addressed the Board. Mr. Rakowitz commented on changes in staff, retirement, and appropriations.

Mr. Salvador Salinas, Natural Resource Conservation Service, addressed the Board. Mr. Salinas reviewed the handout, and commented on allocations, changes in staff, watershed operation and maintenance funds, and fiscal year 2014 operations to remain about the same as fiscal year 2013. Mr. Salinas stated that Mr. Tom Christenson, Natural Resource Conservation Service Regional Conservationist, is scheduled to attend our annual state meeting.

Mr. Daren Harmel, USDA-Agricultural Research Service, addressed the Board. Mr. Harmel reviewed the handout of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House and Historical Designation Ceremony for Riesel Watersheds, and extended an invitation to everyone. Mr. Harmel stated that Mr. Barry Mahler is to be keynote speaker.

**AGENDA ITEM 3:** Comments from the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Mr. Rickey James, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, addressed the Board. Mr. James commented that Texas Conservation Association for Water and Soil (TCAWS) is almost completely set up. Mr. James commented on the resolutions at the upcoming annual state meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 2:** Comments from Federal, State and Local Governmental Entities

Mr. Kerry Nieman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, addressed the Board. Mr. Nieman commented on TMDL's, basins, a 7% Nonpoint Source reduction in budget, awards, water quality standards, an upcoming public hearing, and the Clean Rivers Program.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:** Preventing Potential Pig Problems in Texas Watersheds

Dr. Jim Cathey gave a power-point presentation and presented handouts. A question and answer period followed.

**AGENDA ITEM 5:** Consider Approval of Minutes from the July 17-18, 2013 Board Meetings

Chairman Graham called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17-18, 2013 Board Meetings. Mr. Mahler moved for the approval of the minutes as presented. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6:** Consider Approval of District Director Appointments

Ms. Preece presented district director appointments for the Board's consideration and verified they were in order and met all qualifications. Mr. Dodier moved for the approval of the following appointments. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

J. W. Jennings, Menard County #215, Zone 1, Replace W. Roy Jacoby  
David M. Cantu, Sr., Loma Blanca #328, Zone 1, Replace Arnoldo A. Cantu  
Paul Haidusek, Lower Trinity #435, Zone 2, Replace J. C. Ladd  
William S. Yarbrough, Lower Trinity #435, Zone 4, Replace Paul E Haidusek  
Lawrence J. Jones, Navasota #440, Zone 3, Replace Herbert Arceneaux  
Steve Dreyer, Miller-Brazos #542, Zone 3, Replace Jerry Ermis  
Dickie Sloan, Haskell #546, Zone 1, Replace Kenneth Newberry

**AGENDA ITEM 7:** Consider Allocations for Clerical Assistance Contribution Agreement

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Buckles moved for the approval of the allocations as presented. Mr. Mahler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 8:** Sunset Legislation Implementation Status

Mr. Foster stated that there is no information to present at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM 9:** Legislative Update

Mr. Foster stated that there is no information to present at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM 10:** Consider Approval of Requests for Waivers as per 31 TAC §523.6(E)(2)(A) thru (F)

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved for the approval of the waiver as presented. Mr. Buckles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 11:** Consider Statewide Water Quality Management Plan Cost Share Requests

Mr. Munz stated that there is no information to present at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM 12:** Consider Approval of Guidelines for Usage of Statewide Cost Share Funds in the FY2014 Water Quality Management Plan Program

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Mahler moved for the approval of the guidelines as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 13:** Water Quality Management Plan Program Report

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 14:** Flood Control Programs Status Report

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 15:** Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program Report

Ms. Casebolt reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 16:** Poultry Water Quality Management Program Status Report

Mr. Cochran reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 17:** Water Supply Enhancement Program Report

Mr. Oswald reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 18:** Consider Re-Adoption, Revision, or Repeal of 31 TAC, Chapter 529, Subchapter A, Operation and Maintenance Grant Program (§§529-1-529.9)

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved for the approval of publishing the scheduled rule in the *Texas Register* for a 30 day review and comment period. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 19:** 2013 Annual State Meeting Planning

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 20:** Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 21:** Interagency Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 22:** National Association of Conservation Districts Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Ms. Tamara Daniel commented on registration for upcoming meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 23:** National Association of State Conservation Agencies Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 24:** Public Information/Education Report

Mr. Gottschalk reviewed the agenda information.

Chairman Graham presented Mr. Ricardo Chapa with his 5 year service award.

**AGENDA ITEM 25:** Human Resources Report

Ms. Heitman reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 26:** Set Date for Next State Board Meeting

November 20-21, 2013, to be held in Temple.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

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