

Official Minutes

Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board

September 20, 1989

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on Wednesday, September 20, 1989, at 8:00 a.m. in its conference room at 311 North Fifth Street, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Fred Squyres, Chairman  
Larry McCasland, Vice Chairman  
Joe Antilley, Member  
Harvey Davis, Member  
C. F. "Dick" Schendel, Member

Staff members present were:

Robert G. Buckley, Executive Director  
John W. Millican, Assistant Executive Director  
Bill Neiser, Director of Programs  
Leonard Pietzsch, Chief Accountant  
James Moore, Engineer  
Jay Kuykendall, Planner  
Janet Gonser, Planner  
Mel Davis, Soil Conservationist  
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist  
Lois Cain, Office Services Supervisor

Others present were:

Clyde Hale, President, Association of Texas SWCDs  
Comer Tuck, Texas Water Development Board  
Tom Milligan, Texas Water Development Board  
Dr. Clarence Richardson, Agricultural Research Service  
Wes Oneth, Soil Conservation Service  
Don Gohmert, Soil Conservation Service  
Dr. Bill Harris, Texas Agricultural Extension Service  
Maggie Banner, Senate Natural Resource Subcommittee on  
Agriculture

Chairman Squyres called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Wes Oneth introduced Don Gohmert, the new Deputy Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service from the Temple state office.

On motion of Larry McCasland, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the minutes of the July 19, 1989, meeting were approved as mailed to each Board member.

John Millican reviewed information on appointees for district directors for consideration and recommended they be approved. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Harvey Davis, the Board approved the following district directors:

Glenn Springer, King County SWCD #168  
Jack B. Smith, McCulloch SWCD #249  
Angel Villanueva, Hidalgo SWCD #350  
John F. Crawford, Dalworth SWCD #519  
Sheral Rainbolt, Mills County SWCD #554

John Millican presented the updated program for the 49th Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors to be held in McAllen, Texas, October 23-25, 1989. John advised the Board that one more speaker was needed for the meeting and it was the consensus of the Board to invite Senator Judith Zaffirini of Laredo. The Board then reviewed the resolutions to be presented at the Annual Meeting. A list of directors to receive service awards at the Annual Meeting was also provided for the information of the Board.

John Millican discussed the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Texas A & M University System Agencies, and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Since there were no changes recommended, on motion of Larry McCasland, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the memorandum was adopted as presented.

James Moore presented information on an application from the Upper North Bosque Watershed for a PL 83-566 land treatment watershed project and recommended it to be approved. Harvey Davis made the motion to approve the application as being practicable and feasible; Joe Antilley seconded and motion carried.

Planning priorities for watersheds were discussed. Joe Antilley made the motion to give planning priorities to the Upper North Bosque River Watershed and Seco Creek Watershed; Harvey Davis seconded and motion carried.

James Moore presented information on the memorandum of understanding with the Texas Water Development Board. Larry McCasland made the motion to accept the memorandum as written, C. F. Schendel seconded and motion carried.

James Moore provided the Board with a statewide watershed study program report. The State Board was directed by the 71st Legislature to

conduct a study on the physical conditions of watersheds in Texas that affect surface and underground water quality and quantity to determine corrective measures and report recommendations to the 72nd Legislature. He advised that a task force has been established consisting of the Texas Water Development Board, Texas Water Commission, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District #1, Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Agricultural Research Service, Soil Conservation Service and Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Minutes of the September 7, 1989 organizational meeting of the Task Force were provided each Board member. James also provided a list of watershed study anticipated work items to each Board member.

James Moore gave a brief report on the Nonpoint Source Management Program in Texas. Bob Buckley commended James Moore and his staff for the work they had done on the NPS program. Texas is the first state in Region VI of the EPA to have an approved management program. Chairman Squyres requested that the minutes reflect that the Board members commended James and his staff for the work they have done on this NPS project.

James Moore presented a proposed interagency contract with the Texas Water Commission and advised the Board of the tasks to be accomplished. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Harvey Davis, the Executive Director was authorized to enter into a contract with the Texas Water Commission. Motion carried.

Maggie Banner, Senate Natural Resource Subcommittee on Agriculture, reported that Texas will receive a \$14 million settlement from New Mexico on the Pecos River law suit.

Wes Oneth, Soil Conservation Service, advised the Board that Micki Yoder had been selected as the public information specialist for the SCS in Temple. He also advised the Board that the Soil Conservation Service is working with the Lower Colorado River Authority on a river basin study to look at sediment in the lakes above Austin. He informed the Board that Seco Creek Water Quality Demonstration Project had been funded. Mapping has been completed for soil surveys in McClennan and Leon Counties.

Dr. Bill Harris reported on the activities of the Extension Service and that Texas A & M was experiencing a decrease in the number of students in the College of Agriculture.

Dr. Clarence Richardson reported to the Board that he appreciated the opportunity to work with the State Board staff on the NPS committee. He advised the Board that Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter had accepted an invitation to speak in Temple on the 3rd of April as part of Texas Industrial and Business Week.

Comer Tuck of the Texas Water Development Board reported on Water Development Board work with several soil and water conservation districts on matching grants to be used for surveying equipment and flow meters to assist district offices with limited staff.

Clyde Hale, President, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts reported on the Association Board meeting of September 19th. He also advised the Board that the Association has had a good year and that dues for the coming year will remain the same as the previous year. Hale reported that the San Patricio SWCD was sponsoring an appreciation banquet for Representative Robert Earley in Sinton on October 14, 1989 and encouraged people to attend if possible.

Chairman Squyres reported to the Board on the NACD Leadership Conference that he, Bob Buckley and Clyde Hale had attended recently in St. Paul, Minnesota.

James Moore advised the Board on the status of the Gulf of Mexico program and that he would be attending a meeting of the nutrient overenrichment subcommittee in Newton, Mississippi on September 21, 22, 23, 1989.

Dick Schendel reported on a meeting of the Galveston Bay Study citizens advisory committee he had attended in Clear Lake. He said their main interest is nonpoint source. James Moore provided the Board with copies of a letter written to Representative John Willy at the

request of the Waters Davis Soil and Water Conservation District concerning State Board membership on the Galveston Bay Study Management Committee.

Bill Neiser presented a request from the Lynn County SWCD #119 and Karnes County SWCD #343 asking for adjustments in their matching funds for fiscal year 1990. On motion of Dick Schendel seconded by Harvey Davis, Lynn County SWCD was raised up to the limit of \$3200. No action was taken on Karnes County SWCD's request as they were already funded at the \$3200 maximum allocation.

Mr. Neiser provided the Board with a list of districts requesting supplemental technical assistance funds. Harvey Davis made the motion to use the system as in the past to allocate the supplemental funds up to a certain level. Dick Schendel seconded and the motion carried.

Bill Neiser gave a report on Board members travel for the 1989 fiscal year and asked for guidance for the 1990 fiscal year board member travel. Joe Antilley made the motion that travel allocations remain the same as the 1989 fiscal year. Harvey Davis seconded and motion carried.

Joe Antilley made the motion to reallocate travel funds for the 1989 fiscal year to allow payment of unpaid per diem and travel expenses for Board members. Harvey Davis seconded and motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled State Board meeting is November 15, 1989.

On motion of Harvey Davis, seconded by Joe Antilley, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Fred Squires  
Chairman

Lois Cain  
Secretary

10-23-89  
Date

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on September 20, 1989.

10-23-89  
Date

Robert L. Buckley  
Executive Director