

MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
September 21, 1978

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on September 21, 1978 at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1006 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present were:

Frank Gray, Chairman
E. W. Wehman, Sr., Vice Chairman
Joe Antilley, Member
Albert Roach, Member
Henry W. Turney, Member

Staff Members present were:

A. C. Spencer, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor
Leonard Pietzsch, Jr., Staff Services Assistant
Joe Freeman, Administrative Technician
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist
Mel Davis, Field Representative

Others present were:

Jim Webster, Texas Forestry Association
Dr. Bill Harris, Agricultural Extension Service
George Marks, Soil Conservation Service
Jimmy Hill, Soil Conservation Service
George Davis, Soil Conservation Service
C. Budd Fountain, Soil Conservation Service
Bill Miller, Blom Engineering Corp., Houston

Mr. Gray called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests in attendance.

New employees, Leonard Pietzsch and Joe Freeman were introduced.

Since each board member received by mail a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on July 20, 1978 and there being no changes, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the minutes were approved without being read.

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

Bruce Terry Foster - Medina Valley SWCD # 226
G. B. Hamilton - Agua Poquita SWCD # 321
Frank M. Stockton - Gonzales County SWCD # 338

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board disapproved the appointment of Eual A. Hammett as director of Sandhills SWCD # 241. Mr. Hammett is not qualified because he does not own agricultural land.

Petitions and supporting documents for the following transfers of territory had been filed on September 15, 1978.

- (1) The Presidio County portion in the Big Bend SWCD # 227 to the Highland SWCD # 210.
- (2) The Brewster County portion in the Highland SWCD # 210 to the Big Bend SWCD # 227.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board approved the transfers of territory as being practicable and feasible and approved the new subdivisions for each district.

Requests were reviewed proposing changes in zone boundaries for a more equal representation of landowners in the following districts:

Llano County SWCD # 233
Marion-Cass SWCD # 433

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the changes in zone boundaries.

As a result of the survey of district directors, on motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board endorsed the selection of El Paso, Texas for the 1979 Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors pending definite commitments in writing on the facilities. The 1979 meeting site will be announced in Corpus Christi.

Several items were discussed in regards to the Annual State meeting program to be held in Corpus Christi on October 17, 18 and 19, 1978.

Items for the Area Discussion Sessions were discussed. Each Board Member was given a copy of the resolutions received to date for their review. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board designated the staff to handle honorariums for speakers on the program if deemed necessary.

Clyde Gottschalk gave a slide presentation showing the Board what the resolution on a Public Information Program for soil and water conservation districts encompasses.

A joint meeting of the State Board and the Directors of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 1978 in Buccaneer Room 1 of the La Quinta Royale Motor Inn, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Jimmy Hill discussed P. L. 566 watershed activities. Each member received a detailed report on the status of watershed planning, projects completed and projects awaiting planning assistance.

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board authorized \$60,000 for watershed planning for the 1979 fiscal year ending August 31, 1979.

Mr. Spencer discussed the availability of grants through the Resource Conservation Act. Funds would be administered by the State Board to districts. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board appointed A. C. Spencer to act as liaison between the Soil Conservation Service and Soil and Water Conservation Board with authority to sign grant agreements and to take any and all action necessary to meet the requirements needed to secure a grant from the Soil Conservation Service in the amount of \$268,000 for the purpose of assisting the Soil Conservation Service in preparing a statewide program as outlined in the Resource Conservation Act.

Mr. Spencer informed the Board that the final draft is being printed on the "Statewide Control Strategy for Agricultural Non Point Source Pollution in Texas."

On October 6, 1978 the State ASCS Committee will meet in Austin and has invited the Board. The Board accepted the invitation and agreed to hold a Board meeting in Austin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 6, 1978.

Mr. Marks briefly reported to the Board on appropriations for Soil Conservation Service for the 1979 fiscal year.

An Interagency briefing on the Resource Conservation Act will be held on October 12, 1978 at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium of the MH-MR Building in Austin. Board and staff members are invited.

Bill Harris invited the Board to hold a future meeting at College Station. This year marks the Diamond Anniversary of the Extension Service with a special program on October 12, 1978 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Dallas followed by a tour of the Porter Farm near Terrell. All were invited to attend this special function.

Prior to the Statewide "Conservation Tillage" conference to be held on January 25 and 26, 1979, five regional meetings are being held in October concerning conservation guidelines and major soils.

Matching fund allocations for the 1979 fiscal year were considered. Appropriations for 1979 are \$437,389.00. Several districts were divided and reorganized after the preparation of the budget for fiscal years 1978 and 1979. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board allocated additional matching funds for fiscal year 1979 to the following districts:

Gaines County SWCD # 166 - \$2,400
Andrews SWCD # 246 - \$2,400
Wichita Brazos SWCD # 544 - \$1,000
California Creek SWCD # 545 - \$1,000

The Board approved the following additional special allocations in Matching funds for fiscal year 1979:

Concho SWCD # 201 - \$1,000 - Motion by Joe Antilley, seconded
by E. W. Wehman

Eldorado-Divide SWCD # 212 - \$600.00 - Motion by Joe Antilley,
seconded by Henry Turney

Montgomery-Walker SWCD # 425 - \$500.00 - Motion by Albert Roach,
seconded by Joe Antilley

Buckley discussed the operating budget in the amount of \$1,223,516.00
for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1978 and ending August 31, 1979.
No changes were made by the Board.

On October 6 the Legislative Budget Board will consider the budget
request for fiscal years 1980-81.

Mr. Antilley reviewed meetings held on the Texas Coastal Management
Program. Antilley, Spencer and Millican will meet with Hugh Yantis,
Executive Director of the Natural Resources Council on Friday, the 22nd
in regards to the draft document.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

J. Frank Gray
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

October 17, 1978
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of
the State Soil & Water Conservation Board meeting held on September 21, 1978.

October 17, 1978
Date

Albert Roach
Executive Director