

Meeting Minutes
TEXAS STATE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
September 28, 2006

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on September 28, 2006, at 8:00 a.m. in its Hearings Room at 311 North 5th Street, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Aubrey Russell, Chairman
Jerry Nichols, Vice Chairman
Larry Jacobs, Member
Joe Ward, Member
José Dodier, Member

Board Members absent were:

W. T. (Dub) Crumley, Member
Reed Stewart, Member

Staff members present were:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
Andy Garza, Regional Office Coordinator
Judy Albus, Program Supervisor
John O'Connor, Program Supervisor
Steve Jones, Program Supervisor
Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor
Mark Cochran, Program Supervisor
Jack Foote, Program Specialist
Bob Gruner, Program Specialist
Ben Wilde, Program Specialist
Joe Freeman, Program Specialist
Adrian Perez, Program Specialist
Kendria Ray, Program Specialist
David Powell, Program Specialist
Joel Clark, Program Specialist
Don Brandenberger, Program Specialist
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist
Kenny Zajicek, Fiscal Officer
John Foster, NPS Team Leader
Lee Munz, NPS SWCD Liaison
T.J. Helton, NPS Grant Coordinator
Aaron Wendt, NPS Watershed Coordinator
Donna Long, NPS Project Manager
Richard Egg, Engineer
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator
Clyde Gottschalk, Program Specialist
Dawn Heitman, HR Coordinator
Vicki Davis, Administrative Coordinator

Others present were:

Nancy Isom
Comer Tuck, Texas Water Development Board
Salvador Salinas, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Kevin Wagner, Texas Water Resources Institute
Tamara Daniel, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Chairman Russell called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and welcomed those present.

AGENDA ITEM 1. Reports from Agencies and Guests

Comer Tuck, TWDB distributed copies of the Executive Summary for the 2007 State Water Plan and explained the approval process for the document. He discussed the TSSWCB/TWDB joint report and TWDB Senate Finance Committee Hearing.

Salvador Salinas, NRCS reported on: their 2006 programs, retirees vs. new hires, budget surplus for FY 06, computer purchases in FY 07, Watershed Program, TSP pilot program in Harlingen, TSP program with State Board, hurricane assistance, CSP Program, Farm Bill Program, year end accomplishments and FSA Office closings.

Kevin Wagner, TWRI discussed: joint TCEQ/TSSWCB meeting, water quality standards involving bacteria, the brush brochure and the Trinity River Project.

Tamara Daniel, ATSWCD reported on: South Central NACD meeting and the upcoming Committee of 100 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 2. Minutes from the July 19 - 20, 2006 Board Meeting

Chairman Russell called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19-20, 2006 meeting as emailed. Mr. Nichols moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3. District Director Appointments

Ms. Davis presented district director appointments for the Board's consideration and verified they were in order and met all qualifications with the exception of Mr. Hampton's paperwork being faxed copies. Mr. Dodier moved the appointments be approved contingent upon all original paperwork being received. Mr. Nichols seconded and the following appointments were unanimously approved:

Janet Tregellas, Lipscomb #138, Zone 4, Replace Jerry Peery
Aaron Phillips, Lower Pease River #162, Zone 4, Replace C. L. Wall
Kevin Temperton, Winter Garden #326, Zone 3, Replace Frank Dunkle
Carlton Hampton, Pecan Bayou #553, Zone 4, Replace Travis L. Davis
Jody Bellah, Throckmorton #543, Zone 1, Replace Tommy Boyd

AGENDA ITEM 4. Human Resources & Statewide Management Plan Audits

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved that the State Board approve all three audits as presented by Mr. Gregorczyk at the work session. Mr. Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5. Internal Audit Quality Assurance Review and Proposed 2007 Internal Audit Plan

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Nichols moved that the State Board approve the Internal Audit Quality Assurance Review and Proposed 2007 Internal Audit Plan as presented by Mr. Gregorczyk at the work session. Mr. Ward seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6. Review and Approve Requests for Waivers as per §523.6(e)(2)(B)(E), TAC

Mr. Garza reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved the requests for waiver from Tom Green, Hopkins-Rains, Matagorda and Wharton County SWCDs be approved as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7. Approval of Statewide Water Quality Management Plan Cost Share Requests

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Nichols moved the Board approve the requests for statewide cost-share funds as presented. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Joint TWDB/TSSWCB Water Conservation Report

This item will be discussed at the November Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9. 2007 Allocations for Technical Service Provider Funds

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Nichols moved the Board approve the 2007 allocations for Technical Service Provider Funds as presented. Mr. Dodier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 10. Amend Chapter 519, Technical Assistance Rule

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Nichols moved the Board approve the rule amendment as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 11. Legislative Appropriations Request

Mr. Isom informed Board members that the TSSWCB is scheduled to testify before the Senate Finance Committee on Monday, October 9th.

AGENDA ITEM 12. NASCA Dues

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information with input from Mr. Isom. Board members decided to review the information and wait until the full board was present to make a decision on NASCA membership

AGENDA ITEM 13. 2006 Annual State Meeting

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information and took questions from the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 14. Future State Meetings

Mr. Davis stated that Fort Worth and Corpus Christi had both shown an interest in hosting future Annual State Meetings. The Board instructed Mr. Davis to present specifics at the November Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 15. Consider Readoption, Revision or Repeal of Rules:

Chapter 518, Employee Training Rules (518.1-518.2)

Chapter 523, Agricultural & Silvicultural WQM (523.1-523.8)

Chapter 525, Audit Requirements for SWCDs (525.1-525.9)

Mr. Davis reviewed agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved the Board approve the readoption of each rule as currently written. Mr. Ward seconded and the motion passed unanimously

AGENDA ITEM 16. Trinity River Basin Environmental Restoration Project

Mr. Isom informed board members that the State Board will be involved in the restoration project financially and in any other area where our assistance is needed.

AGENDA ITEM 17. Memorandum of Agreement between the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Regarding Total Maximum Daily Loads, Implementation Plans for Total Maximum Daily Loads, and Watershed Protection Plans

AGENDA ITEM 18. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Task Force on Bacterial Total Maximum Daily Loads

Mr. Isom covered agenda items 17 and 18 by stating that all comments and emails he had received concerning the joint meeting held on the 17th had been positive and all commenters thought the meeting went well and heightened our rightful involvement in the program. Mr. Isom stated our agency will follow through with the commitments made at the joint meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 19. Army Compatible Use Buffer

Mr. Isom stated that the proposal is in the process of being finalized so that it will be acceptable to our agency and the public and that if it does not remain as originally presented; the plan will not go forward.

AGENDA ITEM 20. Coastal Coordination Council Report

Mr. Dodier reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 21. NACD Report

Mr. Dodier reported that districts are paying their quotas, conference calls are being used to conduct business and discussed the NACD National Meeting to be held in Los Angeles.

AGENDA ITEM 22. Lapsed Fund Report

Mr. Garza reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 23. Human Resources Report

Ms. Heitman reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 24. Public Information/Education Report

Mr. Gottschalk reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 25. Brush Control Program Update

Mr. Oswald reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 26. Poultry Program Status Report

Mr. Cochran reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 27. Dairy Manure Export Support Program

Mr. Helton reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 28. Clean Water Act, Section 319 Grant Program

Mr. Helton reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 29. Watershed Protection Plan Program

Mr. Wendt reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 30. Total Maximum Daily Load Program

Mr. Wendt reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 31. Set Date of Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting was set as November 15 & 16.

Mr. Nichols moved that the meeting adjourn. Mr. Dodier seconded and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Meeting Minutes
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Joe Ward, Member
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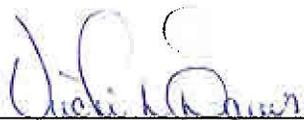
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A work session was conducted which covered agenda items not included in the morning session in detail. Questions were taken and answered.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.


Chairman

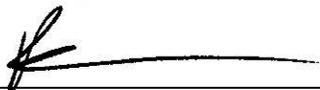
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Secretary

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I 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 27-28, 2006.

Date 11/16/06


Executive Director