

OFFICIAL MUNUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
October 13, 1983

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on October 13, 1983 at 4:00 p.m. in the San Antonio Room of the Holiday Inn, Bay City, Texas.

Board members present were:

J. Frank Gray, Chairman
C. F. "Dick" Schendel, Vice Chairman
Hermon Petty, Member
Albert Roach, Member
Joe Antilley, Member

Staff members present were:

Harvey Davis, Executive Director
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs
James Moore, Engineer
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor
Roy Freeman, Soil Conservationist

Others present were:

Billy Griffin, Soil Conservation Service
O'Gene Barkemeyer, Soil Conservation Service
Gary Westmoreland, Soil Conservation Service
Alfred VanderStucken, Soil Conservation Service

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the minutes of the August 8, 1983 meeting were approved as mailed out.

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

Allan Wyatt - Lavaca SWCD # 334
James Lloyd Smith - Coastal SWCD # 432

Gary Westmoreland briefed the Board on the draft Memorandum of Understanding between the General Land Office and the Soil Conservation Service as it relates to soil and water conservation on State-owned lands. The agencies in the agreement have requested concurrence of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board

concurred in the Memorandum of Understanding and authorized Chairman Frank Gray to sign it.

Harvey Davis reviewed the details of the Annual Statewide Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors to be held in McAllen, Texas on October 24 thru 26, 1983. The program is complete and at the printers and indications are we will have a record attendance.

Bob Buckley reported on the technical assistance program which went into effect September 1, 1983. Out of 164 districts requesting assistance, 139 districts have signed cooperative agreements.

Bob Buckley presented a request from the Rio Blanco SWCD # 107 to pay \$6.90 per hour as salary to an employee to provide technical assistance. Since the Board had recently established a ceiling of \$6.50 per hour for technical assistance and would need to review the ceiling in Jan. or Feb. due to Soil Conservation Service salary increases, on motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board declined approval of the \$6.90 per hour request.

Travel expenses for board members were discussed. It was reported that although board members' travel claims exceeded the amount budgeted, sufficient funds exist to cover all claims for the 1983 fiscal year. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, all board member travel claims for the year ending August 31, 1983 were approved for payment. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Hermon Petty, the board agreed to prorate the balance of compensatory per diem funds based on the number of days claimed. This action was necessary because claims exceeded available funds.

A note of appreciation was read from E. W. Wehman, Sr. for the flowers sent to the memorial service of Amanda Wehman.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for November 17, 1983.

At 7:00 a.m. on October 14, 1983, the board will inspect shoreline

erosion along the meanderings of Matagorda Bay and adjoining counties.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

J. Frank Gray
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

November 17, 1983
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on October 13, 1983.

November 17, 1983
Date

Stanley Davis
Executive Director