

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
October 14, 1965

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 2:30 p.m. in the Robert Driscoll Hotel at Corpus Christi, Texas on October 14, 1965.

Board Members present: J. C. Porter, Chairman, J. S. Sharp, Vice-Chairman, E. W. Wehman, A. F. Leesch, and J. Frank Gray.

Others present: Harvey Davis, Executive Director, State Soil and Water Conservation Board, S. E. Jones, Assistant Executive Director, State Soil and Water Conservation Board, and C. W. Graham, Deputy Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Temple, Texas.

The minutes of the September 28, 1965 meeting of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board were read and approved.

On motion by A. F. Leesch, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board authorized Harvey Davis to open a depository account with the First National Bank in Temple and also authorized Mr. Davis to check on the account as necessary. Funds to be deposited in this account to be from registration fees collected at the Annual Meeting. The establishment of this account has previously been verbally cleared with Mr. Tate of the State Auditors office. The motion carried.

Mr. Davis discussed the meeting that was held recently with Joe Moore, Executive Director, Texas Water Development Board. People attending the meeting with Mr. Moore were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director and J. M. Norton, Water Engineer of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board, C. W. Graham, Deputy Conservationist, and Phil Price, State Engineer, Soil Conservation Service, Temple, Texas and Howard Boswell, Development Fund Manager, John Vandertulip, Chief Engineer and Don Yarbrough, Legal Council of the Texas Water Development Board, Austin, Texas. It was a good meeting and Mr. Moore complimented the work

of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board in setting priorities on Public Law 566 watershed projects, and also the working agreement with the Soil Conservation Service in planning of the watersheds.

Mr. Davis discussed the conversation he had with Bill Cobb of the Governor's Budget Committee relative to the \$2,000.00 anticipated shortage of funds for paying of supervisors per diem and travel during the biennium because of authorized increases without funds being appropriated to cover the increases. There was no action required by the Board.

A favorable field examination on the Red Deer Creek watershed located in the Gray, Hemphill, and Roberts Soil and Water Conservation Districts was reviewed by C. W. Graham. Mr. Graham reported that it was a 200,000 acre watershed with 14,000 acres being in the flood plain and that favorable sites were available. On motion by A. F. Leesch, seconded by J. Frank Gray the Board approved the watershed as being feasible for project planning and development.

S. E. Jones discussed the petition to transfer approximately 90,000 acres from the San Jacinto SWCD to the Lower Trinity SWCD. The territory to be transferred being a portion of Liberty County that is now in the San Jacinto SWCD.

On motion by J. S. Sharp, seconded by E. W. Welman the Board approved the resolutions of the Lower Trinity SWCD and San Jacinto SWCD and the petition signed by more than two-thirds of the landowners involved and authorized a hearing to be conducted at Cleveland, Texas, October 27, 1965.

Mr. Davis discussed the possibility that a Supervisor was elected but may not by law be qualified as a supervisor because of his residence being outside of the district. Mr. Davis recommended to the Board that the supervisor not be payed mileage and per diem until proof of residence is established that he is a legally qualified supervisor. The Board authorized Mr. Davis to take necessary steps to

establish proof of residency of the supervisor in question, and to withhold payment of funds until satisfactory proof is established.

Mr. Davis reported that the Annual Water for Texas Conference will be held November 22, 23, 1965, at the Memorial Student Center, Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas.

Mr. Davis also reminded the Board that the 1966 Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors will be held in Austin, Texas, October 11, 12, 13, 1966.

Mr. Porter discussed a meeting he was to attend concerning the eradication of mesquite and other obnoxious brush in trying to get specific research for same in the North Central Texas Area.

Mr. E. W. Wehman discussed the possibility of the State Board setting up six specific meeting dates per year and having called Board Meetings at various times to handle business as is needed. On motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by A. F. Leesch a study of the possibility of six regular Board Meetings and called Board meetings will be made by Mr. Davis and the State Board Staff and a report made at the next State Soil and Water Conservation Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the State Board meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. to continue coordinating and participating in the Annual Statewide Meeting of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors which began October 12, 1965 at 3:00 p.m. and adjourns October

J. Porter
Chairman

December 7, 1965
Date

I hereby certify that
of the State Soil and Water

12-7-65
Date

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of
your minutes dated October 14, 1965.

Thanks very much for your cooperation

Sincerely,

John Connally