

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
October 17, 1972

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 1:30 p.m., October 17, 1972 in Parlor Room E, Astroworld Hotel, Houston, Texas.

The following people were present:

State Soil and Water Conservation Board:

Joe Antilley, Chairman
Frank Gray, Vice Chairman
E. W. Wehman, Member
Henry Turney, Member
Albert Roach, Member
Harvey Davis, Executive Director
Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer
A. W. Dalrymple, Field Representative
L. F. Stewart, Field Representative
Don Brandenberger, Field Representative
Jake Schrum, Field Representative

Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts:

Doyle Hutcheson, President
Dee Brune, Vice President
Ben Sims, Director
W. S. Gibbs, Director
Charles Wood, Director

National Association of Conservation Districts

David Firor, Program Advisor

Soil Conservation Service:

Ed Thomas, State Conservationist
Logan Crews, Assistant State Conservationist

Others:

A. L. Black, former President, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

The minutes of the September 12, 1972 meeting were approved as mailed out by motion of Albert Roach seconded by E. W. Wehman.

On motion of Albert Roach seconded by Henry Turney, the Board disapproved the Tierra Blanca Creek Watershed application pending a field examination to determine feasibility. Application for assistance was made under Public Law

566. The watershed is located in Parmer and Deaf Smith Counties, Texas and Curry County, New Mexico.

Appointment of District Directors Donald Gaus to Coastal SWCD #432 and Jimmy D. Spurlock to Long Leaf SWCD #439 were approved on Albert Roach's motion seconded by Henry Turney.

Joe Antilley explained a transfer of territory from the Central Colorado SWCD #517 to the Middle Clear Fork SWCD #206. The transfer causes the districts to join coterminous with county boundaries. Henry Turney's motion to approve the transfer was seconded by E. W. Wehman and carried.

Harvey Davis presented a request for zone boundary changes submitted by Harris SWCD #442. After he noted that existing district directors' eligibility was not affected according to submitted information, Albert Roach moved to approve the request. E. W. Wehman seconded the motion and it carried.

Harvey Davis outlined the Howard SWCD's (#243) letter of October 2, 1972 requesting an increase in matching funds from \$487.00 to \$2,000.00 for the 1973 fiscal year. Since the Howard District is a new district as the result of division and reorganization of the Martin-Howard-Midland SWCD and had no previous opportunity to make its matching fund request, a motion was made by E. W. Wehman seconded by Frank Gray, to approve the request. Motion carried.

The 1973 Annual State Meeting was the next topic of discussion. Harvey Davis noted that October 30 through November 1, 1973 were open dates in a proposal from the Sheraton Hotel in Fort Worth, and that the dates avoided any conflict with National Association of Conservation Districts meeting dates. He outlined the remainder of the proposal noting that the prices were considerably in excess of previously experienced prices. He also conveyed a verbal invitation from Bill King, Conservation Director, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, to hold the 1973 meeting in Fort Worth. E. W. Wehman suggested

that acceptance of the Chamber of Commerce's invitation would be desirable since they are primary sponsors of the Conservation Awards Program but that high prices could decrease attendance. Frank Gray thought that the Chamber could assist in negotiating meeting arrangements and that Bill King should be asked to help. After further discussion, the Board agreed that Harvey Davis should continue negotiations with Fort Worth interests and attempt to locate the 1973 Annual Meeting in Fort Worth.

At this point, Joe Antilley welcomed Association Directors in attendance and invited them to join in review of the 1972 Annual Meeting program. Harvey Davis reviewed the program and Board members and Association Directors discussed and made necessary arrangements to conduct the business of the Annual Meeting.

Harvey Davis called attention to the national meeting of the National Association of Conservation Districts, February 11-15, 1973 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Board agreed to approve travel and attendance for all Board members, Harvey Davis, and John Millican, Assistant Executive Director.

Harvey Davis requested authorization for himself and John Millican to attend the Soil Conservation Society of America's Land Use Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, November 27-29, 1972. On E. W. Wehman's motion, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the request.

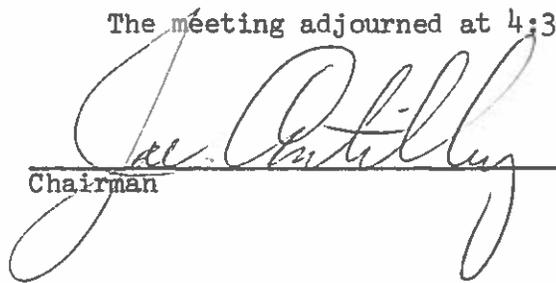
Logan Crews reviewed the status of watershed field examinations and planning. Field data of the three Jackson County applications had been completed by the River Basins staff. Crews noted that the applications had been divided into ten hydrologic units irrespective of county boundaries and that securing additional sponsorship in adjoining counties would probably be the next step in developing these watersheds. Crews said that the Soil Conservation Service was currently considering which program, RC&D or PL 566,

to initiate in providing flood prevention assistance on York Creek in and near Yorktown. E. W. Wehman indicated that the people needed help and that he would favor an RC&D approach if assistance could best be provided under that type of funding. Crews reported that the Upper San Marcos Watershed would be authorized for planning as soon as the City of San Marcos formally rejected the previous Corps of Engineers proposed project. Only documentation of verbal agreements is needed for the project to be authorized.

The next regular State Board meeting will be held on November 16, 1972.

Members of the Board and Harvey Davis went into executive session relative to transferring a Field Representative from Area III to Area V.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary

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 October 17, 1972.

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Date


Executive Director