

Official Minutes
State Soil Conservation Board Meeting
October 23, 1959

The State Soil Conservation Board held its regular meeting at the Hilton Hotel in San Antonio, Texas on October 23, 1959 beginning at 7:30 A.M.

Members present were: E. W. Wehman, Chairman, J. Frank Gray and A. F. Leesch.

Others present were: A. C. Spencer, Executive Director, State Board and W. S. Gibbs, President and H. B. Boswell, Executive Director of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Application for a watershed protection and flood prevention project on West Coloma Creek in the Calhoun-Victoria Soil Conservation District was received. On motion by A. F. Leesch, seconded by Frank Gray the application was disapproved pending further information.

A. C. Spencer reported that it appears that the Army will pay the cost of construction and assume maintenance and operation responsibilities for at least four structures on Nolan Creek in the Central Texas Soil Conservation District providing the Soil Conservation Service will furnish engineering assistance to do the planning. On motion by A. F. Leesch, seconded by Frank Gray the Board recommended that the Soil Conservation Service plan the structures to be constructed with army funds. The Board further recommends that this planning be interspersed with the planning of projects previously recommended.

It was further reported that local difficulties in selling bonds voted by the Water Control and Improvement District to be used for defraying cost of planning the John Mann-Bitter Oak-Polecat watershed have been overcome and that the planning will proceed.

The matter of an application from the Upper Leon Soil Conservation District to amend the Resley Creek watershed application to include the Cow-Armstrong Creeks and intervening area was considered. On motion by Frank Gray seconded by A. F. Leesch the

amendment was adopted.

After canvas of an election held on September 14, 1959 in Potter County for the organization of the Canadian River Soil Conservation District, the vote was officially declared to be 10 for and 6 against. On motion by Frank Gray seconded by A. F. Leesch the organization of the Canadian River Soil Conservation District was declared not to be practicable and feasible.

Canvas of the election held in Oldham County on September 24, 1959 was determined to be 69 for and 2 against. On motion by Frank Gray, seconded by A. F. Leesch, the organization of the Oldham County Soil Conservation District was officially declared to be practicable and feasible. On motion by Frank Gray seconded by A. F. Leesch, R. L. Morris, was appointed supervisor for Zone 2 and Bill Leslie was appointed supervisor for Zone 4 of the Oldham County Soil Conservation District.

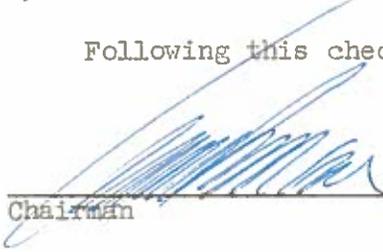
E. W. Wehman reported on the public hearings held at Goliad on October 6, 1959, Beeville on October 7, 1959, and Karnes City on October 8, 1959 on the petitions to dissolve the Karnes County Soil Conservation District and create the Karnes-Goliad and Bee Soil Conservation Districts. On motion by A. F. Leesch seconded by Frank Gray a Determination of Need for the dissolution and re-organization of the Karnes County Soil Conservation District was made. On motion by A. F. Leesch seconded by Frank Gray Determinations of Need for the organization of the Karnes-Goliad Soil Conservation District and the Bee Soil Conservation District were made. Mr. Wehman recommended that elections be conducted at a time agreed on between the local people and the State Soil Conservation Board. A. F. Leesch so moved, the motion being seconded by Frank Gray.

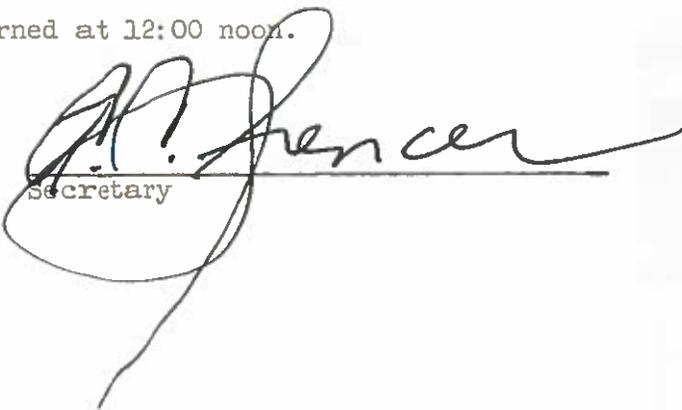
The matter of employment of a Field Planning Engineer for the Panhandle area of Texas was considered. On motion by A. F. Leesch seconded by Frank Gray, A. C. Spencer was authorized to contact applicants and after consultation and agreement

with Frank Gray to employ the person who appears to be the best qualified.

The members of the State Soil Conservation Board together with W. S. Gibbs and H. B. Boswell checked the San Antonio facilities available for holding the 1961 Annual State Meeting of Soil Conservation District Supervisors.

Following this check the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.


Chairman


Secretary

12-16-59
Date

Dear Sir.

This is to acknowledge receipt of your minutes dated October 23, 1959.

Thanks very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

