

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
November 10, 1981

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on November 10, 1981 at 8:00 a.m. in the Jacinto Port Room of the Holiday Inn East Belt at 15157 IH 10 and Dell Dale Road, Houston, Texas.

Board Members present were:

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

Staff Members present were:

A. C. Spencer, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor
James Moore, Engineer
Jay Kuykendall, Engineering Technician
M. J. Spears, Soil Conservationist, Area IV

Others present were:

George Marks, Soil Conservation Service
Jim Hill, Soil Conservation Service
J. B. Webster, Texas Forestry Ass'n

Chairman Roach called the meeting to order.

Since each board member received by mail a copy of the minutes of the meeting held September 17, 1981, and there being no changes, on motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Frank Gray, the minutes were approved without being read.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the following district directors were approved:

F. H. Whitehead, Jr. - Devil's River SWCD # 224
William H. Reus - Medina Valley SWCD #226
Harold Real - Alamo SWCD # 330
W. O. Wallace - Delta SWCD #443
Danny Yates - Panola SWCD # 448
Ed Rumage - Jack SWCD # 549

James Moore reported to the board that the Soil Conservation Service was ready for an additional planning priority under the PL 83-566 program. A general discussion of the tour and hearing held the previous day on the Devers Canal System and of the merits of the application for a PL 83-566 project followed. On a motion by C. F. Schendel, seconded by Frank Gray, the board granted a planning priority for the renovation of the Devers Canal System.

John Millican reviewed the 1981 State meeting of District Directors held in Amarillo on October 26, 27 and 28. Of the 912 people registered, 337 were directors representing 145 districts, 221 director's wives, 91 other ladies and 263 other men. This was the second largest attendance. Since all expenses had not been paid, a financial report will be ready for the next board meeting.

Carl Spencer reported on the Research Committee meeting held Monday afternoon during the State Meeting. Problems throughout the State were discussed. Research needs for the future were set forth. Viewpoints were given by representatives of ARS, the A & M College System, and Texas Experiment Stations.

Carl Spencer reported on the State Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture hearing on September 19 in Austin. Copies of the State Plan were given to the Committee members.

John Millican reported on elections held in Zone 3 of each soil and water conservation district. Returns have been received from 189 districts with 153 directors re-elected and 36 new directors elected. Each member was given a list of the directors.

Carl Spencer presented the Revised Draft RCA Program Report and Environmental Impact Statement to the Board referred to as the "preferred soil and water conservation program" under consideration to meet the mandates of the 1977 RCA Act. A detailed discussion of the proposals and alternatives in the report followed. The board studied and took a position on each question on the response form. Meetings are scheduled throughout the state during the

first two weeks of December to explain the RCA recommendations.

George Marks reported six soil scientists have been hired for soil survey acceleration as a result of the State appropriation.

Carl Spencer reported that he had been appointed as Advisor to the Environmental Policy Committee of the NACD.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for January 21, 1982.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Joe Antilly
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

January 21, 1982
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on November 10, 1981.

January 21, 1982
Date

Carl Spencer
Executive Director