

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD
November 11, 1957

The regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board was held in its office in Temple, Texas beginning at 8:00 a.m., November 11, 1957.

Members present were: A. F. Leesch-Chairman, E. W. Wehman, S. J. Payne, J. C. Porter and J. S. Sharp.

Others present were: A. C. Spencer and H. D. Davis of the State Soil Conservation Board, W. T. Moon of the Soil Conservation Service and Howard Boswell of the Association of Soil Conservation Districts.

The minutes of the September 20, 1957, meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made by S. J. Payne and seconded by E. W. Wehman to disapprove the following Watershed applications pending preliminary surveys:

1. Irons Bayou-Shelby-Panola Soil Conservation District # 414
2. Upper North Wichita River-Upper Pease Soil Conservation District #123 and King-Stonewall Soil Conservation District # 120.
3. Palo Pinto Creek-Palo Pinto Soil Conservation District # 518.

The motion carried.

Due to a favorable report having been received from a preliminary survey on the Nolan Creek Watershed, a motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by E. W. Wehman to approve this watershed as being practicable and feasible. The motion carried.

W. T. Moon stated that the San Antonio River Authority had agreed to put \$21,000.00 in a trust fund for making a work plan on Martinez Creek.

A motion was made by J. S. Sharp and seconded by J. C. Porter to write a letter to the local people in the following watersheds to see if they would be interested in setting up a trust fund for making a work plan in each watershed.

1. Upper Bois d'arc
2. Upper Sabine
3. Big Creek
4. Upper Bosque

5. East Keechi
6. Elm Creek
7. Pine Creek
8. Rock (Dry) Creek
9. West Yegua

The letter will specify the approximate cost of making a work plan in each respective watershed and also that the local people must notify the State Board by December 2, 1957, if interested. If no watershed has notified the State Soil Conservation Board by December 2 that it will be able to put up a trust fund by January 1 for developing a plan, the Martinez Creek offer will be accepted. If other trust funds are offered then priority will be granted in the same manner as for the federally financed planning party. The motion carried.

A motion was made by J. S. Sharp and seconded by E. W. Wehman to approve zone boundary changes as requested by the supervisors of the Harris Soil Conservation District and the Hays-Caldwell-Travis Soil Conservation District. The motion carried.

A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by S. J. Payne for a Determination of Need for the discontinuance of the Bastrop-Fayette Soil Conservation District # 310 and to re-organize it into two Soil Conservation Districts. One to be the Bastrop Soil Conservation District and the other the Fayette Soil Conservation District. The motion carried.

A. C. Spencer discussed the progress that had been made in developing the Soil Conservation District's portion of the Trinity Master Plan.

The Board reviewed the program for the 1958 State Meeting of Supervisors.

In case another board meeting is needed prior to the State Meeting to be held in Corpus Christi, Texas beginning January 15, 1958, J. C. Porter suggested that it be held in Wichita Falls, Texas on December 16 in conjunction with the Joe Bridwell Conservation Awards Program.

The board adjourned at 11:30 A. M. to go to the Kyle Hotel to meet with

the officers and district managers of the Great Southwest Life Insurance Company. The Company's program of awarding painted aerial photographs of winning Conservationists forms was discussed.

Henry Davis
Secretary

W. G. Gresham
Chairman

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Date