

Official Minutes
TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
November 15, 1989

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on Wednesday, November 15, 1989, in its Conference Room at 311 North Fifth Street, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Fred Squyres, Chairman
Larry McCasland, Vice Chairman
Joe Antilley, Member
Harvey Davis, Member
C. F. "Dick" Schendel, Member

Staff members present were:

Robert G. Buckley, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
James M. Moore, Engineer
William C. Neiser, Director of Programs
Leonard Pietzsch, Chief Accountant
Mel Davis, Soil Conservationist
Beade Northcut, Hydrologist
Clyde J. Gottschalk, Information Specialist
Janet Gonser, Planner
Jay Kuykendall, Planner
Lois Cain, Office Services Supervisor
Rex Isom, Soil Conservationist
Bob Gruner, Soil Conservationist
Johnny Oswald, Soil Conservationist
Joe Freeman, Soil Conservationist
Roy Freeman, Soil Conservationist
Andy Garza, Soil Conservationist
David Powell, Soil Conservationist
Joe McKay, Soil Conservationist
Don Brandenberger, Soil Conservationist
Dub Crumley, Soil Conservationist

Others present were:

Clyde Hale, President, Assn. of Texas SWCDs
Buddy Clark, Vice President, Assn. of Texas SWCDs
Don Gohmert, Soil Conservation Service
Dr. Bill Harris, Texas Agricultural Extension Service
Dr. Clarence Richardson, Agricultural Research Service
Comer Tuck, Texas Water Development Board
Atlan Pfluger, Texas Water Development Board
Tom Milligan, Texas Water Development Board
Bob King, Texas Department of Agriculture

Chairman Squyres called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

On motion of Larry McCasland, seconded by Joe Antilley, the minutes of the October 23, 1989 meeting were approved as mailed to each Board Member.

John Millican reviewed information on appointees for district directors for consideration and recommended they be approved. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Larry McCasland, the Board approved the following district director appointments:

Rickey James, Hale County SWCD #132

Shasta Tom, Upper Nueces-Frio SWCD #238

Mike Moore, Eldorado-Divide SWCD #247 was approved contingent upon receipt of appointment papers.

John Millican presented a petition from the North Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District #208 for division and reorganization of the district forming the North Concho River SWCD and the Glasscock County SWCD. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Harvey Davis, the Board authorized the staff to proceed with the public hearing.

Mr. Millican presented a petition from the Nueces-Jim Wells-Kleberg SWCD #311 to annex King Ranch land lying in Kleberg, Brooks, and Kenedy Counties. He advised the Board that the petition was in order and a public hearing needed to be held in order to proceed. On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Joe Antilley, the staff was authorized to proceed with a public hearing.

A request from the Nueces-Jim Wells-Kleberg SWCD #311 for a name change authorizing Kenedy to be included in the district name was presented to the Board by Mr. Millican. On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Harvey Davis, the name was authorized to be changed to the Nueces-Jim Wells-Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD #311.

Clyde Gottschalk presented information on the public information/education program and the status on the shoreline erosion documentary.

John Millican reviewed the 1989 Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors held in McAllen, Texas on October 23-25, 1989. A financial statement was provided the Board members along with a breakdown of attendance. Ideas were also discussed on ways to improve the meeting.

A copy of a letter from Sonny Kretzschmar, Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board to the Legislative Budget Board was provided the Board regarding the appropriation of deposits to the Agricultural Soil and Water Conservation Fund #563. Twenty-one percent of the deposits has been determined to be the State Board's share. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed to obtain any additional funding possible from the Soil and Water Conservation Fund.

Requests from the Upper Leon SWCD #525 and Bosque SWCD #522 for additional Subchapter H Technical Assistance funds to be used for dairy monitoring were presented to the Board. On motion of Larry McCasland, seconded by C. F. Schendel, each district was allocated \$5,000.

Bill Neiser advised the Board there was \$52,700.83 Subchapter H Technical Assistance funds to be allocated and if it was done as in the past each state area would received monies as follows:

\$14,523.85 - Area I
\$11,065.79 - Area II
\$12,310.69 - Area III
\$ 5,256.26 - Area IV
\$ 9,544.24 - Area V

Larry McCasland moved to allocate funds as broken down above. C. F. Schendel seconded. Motion carried. These funds were then broken down by districts requesting funds. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Harvey Davis the funds were allocated to districts as per the attached.

Mr. Neiser advised the Board that \$6,720.00 in Technical Assistance funds had been turned back from the Denton SWCD #547. On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Larry McCasland, the monies were authorized to be reallocated to districts in the same state area from which they were returned which is State District V. On motion of Harvey Davis, seconded by Joe Antilley, these funds were allocated to:

Limestone-Falls SWCD #501 - \$2,000
Upper Elm-Red SWCD #524 - \$1,000
Mills County SWCD #554 - \$2,000
Hood Parker SWCD #529 - \$1,720

Bill Neiser also reported to the Board on the 1989 fiscal year Technical Assistance supplemental allocations. A breakdown was provided each Board member on the amount of supplemental funds districts had requested and the amount these districts actually received.

James Moore briefed the Board on a monitoring proposal

initiated by the Southmost Soil and Water Conservation District #319 to monitor water quality in subsurface drainage systems. He reported that the Southmost SWCD had requested staff assistance in working with the Agricultural Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service, and others in designing a monitoring system. The Board by consensus instructed the staff to provide the assistance.

James Moore informed the Board of a \$40,000,000 appropriation for Section 319 of the Clean Water Act and indicated that the staff was investigating potential uses and need of available funds. He then advised the Board of interest expressed by KNCT-TV in the development of video documentaries dealing with nonpoint source pollution. He indicated that the possibility of cooperating with KNCT was being investigated.

James Moore presented a groundwater monitoring project for Erath County being proposed by the Texas Water Commission. On motion by Joe Antilley, seconded by Harvey Davis, the Executive Director was authorized to enter into contract with the Texas Water Commission to accomplish the groundwater study.

James Moore informed the Board of the need to update the Agricultural/Silvicultural Nonpoint Source Assessment. On motion of Larry McCasland, seconded by Harvey Davis, the Board staff was instructed to pursue updating the assessment.

James Moore and Clyde Gottschalk went over a request by the Texas Forest Service and Texas Forestry Association to cooperate in development of a documentary on forestry and water quality.

James Moore reported on a Watershed Protection through

Pollution Prevention meeting held in Nashville, Tennessee on October 29-31, 1989, relating to implementing nonpoint source management program.

Harvey Davis, Bob Buckley and James Moore discussed a meeting between Texas Water Commission, Soil Conservation Service, State Soil and Water Conservation Board and three dairy cooperatives held to facilitate the application for permits by dairies in Erath County. He reported that the Water Commission was seeking help from conservation programs. He indicated that a follow up meeting was scheduled for November 16th.

C. F. Schendel briefed the Board on Citizen Advisory Steering Committee activities on the Galveston Bay National Estuary Study. James Moore discussed recent activities of the Scientific Technical Advisory Committee.

James Moore provided the Board with information on a newly formed coastal and shoreline erosion subcommittee of the Gulf of Mexico Program and advised them that the agency has been placed on the committee. Mr. Moore discussed who should represent the Board and the Board determined that a staff person would be appropriate.

Beade Northcut presented the Board with a written progress report on the statewide watershed study.

James Moore discussed a request from the General Land Office of Texas for an agency representative on a committee to advise them on the development of a Coastal Management Program. C. F. Schendel was appointed as the agency representative with the understanding he could utilize staff as needed.

Don Gohmert, Deputy State Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service gave a report to the Board. Mr. Buckley thanked the SCS for their support in helping to make the Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors a success. Mr. Gohmert gave a budget report for the SCS and advised that all new hires have been frozen and all equipment purchases have been cancelled. The new staffing plans for the state office in Texas has been approved. Soil surveys have been completed or soon to be completed in Llano, Bosque, Matagorda, McClennan and Jack Counties. Mapping is scheduled to begin in 1990 in Mason and Robertson Counties.

Comer Tuck reported that Propositions 2 and 18 had passed in the recent General Election. This will allow the Water Development Board to move forward in their agricultural loan program. He said grants have been made to 8 or 10 soil and water conservation districts and they anticipate more grant applications.

Dr. Bill Harris reported that the Agricultural Extension Service is becoming involved with a new program which is water quality oriented and deals with the concept of low input sustainable agriculture. He welcomed input from the State Board on how to proceed.

Bob King from the Texas Department of Agriculture reported on Earth 1990, the purpose of which is to draw attention to environmental issues and to help reforestation in Texas over the next several years. He asked for a representative from the State Soil and Water Conservation Board. The Board agreed to help in any

way they could.

Dr. Clarence Richardson reported on the activities of the Agricultural Research Service. He said they plan to have a lab program review in early 1990.

Clyde Hale, President of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, reported to the Board that the Association Board had decided to contact U.S. Senators to urge them to vote for James Cason as the new Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Buddy Clark, Vice President of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, reported on a recent meeting he had attended in Brady on watershed structures.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is January 17, 1990.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Fred H. Spuyers
Chairman

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Secretary

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Date

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on November 15, 1989.

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Date

Robert G. Buckley

Executive Director