

TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2012

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on November 14, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. at 4311 South 31st Street, Suite 125, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present:

Barry Mahler, Chairman
Marty H. Graham, Vice-Chairman
Scott Buckles, Member
José Dodier, Member
Jerry Nichols, Member
Larry Jacobs, Member
Joe Ward, Member

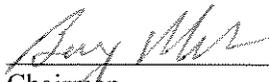
Staff Members present:

Bob Gruner, Program Specialist
Jack Foote, Program Specialist
Ben Wilde, Program Specialist
Kendria Ray, Program Specialist
Adrian Perez, Program Specialist
Tony Franklin, Program Specialist
Joel Clark, Program Specialist
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist
Carl Steffey, Program Supervisor
Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor
Melissa Grote, Program Specialist
John Foster, Statewide Programs Officer
Kenny Zajicek, Chief Fiscal Officer
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator
Rusty Ray, Public Affairs Specialist
Lee Munz, Flood Control Program and Regional Office Coordinator
Jared Bowen, Flood Control Specialist
Ben Bowers, Flood Control Specialist
Karen Preece, Accountant

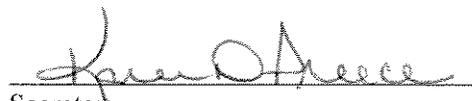
Others present:

A work session was conducted which covered agenda items in detail. Questions were taken and answered.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary

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Executive Director

January 29, 2013

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TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
Board Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2012

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on November 15, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. at 1749 Scott Boulevard, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present:

Barry Mahler, Chairman
Marty H. Graham, Vice-Chairman
Scott Buckles, Member
José Dodier, Member
Jerry Nichols, Member
Larry Jacobs, Member
Joe Ward, Member

Staff Members present:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
Judy Albus, Program Supervisor
Carl Steffey, Program Supervisor
Todd Oneth, Program Supervisor
Lawrence Brown, Program Supervisor
Ricardo Chapa, Program Supervisor
Bob Gruner, Program Specialist
Jack Foote, Program Specialist
Ben Wilde, Program Specialist
Kendria Ray, Program Specialist
Adrian Perez, Program Specialist
Tony Franklin, Program Specialist
Joel Clark, Program Specialist
Don Brandenberger, Program Specialist
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist
Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor
Melissa Grote, Program Specialist
Mark Cochran, Program Supervisor
John Foster, Statewide Programs Officer
T. J. Helton, Nonpoint Source Programs Coordinator
Pam Casebolt, Nonpoint Source Grants Coordinator
Mitchell Conine, Nonpoint Source Project Management Coordinator
Aaron Wendt, Watershed Planning Coordinator
Ashley Alexander, Nonpoint Source Project Manager
Jana Lloyd, Nonpoint Source Project Manager
Kenny Zajicek, Chief Fiscal Officer
Richard Egg, Statewide Programs Engineer
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator
Loren Warrick, Public Affairs Specialist
Rusty Ray, Public Affairs Specialist
Lee Munz, Flood Control Program and Regional Office Coordinator
Jared Bowen, Flood Control Specialist
Ben Bowers, Flood Control Specialist
Clyde Gottschalk, Program Specialist
Dawn Heitman, Human Resources Coordinator
Kirk House, Engineering Technician
Carrie Sanford, Administrative Assistant
Ronnie Ramirez, Planner

Brian Koch, Regional Watershed Coordinator
Karen Preece, Accountant

Others present:

George Noelke, Office of the Attorney General
Jule Richmond, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Pat Hudson, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
William Thomas, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Volney Hough, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Ben Bono, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Tamara Daniel, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Arthur Talley, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Salvador Salinas, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
Kevin Wagner, Texas Water Resources Institute
Lucas Gregory, Texas Water Resources Institute
Cameron Turner, Texas Water Development Board
Neil Jeter, Troy ISD Superintendent
Mindy Howard, Troy ISD FFA Teacher
Lindsey Barnes, Troy FFA
Revyn Marburger, Troy FFA
Brian Newman, Troy FFA
Allison Sultemeier, Troy FFA
Alex Schmidt, Troy FFA
Tana Luna, Troy FFA
Haden Matke, Troy FFA

Chairman Mahler called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and welcomed those present.

Chairman Mahler introduced the Troy FFA Agricultural Issues Forum. Troy FFA Teacher Ms. Mindy Howard introduced the students. Troy FFA students presented program on Texas Grain Industry Fund that they will present in competition. Once the students had completed the program, there was a question and answer period. The students asked for letters of recommendation.

AGENDA ITEM 6: State District I Report

TSSWCB employees gave a power point presentation on State District Area I. Ms. Albus introduced members of Area I, Hale Center Regional Office, and staff. Ms. Albus spoke about conservation practices and harvest. Mr. Foote presented maps of Area I and 319 areas, and spoke on and showed photos of wildlife, harvest, meetings, tours, community gardens, agricultural days education, effects of the drought, saltcedar, the dairy industry, ethanol production, Caprock, and an aerial view of the area. Mr. Gruner spoke on and showed photos of the drought, dust storm, crops, and feed yards. They showed a movie trailer for a documentary, "The Dust Bowl", to be aired on PBS on November 18, 2012.

AGENDA ITEM 1: Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENDA ITEM 2: Comments from Federal, State and Local Governmental Entities

Mr. Salvador Salinas, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, addressed the Board. Mr. Salinas stated that Chief White had announced his retirement effective December 3, 2012. Mr. Jason Weller, will be Acting Chief in the interim. Mr. Salinas commented on the PBS documentary "The Dust Bowl, and stated that there will be another PBS documentary in spring 2013 called "This American Land". Mr. Salinas reviewed the handout. Mr. Salinas commented on work in East Texas last year, 2 Chief Award, Area V watersheds, FY12 allocations, the carrying over of FY12 funds, and the utilities in one of their offices being shut off for lack of funds. Mr. Salinas stated that they are currently not closing any of their offices.

Mr. Arthur Talley, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, addressed the Board. Mr. Talley commented on the drought, water restrictions, state water quality standards, development of nutrient criteria, that the Water

Quality Monitoring Program is currently in a 30 day comment period, watershed action planning, TMDL's, and non-point source.

Mr. Cameron Turner, Texas Water Development Board, addressed the Board. Mr. Turner reviewed the handout.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Comments from the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Mr. Jule Richmond, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, addressed the Board. Mr. Richmond thanked the State Board staff for their work at the Annual State Meeting, and commented on the silent auction, live auction, resolutions, NRCS Field Office of the Future, legislative day in Austin, and the NACD Annual Meeting in January. Mr. Richmond stated that Marietta Groh had resigned, and that Enedina Salinas has been hired as her replacement.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Status and Trends of Irrigated Agriculture in Texas

Dr. Kevin Wagner, Texas Water Resources Institute, addressed the Board. Dr. Wagner gave a power point presentation covering the agenda title.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Nonpoint Source Project Highlight – Water Quality Restoration in Buck Creek

Mr. Lucas Gregory, Texas Water Resources Institute, addressed the Board. Mr. Gregory gave a power point presentation covering the agenda title.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Consider Approval of Minutes from the September 19-20, 2012 Board Meetings

Chairman Mahler called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19-20, 2012 Board Meetings. Mr. Ward moved for the approval of the minutes as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Consider Approval of District Director Appointments

Ms. Preece presented district director appointments for the Board's consideration and verified they were in order and met all qualifications with the exception of Tim Pennell missing his resignation letter. Mr. Dodier moved for the approval of the following appointments contingent upon all paperwork being received in the Temple office. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ian McIntosh, Floyd County #104, Zone 4, Replace Bart Greer
Sue Weaver, Garza #158, Zone 2, Replace B. L. Thomas
Vance Cottrell, High Point #230, Zone2, Replace Lane Brewster
Lane Brewster, High Point #230, Zone 4, Replace Kyle Brookshier
Nadine "Dee" Henneke, DeWitt County #339, Zone 4, Replace Tim Pennell (missing resignation letter)
Arnoldo Trejo, Jim Wells County #355, Zone 2, Replace Eugene L. Spaniel
Marcus Payne, Walker County #453, Zone 4, Replace Marvin Williams
Greg Weber, Hamilton Coryell #506, Zone 1, Replace Nathaniel Foote, Jr.
Thomas E. Muir, Denton County #547, Zone 2, Replace Ralph Amyx

AGENDA ITEM 9: Budget and Accounting Report

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Sunset Legislation Implementation Status

Mr. Foster reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Legislative Update

Mr. Foster stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Water Quality Management Plan Program Report

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 13: Consider Approval of Requests for Waivers as per 31 TAC §523.6(E)(2)(A) thru (F)

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved for the approval of the requests as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 14: Consider Statewide Water Quality Management Plan Cost Share Requests

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Jacobs moved for the approval of the requests as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 15: Flood Control Programs Status Report

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 16: Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program Report

Ms. Casebolt reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 17: Poultry Water Quality Management Program Status Report

Mr. Cochran reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 18: Consider Approval of Water Supply Enhancement Program Project Funding Allocations for FY2013

Mr. Oswald stated that there is no action to be taken at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 19: Water Supply Enhancement Program Report

Mr. Oswald reviewed the agenda information.

Chairman Mahler awarded Mr. House with his 5 year service award, Ms. Sanford, Mr. Ramirez, and Ms. Preece with their 10 year service awards, and Mr. Isom with his 25 year service award.

AGENDA ITEM 20: Consider Approval of Subdivision Boundary Change for High Point SWCD #230

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Ward moved for the approval of the changes as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 21: Consider Re-adoption, Revision, or Repeal of 31 TAC, Chapter 518, Subchapter B, Historically Underutilized Business Program (§518.5)

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Graham moved to publish the rule in the *Texas Register* as presented for a 30 day review and comment period. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 22: Review 2012 Annual State Meeting

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 23: Review Plans for 2013 Annual State Meeting

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 24: Review, Amend, or Reaffirm State Board Fraud Policy

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved to reaffirm the State Board Fraud Policy as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 25: Review, Amend, or Reaffirm State Board Ethics Policy

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Jacobs moved to reaffirm the State Board Ethics Policy as presented. Mr. Buckles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 26: Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 27: Interagency Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 28: National Association of Conservation Districts Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 29: National Association of State Conservation Agencies Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 30: Prescribed Burn Board Update

Mr. Ray reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 31: Public Information/Education Report

Mr. Gottschalk reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 32: Human Resources Report

Ms. Heitman reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 33: Set Date for Next State Board Meeting

January 28-29, 2013, to be held in San Antonio in conjunction with the NACD Annual Meeting.

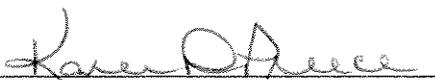
Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.



Chairman

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