

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 1967

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met in a regular session in the Conference Room, 10th Floor, First National Building, Temple, Texas, at 8:25 a.m. on November 16, 1967.

Board Members present were: A. F. Leesch, Chairman; E. W. Wehman, and Albert Roach, members.

Board Members absent were: Frank Gray, Vice Chairman and H. W. Turney, Member.

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director, and L. H. Barnes, Engineer of the State Board staff; and L. J. Lann, Assistant State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service.

Minutes of the October 17, 1967, meeting were read and approved.

New watershed applications on the West Winnie Watershed, near Winnie and the Rio Grande Laterals Arroyos, near El Paso were reviewed. A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by Albert Roach to disapprove both applications pending a field examination to determine feasibility. Motion carried.

A request to amend "Spindletop Bayou and others" watershed was reviewed by the Board. The amendment consists of changing the watershed boundary to reduce the size of the watershed 3,040 acres to 223,319 acres. A motion was made by Albert Roach and seconded by E. W. Wehman to approve the amendment. Motion carried.

Favorable field examinations were reviewed on Sandy Creek watershed, near Jasper and Sabanna River, near Gorman. On motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the watershed applications as being economically feasible for project development.

L. J. Lann reviewed the status of watershed planning on Public Law 566 projects and presented a detailed summary to each Board Member.

The Soil Conservation Service and Congressman Poage's policy on primary purpose of watershed projects was reviewed by Harvey Davis. The policy limits the primary purpose to flood prevention. No action was taken by the Board on the policy.

E. W. Wehman made a report on a meeting with the sponsors of Chiltipin and San Patricio watersheds in Sinton on November 9, 1967.

Harvey Davis reviewed the possibility of a priority for planning on the San Patricio County watersheds. The State Board agreed to recommend a priority for planning on the Chiltipin and San Patricio watersheds within policies and legislation provided the sponsors furnish all funds for development of work plans and further provided that engineering services be furnished by consulting engineers hired by the sponsors and further provided that all engineering design and cost criteria be approved by the Soil Conservation Service and that a bond issue for the local sponsors share of cost be approved by the voters in San Patricio County in an amount agreed upon by the State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Soil Conservation Service, and the sponsors prior to completion of the work plans.

Harvey Davis reviewed correspondence on Rock Dry Creek, Starr County and Kickapoo Creek watersheds. No board action was required.

The Natural Disaster Program (Public Law 81-875) was reviewed and discussed by the Board. It was explained that the provisions of the Act would apply to the 26 county area, affected by Hurricane Beulah, in South Texas and that Leland Barnes was scheduled to meet with a representative of the Water Rights Commission, the Corps of Engineers and local sponsors to establish damage to flood prevention improvements.

On motion by E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the appointment of the following supervisors:

C. B. Shields, Jr., - Willacy-Hidalgo #312
J. C. Wall - Coastal # 432
William Thomas - Navasota #440
M. G. Dodson - Fannin Co. # 520

The Board disapproved the appointment of F. J. Toad Copeland as supervisor of the Lower Clear Fork SWCD #531 because he does not own land in the District and H. R. Wright as supervisor of the Frio SWCD #325 because his appointment was not in keeping with legislation which provides for filling unexpired terms and not for appointments for a full term due to no voters attending the regular election in October.

A request for approval of new zone boundaries in the Navasota Soil and Water Conservation District was reviewed. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board approved the zone changes.

Harvey Davis reviewed a report on attendance and a financial statement on the Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors held in Fort Worth on October 17-19, 1967, and gave the Board a report on the meeting of the Association Directors held on November 2, 1967.

The Board discussed an invitation for Harvey Davis to attend the NACD Directors meeting in Washington, D. C. in March, 1968. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved his attendance to the meeting.

A report on supervisors elections was reviewed by Harvey Davis and discussed by the Board. No Board action was needed.

The "Water for Texas" conference to be held at A & M University on November 20-21, 1967, was discussed. If possible Albert Roach and Harvey Davis will attend.

A tour scheduled for November 27, 28, 29, 1967, by the Soil Conservation Service and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service was discussed by the Board. Albert Roach plans to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board meeting held on November 16, 1967.

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Date

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Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your minutes dated November 16, 1967.

Thanks very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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