

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
November 16, 1978

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on November 16, 1978
in the Conference Room, 1006 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Frank Gray, Chairman
E. W. Wehman, Sr., Vice Chairman
Joe Antilley, Member
Albert Roach, Member
Henry W. Turney, Member

Staff members present were:

A.C. Spencer, Executive Director
John W. Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs
James Moore, Engineer
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor

Others present were:

Jim Webster, Texas Forestry Association
Dr. Bill Harris, Agricultural Extension Service
George C. Marks, Soil Conservation Service
C. Budd Fountain, Soil Conservation Service
Dr. Earl Burnett, Science & Education Administration
Clark Bolt, KCEN-T.V., Waco

Mr. Gray called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests in attendance.

Since each board member received by mail a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on October 17, 1978 and there being no changes, on motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the minutes were approved without being read.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the following district director appointments were approved;

Richard E. Miller - Hockley SWCD #129
Tim Farris - Bowie County SWCD #408
Clarence O. Baldwin - Panola SWCD #448

On November 14, 1978 a petition was received to divide and reorganize the Denton-Wise Soil and Water Conservation District #528 and the Upper West Fork Soil and Water Conservation District #507 into three soil and water conservation districts. On motion of Henry Turney seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board agreed to proceed with the division and reorganization.

Bob Buckley reviewed 208 activities. The Control Strategy is now at the printers. The Texas Department of Water Resources will hold a public hearing on the document on December 7, 1978 in Austin, Texas, Room 118, Stephen F. Austin Building at 10:00 a.m.

Bob Buckley reviewed guidelines on funding of the Resources Conservation Act program. An allocation of \$268,000 is available to districts. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board agreed to send a questionnaire to each SWCD for data on estimated expenditures to implement the program. Questionnaires are to be completed by January 1, 1979 at which time the Board will establish a ceiling figure on funding to the 198 soil and water conservation districts.

John Millican reported on the attendance at the Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors held in Corpus Christi, Texas on October 17, 18 and 19, 1978. Of the 906 people in attendance 342 of these were directors representing 153 districts, 231 directors' wives, 78 other ladies and 255 other men. Each board member received a report showing attendance by individual districts within each of the five State areas. A financial statement on the meeting expenditures was presented to each board member.

John Millican reported on arrangements in progress for holding the Annual Meeting of SWCO directors in El Paso on October 2, 3 and 4, 1979.

The Convention Bureau has initiated a contract with provisions to rent convention facilities by June 1, 1979 and also remit rental fee within 60 days after that date; purchase public liability insurance in the amount of \$225.00 to be added to the rental contract. The Board instructed Mr. Millican that a new contract be negotiated and these items deleted. If such is not satisfactory with El Paso, the Board would choose another site for its 1979 meeting.

Each Member received an itemized statement of the Board's expenditures for the first two months of the 1979 fiscal year. Also, a summary sheet on the 1980 Budget request was given to each member. In order to carry out responsibilities designated by DB #39, additional staff must be included in our 1980-81 appropriation bill.

James Moore reported on his participation in a field exam on Devers Canal and Irrigation System during the week of October 30. Results of this exam will be summarized later. A Field Exam is set up for December 7 and 8 on a watershed project in Albany.

Clyde Gottschalk reviewed the new information kits being given to each Soil and Water Conservation District director. Each kit contains information relative to duties and responsibilities of a director, the operation of a district, maps and laws establishing and governing a district.

Mr. Marks reported that no personnel could be hired at the present time. He encouraged the use of RCA funding to districts.

Jim Webster extended an invitation to the Board to a forestry tour to be held in East Texas in March or April of 1979.

Earl Burnett expressed his appreciation in meeting with the Board. Both agencies are working toward more effective soil and water conservation.

Bill Harris reported that guidelines for the Conservation Tillage meeting to be held on January 25 and 26, 1979 are being worked on.

The 1979 National Association of Conservation Districts meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. on February 11 - 14, 1979. All Board Members will attend. Reservations for the Board members are to be made at the Washington Hilton Inn. On motion by Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board authorized Carl Spencer and members of the staff to be designated by him to attend the meeting. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on January 18, 1979. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

J. Frank Gray
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

1-18-79
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 November 16, 1978.

1-18-79
Date

Carl Spencer
Executive Director