

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING  
November 18, 1971

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met in Conference Room 503G, Sam Houston State Office Building, Austin, Texas, November 18, 1971, at 8:30 a.m.

Board members present were: Albert Roach, Chairman, Joe Antilley, Vice Chairman, E. W. Wehman, Frank Gray, and Henry Turney.

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director, John Millican, Assistant Executive Director, Phil Grazier, Engineer and Josephine Chupik, Office Manager of the State Board staff; and L. J. Lann, Assistant State Conservationist, Watersheds of the Soil Conservation Service.

Minutes of the Board meetings held on September 16, 1971 and October 19, 1971 were approved as read.

The Board considered District Director appointments. Due to lack of adequate information, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board tabled action on appointments of Hugh Costin, West Nueces-Las Moras SWCD #236 and Jerry Peters, Jackson SWCD #336.

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the appointment of Lloyd Martin as District Director of the Johnson County SWCD #541.

A petition received on October 26, 1971 to transfer that portion of Grayson County in the Fannin County SWCD #520 to the Upper Elm-Red SWCD #524 was reviewed by the Board. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the transfer of this territory as being practicable and feasible and approved the new subdivisions for each district.

Correspondence received from Loyd Mayes, Chairman of the Upper Pease SWCD #123 requesting a transfer of territory and division of the district was discussed. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board authorized the staff to proceed with documents on the transfer of territory.

Correspondence had been received from the Brown-Mills SWCD #523 requesting that this district be divided into two districts. After considerable discussion the Board agreed to not take any action at the present time.

A request has been made from the Directors of the Waters Davis SWCD #318 to include Galveston Island in their district. There are approximately 15 to 20 landowners in the area. The Board authorized Harvey Davis to consult with the Attorney General's office before any official action is taken.

Correspondence from Miles Hastings, Chairman of the Ellis-Prairie SWCD #504 was discussed. This district had requested Matching funds in the amount of \$2,000 for 1972 and 1973 fiscal years; however, the request had not been received by the State Board. This request for funds was recorded in the official minutes of the Ellis-Prairie SWCD #504 dated February 10, 1970. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board authorized a 75% allocation, amounting to \$1,500 in Matching funds for the fiscal year 1972. This is the same policy used for all districts receiving Matching funds in the 1972 fiscal year budget.

Requests for additional matching funds for the 1973 fiscal year from the Hill County-Blackland SWCD #540 and Johnson County SWCD #541 were discussed. At the time the budget was set up for 1973, the Nolan-Aquilla SWCD which is now the Hill County-Blackland SWCD #540 and the Johnson County SWCD #541, was in the process of division and reorganization. A motion was made by Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray to include a request in the amount of \$3,000 each for the Hill County-Blackland SWCD #540 and the Johnson County SWCD #541 in matching funds for the 1973 fiscal year budget. Motion carried.

Harvey Davis reported on the attendance at our Annual State meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors held in McAllen, Texas on October 19, 20, and 21, 1971. Of the 686 people in attendance, 270 of these were directors representing 134 districts, 158 were directors' wives, 85 other

ladies and 173 other men. A financial statement on this meeting was given to each Board member. (copy attached)

Results of October elections held in Zone 3 were reviewed. Of the 179 elections held, 129 directors were re-elected and 50 new directors were elected. Staff members are making contacts with the 10 districts that have not reported. A statistical report on the Directors, re-elected and new, showing age, education, land ownership, acres operated and other professions was presented to each Board member.

A request to amend the Willow Creek watershed application was reviewed by the Board. The amendment adds Willow Creek Water Control District as a sponsor. A motion was made by Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, to approve the amendment. Motion carried.

L. J. Lann reviewed the status of watershed construction and planning on Public Law #566 projects and presented a detailed summary as of November 8, 1971 to each Board member.

Phil Grazier reported on the status of watershed activities under Public Law #566.

The National Association of Conservation Districts will hold its meeting in Washington, D. C. on February 13-17, 1972 with headquarters at the Washington Hilton Hotel. All Board members, Harvey Davis and John Millican will attend.

The next regular State Board meeting will be held on January 20, 1972.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Alberts Roach  
Chairman

Josephine Chupik  
Secretary

January 20, 1972  
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 18, 1971.

January 20, 1972  
Date

Harvey Davis  
Executive Director