

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
November 18, 1987

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on Wednesday, November 18, 1987 at 8:00 a.m. in its Conference Room at 311 North 5th, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Joe Antilley, Chairman
C. F. "Dick" Schendel, Vice Chairman
Fred Squyres, Member
Albert Roach, Member
Hermon L. Petty, Member

Staff members present were:

Harvey Davis, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Robert G. Buckley, Director of Programs
James Moore, Engineer
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor
Mel Davis, Soil Conservationist
Jay Kuykendall, Planner

Directors of the Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts present were:

Clyde Hale, President
Buddy Clark, Vice President
W. Q. Richards, Secretary
Donald Swann, Director
Larry McCasland, Director
Waldo Smith, Immediate Past President

Others present were:

Coy Garrett, Soil Conservation Service
Dale Fischgrabe, Soil Conservation Service
Gene Lindemann, Soil Conservation Service
Gary Batte, Soil Conservation Service
Comer Tuck, Texas Water Development Board
Clarence Richardson, Agricultural Research Service
Dr. B. L. Harris, Texas Agricultural Extension Service
James Watson, Chairman, Bosque Soil and Water Conservation District # 522
J. W. Hardcastle, Bosque Soil and Water Conservation District # 522
C. Pernell Aars, Bosque Soil and Water Conservation District # 522

Chairman Antilley called the meeting to order.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Dick Schendel, the minutes of the

September 16, 1987 meeting were approved as mailed out to each Board Member.

John Millican presented a petition and supporting documents to transfer the portion of Tom Green County in the Concho SWCD # 201 to the Tom Green SWCD # 248. On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by Dick Schendel, the Board determined the transfer of territory practicable and feasible; approved the area and subdivision maps for both districts; and also approved appointment of John Horace Edwards in subdivision 1 and Clayton Friend in subdivision 3 of the Tom Green SWCD # 248.

John Millican presented another petition and supporting documents from the Concho SWCD # 201 to transfer the portion of McCulloch County in this district to the San Saba-Brady SWCD # 214. On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by Dick Schendel, the Board determined the transfer of territory practicable and feasible; approved the area and subdivision boundaries for both districts; and authorized elections be held for directors in subdivision 1, 2, and 5 of the Concho SWCD #201.

Chairman Antilley welcomed everyone to the meeting and called on State Conservationist Coy Garrett for any comments he wished to make. Mr. Garrett informed the Board this was probably the last meeting he would attend due to Senior Executive Service personnel changes being finalized. On December 6, 1987 Mr. Garrett will assume the position of Assistant Chief, Midwest, SCS, Washington, D.C. Harry "Wes" Oneth from Ohio will be State Conservationist in Texas. Paul Larsen, State Conservationist in Missouri will assume the position of Director, South National Technical Center in Fort Worth. Mr. Garrett expressed his appreciation for the privilege of working with the Board during his tenure in Texas.

John Millican reviewed information on appointees for district directors from Soil and Water Conservation Districts for consideration of approval by the State Board on the following:

Bill Brewster - Dallam SWCD # 131
Gary Killian - Salt Fork SWCD # 133
Coby Gilbreath - Running Water SWCD # 136
Robert H. Welder, II - Victoria SWCD # 346
Adrian Kachel - Hays County SWCD # 351
Gordon C. Williams - Hill Country SWCD # 534
Gregg McKenzie - Trans-Pecos SWCD # 231

It was pointed out that a letter of resignation did not accompany the appointment papers of Adrian Kachel of the Hays SWCD # 351; however, the appointment papers stated that a vacancy existed because T. J. Higginbotham was not a landowner and therefore was not qualified to serve on the Board. It was also pointed out that a resignation letter did not accompany the appointment papers of Gary Killian of the Salt Fork SWCD # 133. A motion was made by Dick Schendel, seconded by Albert Roach, to approve the above named appointees with the approval of Gary Killian being contingent upon receipt of a letter of resignation from Tommy Lewis. Voting for the motion were Dick Schendel, Albert Roach and Fred Squyres. Hermon Petty voted against the motion. Motion carried.

John Millican presented a request from the Lower Neches SWCD # 437 to change its subdivision boundaries which were originally set up on County Commissioners' precincts. These precincts have been changed. The new subdivision boundaries are easily identifiable and are more closely approximate to the original subdivisions rather than the present commissioner precinct boundaries. On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the new subdivision boundaries.

John Millican presented a request from the Hemphill County SWCD # 138 to change the name of the district to Hemphill SWCD # 138 due to the confusion in telephone calls and correspondence addressed to the county and vice versa. On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board approved the name change to Hemphill SWCD # 138.

Bob Buckley explained the financial statement of the Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors held in Galveston, Texas on October 12, 13, and 14, 1987. Many favorable comments were received on leaving Tuesday night "open" instead of having a banquet. All functions were well attended. Of the 913 people registered, 339 were district directors, representing 150 districts, 233 district director wives, 96 other ladies, and 245 other men. Eight districts had 100% attendance. Resolutions adopted at this meeting were

reviewed. Resolution # 1 "Texas Conservation Awards Program Coloring Contest" was discussed. The implementation of the coloring contest would involve additional costs to this program. The Board postponed any action at this time.

The 1988 Annual Statewide Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors will be held on October 3, 4, and 5 in Lubbock, Texas. Future meeting sites were discussed. The Board decided to survey district directors for site preferences to determine the location for the 1989 and 1990 meetings.

James Watson, Chairman of the Bosque Soil and Water Conservation District #522 presented a letter and verbal request for funds from Subchapter H to help their district in planning and installation of waste management systems on dairies. A letter of request for funding for this same purpose had also been received from the Upper Leon SWCD # 525. The Board considered the requests for funding and upon motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by Dick Schendel, the Board granted an allocation to the Bosque SWCD # 522 in the amount of \$5,000.00 for FY 1988 and to the Upper Leon SWCD # 525 in the amount of \$5,200.00 for FY 1988.

Bob Buckley presented a request for reimbursement of technical assistance funds from Gaines County SWCD # 166 in the amount of \$1,560.00 for FY 1987. This district did not have an allocation of funds in 1987. Burleson-Lee SWCD #313 also submitted a request for reimbursement of technical assistance funds in the amount of \$450.45 for FY 1987. Since both requests submitted were a variance from the guidelines on these funds, and funds were available on motion of Dick Schendel, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the claims for funding in the amount of \$1,560.00 to the Gaines County SWCD # 166 and \$450.45 to the Burleson-Lee SWCD # 313.

Bob Buckley informed the Board that as a result of the transfer of territory letters were received from Concho SWCD # 201 and Tom Green SWCD # 248 requesting that the balance of the 1988 allocation in the amount of \$983.00 in technical assistance of the Concho SWCD be allocated to the Tom Green SWCD # 248. On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Dick Schendel, the Board re-allocated the \$983.00 in technical assistance to the Tom Green SWCD # 248.

Bob Buckley presented a letter from the Little Wichita Soil and Water Conservation District requesting an additional allocation in Conservation Assistance (matching) funds for FY 1988 in the amount of \$650.00. On motion of Dick Schendel, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board allocated \$650.00 to this district making the allocation \$1,500.00 for FY 1988.

Several soil and water conservation districts have written letters requesting funding under Subchapter H for FY 1988. The Upper-Nueces Frio SWCD # 238 request for \$2,000.00 was considered. This district has not received any allocation of funds. On motion of Dick Schendel, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board allocated \$2,000.00 for FY 1988 to the Upper-Nueces Frio SWCD # 238. On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board agreed to consider all other requests for allocation of Subchapter H funds in its January 20, 1988 board meeting.

Joe Antilley asked if any of the visitors or guests had comments to make to the Board.

Comer Tuck announced that Seth Burnitt had retired as Deputy Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board and that the position had been filled by Sonny Kretzschmar. Mr. Tuck notified the Board that revised rules on the Grants to Districts and Pilot Loan Program were to be considered by the Texas Water Development Board on November 19 and reported that they had not received any information concerning the availability of oil overcharge funds.

Clarence Richardson indicated that the Agricultural Research Service was still awaiting a Fiscal Year 1988 budget and reported that Dr. Hermon Mayor had been temporarily assigned to Las Cruces, New Mexico for approximately four months. Dr. Richardson told the Board that a new director for the Experiment Station at Blackland Research Center should be chosen soon and that Dr. O'Toole was still Acting Director.

Bill Harris announced that the process of selecting a Deputy Chancellor and Dean of Agriculture was ongoing and that Dr. Neville Clarke was acting.

Dr. Harris briefed the Board on Extension Service activities relative to the Food Security Act and demonstration projects and indicated that a report on the recent Wind Erosion Demonstration Projects would be completed soon.

Dale Fischgrabe reported that the Big Creek Watershed Project near Marlin had been approved by Congress the previous week. Fischgrabe mentioned efforts by the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts to organize a Watershed Congress and briefed the Board on a recent meeting sponsored by the Land Improvement Contractors Association in Greenville relative to organizing a conservation field day. Fischgrabe updated the Board on funding for the South Texas Plant Materials Center and indicated that 14,000 of the estimated 82,000 plans to be required by 1990 under the conservation compliance provisions of the Food Security Act had been completed. Mr. Fischgrabe told the Board that the final rule was out on wetlands under the food security act and announced that a meeting was scheduled with rice producers to discuss it. Mr. Fischgrabe reported on the development of county wide conservation plans which would allow income tax deductions for certain soil conservation practices installed without Soil Conservation Service assistance.

Clyde Hale reported on efforts by the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts to organize a Watershed Congress and indicated that he would be participating in future planning efforts. Mr. Hale briefed the Board on Association plans to organize District Workshops in connection with area association meetings next year. Mr. Hale reported that George Cason had been named as NACD Council Member with himself and Buddy Clark serving as alternates.

James Moore updated the Board on a potential Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program land treatment project in Medina County in the Seco Creek watershed and indicated that the application should be ready for Board consideration at the January 1988 Board meeting.

The Board was briefed on a nonpoint source workshop to be held in Austin

on November 19; on the status of the groundwater nonpoint source assessment; on nonpoint source data received from other agencies; and on a NACD meeting on nonpoint source management to be held in Dallas on December 8, 1987.

James Moore discussed the status of Environmental Protection Agency efforts to implement the use of pesticide use bulletins which would restrict the use of certain pesticides in counties where endangered species exist.

John Millican reported on the 1985 Food Security Act meeting in Kansas City, Mo. on November 1-3, 1987. The meeting assessed the progress of implementation of the Food Security Act. Topics relating to Federal-State-Local participation were discussed. Bill Harris headed the team on Resources for the South Central area. Dr. Harris reported he would prepare a summarization of the Conference.

Hermon Petty reported on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Wetlands Workshop held on November 16 and 17, 1987 in Austin.

Jo Chupik reported on the 1987 district director elections held October 1 thru October 15 in subdivision 3 of each soil and water conservation district. Of 206 elections held, 202 are complete with 170 district directors re-elected which is 84% and 32 new district directors elected which is 16%. A computer print out of all the current directors and addresses was given to each board member for his area. The 1988 soil and water conservation district directory will be ready for printing by December 1.

Clyde Gottschalk reported on scheduling of Conservation Education Workshops throughout the State. The VCR on Range Management is available to districts. Additional topics to be taped will be matching funds, technical assistance funds and per diem. Mr. Gottschalk informed the Board that Texas has been invited by the State of Colorado to participate in "Project Learning Tree".

Harvey Davis reviewed HB 699, an act relating to the appointment, qualification, powers and duties of the State Auditor. Included in this legislation are provisions for the State Auditor to conduct an audit of any entity receiving State funds.

Mr. Davis informed the Board that the appointments have been made by Governor Clements, Lt. Governor Bill Hobby and Speaker of the House Gib Lewis to the Special Committee pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 36, 70th Legislature, 1987 to study the reorganization of State government.

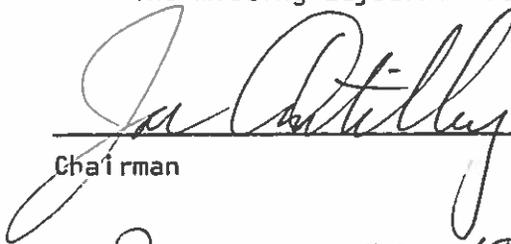
NACD will hold a Nonpoint Source meeting on December 8, 1987 at DFW airport.

The National Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas on January 31-February 4, 1988. Reservations for lodging have been made for the Board members.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for January 20, 1988.

Mr. Davis informed the Board that Dr. Kent Adair of Stephen F. Austin University has extended an invitation to the Board to hold its Spring meeting at the Sam Rayburn Reservoir.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.



Chairman

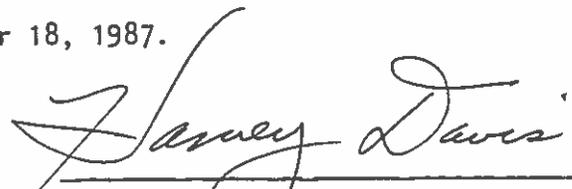
January 20, 1988
Date



Secretary

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on November 18, 1987.

January 20, 1988
Date



Executive Director