

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 1968

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met in regular session in the Conference Room, 10th Floor, First National Building, Temple, Texas, at 8:15 a.m., November 19, 1968.

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

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director; Gene Jones, Assistant Executive Director; L. H. Barnes, Engineer, and Josephine Chupik, Office Manager of the State Board staff.

The minutes of the October 15, 1968, meeting were read and approved.

A new watershed application under Public Law 566 on Elm Creek near Shamrock, Texas was considered. A motion was made by E. W. Wehman, and seconded by Joe Antilley to disapprove the Elm Creek watershed application pending a field examination to determine feasibility. Motion carried.

Harvey Davis reported on the meeting in Shreveport, Louisiana held on November 6, 1968 on the proposed Red River Basin authorization. The Board agreed that this basin should not be considered for authorization at this time and that we should continue to place all emphasis on the Public Law 566 program.

Harvey Davis reported that Soil Conservation Service is proposing a river basin study of the Texas Gulf Coast. This study will involve approximately 30 counties on the lower coast of Texas. After some discussion, the Board agreed to take action on this item at its next Board meeting in January after consultation with the Water Development Board.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the appointment of the following supervisors:

Joseph B. Couch - Crockett SWCD #235
Elmer C. Carruth - Jasper-Newton SWCD #441
G. M. Shipley - Shelby SWCD #449

A report was given by Harvey Davis on the attendance at our Annual State Meeting of Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors held in Galveston, Texas on October 15, 16, 17, 1968. Of the 512 people in attendance, 217 of these were supervisors, 96 supervisors' wives, 39 other ladies and 160 other men. A financial statement on this meeting was given to each Board Member. (Copy attached)

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board selected Dallas, Texas, as the site for the 1969 Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors with the Adolphus Hotel serving as headquarters.

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board selected October 21-23, 1969, as the date of the Annual Meeting.

The Board authorized Harvey Davis to check on facilities at McAllen and Brownsville as a possible site for our 1970 Annual Meeting.

A report on supervisor elections in Zone 5 of each Soil and Water Conservation District was reviewed by Harvey Davis and discussed by the Board. To date, of 182 supervisors elected, 122 were re-elected and 60 were new supervisors.

The Board reviewed a resolution that was adopted by the Southern Conference of State Boards in a meeting on September 10, 1968, in Asheville, North Carolina. This resolution deals with the \$6 billion cut in the National budget, and recommends that as few cuts as possible be made affecting field personnel of the Soil Conservation Service and if cuts are unavoidable that the field duties be performed by higher echelon personnel without changing their pay grade. No action was necessary by the Board.

Harvey Davis gave a few highlights of Mr. Floyd Heft's address on "Progress and Problems in Strengthening State Soil and Water Conservation Committees in the Midwest" that was presented at the Upper Midwest NACD Area Meeting in Traverse City, Michigan.

Indirectly, word had been received that some Work Unit Offices of the Soil Conservation Service may be closed in Texas. Since the Board had no official word from the Soil Conservation Service, the Board directed Harvey Davis to write a letter of inquiry on this matter to H. N. Smith of the Soil Conservation Service.

The National Association of Conservation Districts meeting to be held in Atlanta, Georgia on February 2-6, 1969, was discussed by the Board. The Board authorized all its members to attend and Harvey Davis, Lonzo Stewart and Gene Jones of the staff to attend.

The "Water for Texas" conference to be held at A & M University on November 25-26, 1968 was discussed. L. H. Barnes, Harvey Davis and any Board Members that can, will attend.

The National Association of Conservation Districts, "District Outlook Seminar" to be held in the Skirvin Hotel at Oklahoma City on December 12-13, 1968, was discussed. The Board authorized Frank Gray and Harvey Davis to attend.

Beginning December 1, 1968, Don Brandenberger will be employed by the State Board as a Field Representative in State District 3 with Cuero, Texas, as his headquarters.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 8:00 a.m. on January 21, 1969, in Temple, Texas.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

J. Frank Gray
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

1-21-69
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 19, 1968.

1-21-69
Date

Harvey Davis
Executive Director