

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
November 19, 1970

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met in regular session in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas at 8:30 a. m. on November 19, 1970.

Board Members present were: H. W. Turney, Chairman, Albert Roach, Vice Chairman, Joe Antilley, and E. W. Wehman.

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

Since copies of the minutes of the Board meeting held on September 17, 1970 and October 6, 1970 had been mailed to each Board member, on motion of Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman, these minutes were approved without being read.

Clyde Graham reviewed several items with the Board from the Resource Conservation Planning handbook primarily concerning services rendered by the Soil Conservation Service to Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Phil Grazier reported on the status of watershed activities under Public Law 566 and distributed copies of the report to each Board member.

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

A petition to divide and reorganize the Nolan-Aquilla Soil and Water Conservation District #536 was considered by the Board. A motion was made by Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, to hold a public hearing in Hill and Johnson Counties to determine the feasibility of the division and

reorganization of this district. Motion carried. The date of the public hearings is December 8, 1970.

A petition to transfer that portion of Callahan and Shackelford Counties in the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District #206 to the Lower Clear Fork of the Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District #531 was reviewed by the Board. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the transfer of this territory as being practicable and feasible and approved the new subdivisions for each district.

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the appointment of Jack Harris as a District Director of the Ellis-Prairie Soil and Water Conservation District #504.

Josephine Chupik reviewed results of the October elections in zone 2. Of the 182 elections held, 130 directors were re-elected and 52 new directors were elected. Staff members are making contacts with the 6 districts that have not reported. A statistical report on the Directors, re-elected and new, showing age, education, land ownership and other professions was presented to each Board member.

A report was given by Harvey Davis on the attendance at our Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors held in Houston, Texas on October 6, 7, and 8, 1970. Of the 551 people in attendance, 221 of these were directors representing 113 districts, 111 were director's wives, 49 other ladies and 170 other men. A financial statement on this meeting was given to each Board member. (copy attached)

Harvey Davis discussed holding 25 group meetings of District Directors in 1971. These will be discussion, workshop type sessions, conducted by representatives of the Soil and Water Conservation Board. One of the prime objectives will be to acquaint new directors with the program.

Harvey Davis reported on testimony pertaining to land-use presented by

Mrs. Irma Hooks, Director of the Harris Soil and Water Conservation District to the Senate Committee on Land-use and Environment headed by Senator Cole. Testimony presented on October 23, 1970 included among other things the amending of present land-use regulations in HB 444 by removing or adjusting the nine-tenths vote required by landowners before regulations could be adopted by Soil and Water Conservation Districts and similar to that recently adopted in Maryland whereby any significant landscape change will have to be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation District.

Dates and locations for the Texas Conservation Awards Program were announced. The State Conservation Awards Program will be held on May 1, 1971 in Fort Worth, Texas at the Student Center, Texas Christian University. Dates and locations by areas for the Regional Conservation Awards Program are as follows:

- Area I May 7, 1971, Ralls, Texas
- Area II May 12, 1971, Del Rio, Texas
- Area III May 11, 1971, Hallettsville, Texas
- Area IV May 18, 1971, Sulphur Springs, Texas
- Area V May 4, 1971, Stephenville, Texas

A letter from the National Association of Conservation Districts revealed that quota payments had been raised to \$150.00 per Soil and Water Conservation District.

The National Association of Conservation Districts will hold its meeting in Chicago, Illinois on February 7-11, 1971. All Board members, Harvey Davis and John Millican will attend.

The next regular State Board meeting will be held on January 21, 1971.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

H. J. Turney
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

January 21, 1971
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, 1970.

January 21, 1971
Date

Sammy Lewis
Executive Director