

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
November 20, 1980

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on November 20, 1980 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1006 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Henry W. Turney, Chairman
Albert Roach, Vice Chairman
Joe Antilley, Member
J. Frank Gray, Member
C. F. "Dick" Schendel, Member

Staff members present were:

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

Others present were:

Hermon Petty, Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts
B. L. Harris, Agricultural Extension Service
George Marks, Soil Conservation Service
Gary Westmoreland, Soil Conservation Service
Lloyd Moss, Mayor, City of Cleburne, Texas

Chairman Turney called the meeting to order.

Since copies of the September 18, 1980 meeting were received in the mail by each Board member and there being a correction made on the address of Paris Milling Company, on motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Frank Gray, the minutes were approved without being read.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the following district director appointments:

Phillip Johnson - Parmer SWCD # 140
David E. Locke - Roberts SWCD # 145
Thomas F. Priestly - Nueces-Jim Wells-Kleberg SWCD # 311
Byron H. Chandler - Gonzales SWCD # 338
John A. Milner - Wilbarger SWCD # 537

Only partial documents for appointing A. J. Braynt to the Board of Directors of the Wood SWCD # 444 were reviewed. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved appointment of Mr. Bryant contingent upon receipt of completed appointment forms from the district directors.

James Moore briefed the Board on the Lake Tawakoni sampling program design pursuant to Section 208, PL 92-500. Mr. Moore explained monitoring of soil samples.

A PL 83-566 watershed protection and flood prevention application on the West Fork of Buffalo Creek sponsored by the Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District and the City of Cleburne was discussed. A good benefit-cost ratio, no apparent environmental problems and a high degree of interest by local people makes the watershed feasible for planning. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board granted a planning priority on West Fork of Buffalo Creek.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board authorized contracting with Soil Conservation Service in the amount of \$40,000 for planning the Afton Creek watershed and \$20,000 for planning Big Creek (Marlin) watershed.

Mr. Spencer reported that the 1982-83 budget request was recommended by the Legislative Budget Board with the exception of three items. These items being additional Matching funds, another field person and travel for field person and the Soil Survey development.

Mr. Petty gave a report on their directors meeting of November 10, 1980. He asked that the Board consider setting State meeting sites two to three years in advance. He discussed the NACD meeting stating that new regional

realignment of the South Central area would be discussed at this meeting.

Leonard Pietzsch informed the Board of discussions with the Legislative Budget Board, Comptrollers Office, Governor's Office and the Soil Conservation Service on paying mileage and per diem to district directors from RCA funding. Most June and July travel by district directors was incurred attending RCA meetings. On motion of Dick Schendel, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board authorized payment of district directors mileage and per diem not to exceed \$68,000 for the present biennium from RCA funds based on the concurrence by appropriate State legislative staffs of the propriety and legality of such action.

Gary Westmoreland of the USDA Soil Conservation Service discussed two desertification studies being conducted by the US Department of Interior and the Council on Environmental Quality. He gave the Board a briefing on the history of the studies and the reason such studies were being conducted in the United States. Carl Spencer, Gary Westmoreland and James Moore then discussed various aspects of the studies with the Board, pointing out the impacts such studies could have on the State of Texas. Carl Spencer then briefed the Board on the response prepared for the U.S. Department of Interior report by a committee made up of State agencies and headed by the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning on which the State Board staff had participated.

Mr. Spencer informed the Board on progress being made on the State Plan. Summarization has begun on the questionnaires. About ninety per cent of the outline is ready.

John Millican reviewed the 1980 State meeting of District Directors held in San Antonio on September 29, 30 and October 1. Of the 1,044 people registered, 401 were directors representing 166 districts, 291 director's wives, 110 other ladies and 242 other men. A financial statement on the

meeting expenditures was presented to each board member.

The 1981 Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors will be held in Amarillo, Texas on October 26, 27 and 28.

To assist in planning future State meetings, the Board agreed to send a questionnaire to each soil and water conservation district director asking for their opinion on selection of a site, dates of the week and the time of the year for holding the meeting. Cities with available facilities that have expressed interest in hosting the meeting are: Abilene, Austin, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, McAllen, San Antonio and Waco. Summarization of the survey should be complete by the Board meeting in January.

Bill Harris spoke favorably of the meeting of the Research Committee in San Antonio on October 25 during the State meeting. He felt it beneficial to A & M people, the State Board and Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

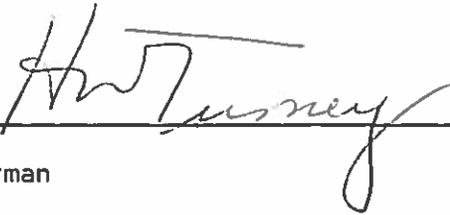
Clyde Gottschalk discussed the documentary on the State Plan. He had estimates on filming from three commercial advertising firms and the University of Texas and Texas Tech University. Both schools are equipped to handle the documentation. Based upon the added technical services offered by Texas Tech and the fact that the institution is engaged in soil and water conservation research, it was recommended that this institution be used to assist the State Board with technical services to produce a twenty minute documentary in four segments. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board authorized the staff to proceed with contract negotiations with Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

In 1981, the National Association of Conservation Districts meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco, California on February 1 thru 5.

Reservations for the Board members have been made. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board authorized Carl Spencer, Josephine Chupik and one other staff member designated by Mr. Spencer to attend the meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on January 15, 1981.

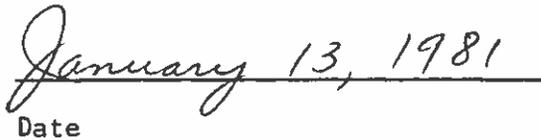
The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.



Chairman

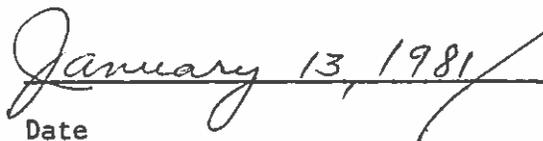


Secretary

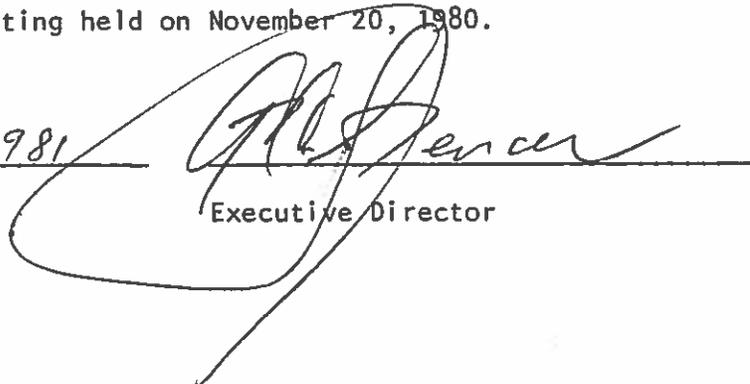


Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on November 20, 1980.



Date



Executive Director