

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
November 21, 1974

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 8:25 a.m. on November 21, 1974 in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Present were:

State Soil and Water Conservation Board

E. W. Wehman, Chairman
Henry Turney, Vice Chairman
Joe Antilley, Member
Albert Roach, Member
Harvey Davis, Executive Director
John W. Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer
Allen Sheppard, Field Representative
Josephine Chupik, Office Manager

Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Dee Brune, President
Kenneth Kuykendall, Vice-President
Charles Wood, Director
Gene Gilbreath, Director
Doyle Hutcheson, Immediate Past President

Soil Conservation Service

Ed Thomas, State Conservationist

Since copies of the minutes of the October 29, 1974 meeting were mailed to each Board member, on motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Henry Turney, the minutes were approved without being read.

The Board met in joint session with the Board of Directors of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts to discuss land use legislation.

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

Harold L. Lee - Wheeler Co. SWCD #141
Rosendo Evaro - Highland SWCD #210
Jordan V. Linscomb - Lower Sabine Neches SWCD #446

The Board considered the division and reorganization of the Upper Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District #121 creating the Upper Clear Fork and the Nolan County Soil and Water Conservation Districts. A petition was received on November 18, 1974. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the division and reorganization of the Upper Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District as being practicable and feasible. Due to the division of the District, the Board approved new subdivisions in the Upper Clear Fork District #165 and the Nolan County Soil and Water Conservation District #245 and appointed Glenn Webb as Director in subdivision 2 and Alfred Douglass as Director in subdivision 4 of the Upper Clear Fork District; Alvin Smith as Director in subdivision 2 and J. M. Wright as Director in subdivision 4 of the Nolan County District #245.

The Board considered the division and reorganization of the Willacy-Hidalgo Soil and Water Conservation District #312 creating the Willacy and the Hidalgo Soil and Water Conservation Districts. A petition was received on September 13, 1974. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the division and reorganization of the Willacy-Hidalgo Soil and Water Conservation District as being practicable and feasible. Due to the division of the District, the Board approved new subdivisions in the Willacy Soil and Water Conservation District #349 and the Hidalgo Soil and Water Conservation District #350 and appointed Charles Vassberg as Director in subdivision 2 and Charles Hoot as Director in subdivision 4 of the Willacy District; Hubert Thompson as Director in subdivision 2 and D. V. Guerra, Jr. as Director in subdivision 4 of the Hidalgo District.

Ed Thomas gave a report on Soil Conservation Service personnel. Personnel has been reduced from 1,355 in 1972 to 1,186 by February, 1974. Changes had occurred throughout the State due to resignations, retirements, and transfers. As of November 21, 1974, Soil Conservation Service has 1,240 employees.

Mr. Thomas handed out a progress report on Resource, Conservation and Development Measure Plans throughout Texas as of November, 1974 summarizing activities in each project area.

Harvey Davis reported on the attendance at the Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors held in San Antonio, Texas on October 29, 30 and 31, 1974. Of the 822 people in attendance, 332 of these were directors representing 143 districts, 208 were directors' wives, 62 other ladies and 220 other men. A financial statement on the meeting was given to each Board member. (copy attached)

Sonny Kretzschmar reviewed the sections of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 that pertained to possible Environmental Protection Agency actions toward land use management and control of non-point water pollution sources.

As a result of the passage of a land use resolution at the Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors, land use legislation was discussed. A motion was made by Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, to amend House Bill 444 to incorporate land use regulations on a broad basis. Motion carried. The Board agreed to meet jointly with the Association Directors and Governor Briscoe to discuss land use legislation effecting agricultural land as to zoning uses and restriction of rights on a local option basis.

Joe Antilley gave a brief report on the progress on activities of the surface mining committee of the Interim Committee of the Senate.

The 1975 Annual State Meeting site was discussed. The Board decided to check on facilities at Fort Worth, Austin, Houston and Corpus Christi.

The National Association of Conservation Districts will hold its annual meeting on February 2-6, 1975 in Denver, Colorado. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board authorized Harvey Davis and not to exceed three more staff members, to attend this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

E. J. [unclear]
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

January 16, 1975
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 21, 1974.

January 16, 1975
Date

Laney Davis
Executive Director