

Official Minutes
State Soil Conservation Board Meeting
December 16, 1959

The State Soil Conservation Board held its regular meeting at the Memorial Center at Texas A & M College in College Station, Texas on December 16, 1959 at 7:30 P.M.

Members present were: E. W. Wehman, Chairman, A. F. Leesch, J. C. Porter, J. S. Sharp, and Frank Gray.

Other present were: A. C. Spencer, Executive Director of the State Board, Harvey Davis, Aubrey Dalrymple, O. F. Armstrong, and Garner Jones, employees of the State Board; W. S. Gibbs, President and H. B. Boswell, Executive Director of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts; Dr. R. E. Patterson, Vice-Chancellor for Agriculture, A & M System, and Jack Barton and Lynn Pittard, Soil and Water Conservation Specialist of the Extension Service.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The preliminary field examination report recommending approval of the East Bay Bayou watershed was read by A. C. Spencer. A motion was made by J. S. Sharp and seconded by A. F. Leesch to approve the application as practicable and feasible. The motion carried.

A letter from Guy C. Jackson, General Counsel, Trinity Bay Conservation District was read. The letter stated the conservation district would furnish an engineering crew to do the field work on the East Bay Bayou watershed and would furnish all existing data available in order to get a work plan developed on their project. A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by J. S. Sharp to recommend East Bay Bayou for a planning priority to be planned concurrently with Elm Creek, Resley Creek, and Kent Creek contingent upon the conservation district furnishing satisfactory proof of their willingness and ability to carry out their responsibilities on the project. The motion carried.

The new system for allocation of construction funds to watersheds in the priority or order of their readiness was discussed by A. C. Spencer.

Recommendations for priorities for planning of watersheds by the Planning Party financed by local funds were considered. A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by A. F. Leesch to recommend that Mim's Draw, Madden, Macho and Camp Rice Arroyos be given priorities for planning by the Trust Fund Party more or less concurrently at the earliest possible time contingent upon the local organizations supplying sufficient funds to pay the cost of the party. The motion carried.

The 8 Supervisor Leadership Discussion Meetings arranged by the Field Planning Engineers and held during the past several months were reported on as follows:

Harvey Davis reported 6 Boards attended the Bartlett meeting. Participation by the Supervisors was good.

Aubrey Dalrymple reported 7 Boards attended the Lamesa meeting, and Frank Gray reported on the good representation at the meeting.

Howard Boswell reported 8 Boards attended the Corsicana Meeting. Results were encouraging.

Jack Barton gave a report on the meetings he attended at Bartlett and Kerrville. He stated that to him these supervisor leadership meetings constitute the most encouraging sign of supervisor development that he has observed for the past several years.

O. F. Armstrong reported on 2 meetings of supervisors and school men, one at Mt. Pleasant participated in by 12 Soil Conservation Districts and one at Lufkin participated in by 10 Soil Conservation Districts. These two meetings were attended by 174 supervisors and school men. One result was the passage of a resolution to the Texas Education Agency requesting that it employ a coordinator of conservation education to work with schools in developing curriculum to include soil and water conservation at all levels. Armstrong gave the following summary on participation in the 8 supervisor-leadership and the 2 conservation-education meetings:

Number of Districts invited	94
Number of Districts attending	84
Number of Supervisors present	231
Others present	185
Total attendance	416

A. F. Leesch reported that since the last meeting the State Soil Conservation Board had requested a conference with the Executive Director and key employees of the U. S. Study Commission for the purpose of clarifying procedures and objectives of the U. S. Study Commission in the determination of existing water supplies, needs of different water users, and in the development of an overall water plan. The Board asked W. S. Gibbs, President and H. B. Boswell, Executive Director of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts to attend. Representatives of the Board attending were E. W. Wehman, A. F. Leesch, A. C. Spencer, and Garner Jones. The agenda was prepared by the State Soil Conservation Board and the meeting on December 9, 1959 was presided over by A. C. Spencer. A copy of the agenda and minutes of the meeting are attached and made a part of these minutes.

W. S. Gibbs reported on the Annual Ninth Congressional District meeting of Soil Conservation Districts held at Waller on December 10, 1959. He stated that the attendance was approximately 150 and complimented Harvey Davis for his work in promoting attendance.

E. W. Wehman reported that the certificate of organization for the new Oldham County Soil Conservation District had been issued by the Secretary of State and as soon as elections are held for 3 supervisors to complete the Board the district will be ready for operations.

W. S. Gibbs discussed briefly the program for the Nineteenth State Meeting of supervisors to be held at Galveston on January 13, 14 and 15, 1960, as has been worked out by the State Soil Conservation Board and the Association. (A copy of the completed program is attached)

The National Meeting of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts to be held in Louisville, Kentucky from January 31 to February 4, 1960 was discussed. A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by J. S. Sharp to authorize the Chairman and Executive Director of the Board to attend the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 10:00 P.M. with instructions to assemble at 8:15 A.M. in the System Conference Room to meet with representatives of the A & M System to discuss problems of mutual interest and to make a tour of the agricultural facilities of the College. A copy of the agenda for this meeting is attached and made a part of these minutes. In addition to those shown on the agenda, Dr. M. T. Harrington, Chancellor of A & M Systems welcomed the group. Dr. Patterson also called on R. D. Lewis, A. D. Folweiler, John Hutchison, and G. M. Watkins for a brief discussion of their departments and problems. Due to the limited time remaining for the tour it was only possible to visit three research projects conducted by the Agronomy Department. The specialist in charge explained each project. The Board meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon following the tour of the Agronomy Department.

The following were present for the meeting in the System Conference Room:

R. E. Patterson, Vice-Chancellor for Agriculture

John E. Hutchison, Extension Service

W. S. Gibbs, President, Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts

Arthur H. Koehn, Area Vice-President, Association of Texas Soil Conservation
Districts

R. J. Hildreth, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station

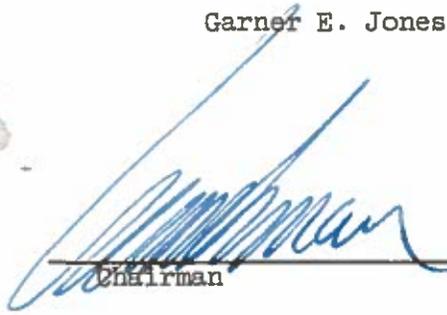
O. C. Wallmo, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Wildlife Management

R. L. Skrabanek, Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department

Howard Boswell, Executive Director, Association of Texas Soil Conservation
Districts

R. D. Lewis, Director, Texas Agricultural Experiment Stations

- O. F. Armstrong, Field Planning Engineer, State Soil Conservation Board
- A. D. Folweiler, Texas Forest Service
- M. T. Harrington, Chancellor, A & M System
- A. W. Dalrymple, Field Planning Engineer, State Soil Conservation Board
- Harvey Davis, Assistant Executive Director, State Soil Conservation Board
- Jack Barton, Soil and Water Conservationist, Extension Service
- Robert A. Darrow, Range and Forestry, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station
- G. M. Watkins, Agriculture
- Wayne C. Hall, Plant Physiology and Pathology
- Lynn P. Pittard, Assistant Soil & Water Conservationist, Extension Service
- E. W. Wehman, Chairman, State Soil Conservation Board
- J. S. Sharp, Member, State Soil Conservation Board
- J. C. Porter, Vice Chairman, State Soil Conservation Board
- A. F. Leesch, Member, State Soil Conservation Board
- J. Frank Gray, Member, State Soil Conservation Board
- A. C. Spencer, Executive Director, State Soil Conservation Board
- Garner E. Jones, Water Planning Engineer, State Soil Conservation Board



 Chairman



 Secretary

January 14,

 Date

Dear Sir: _____

This is to acknowledge receipt of your minutes dated December 16, 1959.

Thanks very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,
