



TEXAS STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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February 23, 1948

The State Soil Conservation Board met in College Station, Texas, February 22, 1948, at 8 o'clock p. m. with the following Board Members present: Horace K. Fawcett, Chairman, J. P. Martin, W. W. Cardwell, C. M. Caraway and S. J. Payne. Others present were V. C. Marshall, Howard H. Goss, and A. C. Spencer. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board at Del Rio and Eagle Pass, Texas, were read and approved.

Those present from A & M College were: D. W. Williams, Vice President for Agriculture, Dr. R. D. Lewis, Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Dr. V. A. Young, Head of the Range and Forestry Department, J. D. Prewit, Extension Vice Director and State Agent, E. C. Martin, Extension Assistant State Agent, E. R. Alexander, Head of the Department of Agriculture Education, W. E. White, Director of Texas Forest Service, Paul Haines, Extension soil and water Conservationist, Dr. Ide P. Trotter, Director of the Extension Service, and J. Drinkall, Representing the Nuffield Foundation for Agriculture, London, England.

A referendum having been held in Wheeler County, January 31, 1948, as to the forming of a S. C. D., the vote being 365 to 10; it was therefore, considered and determined that the operation of a S. C. D. in this area was practicable and feasible.

A Public Hearing having been held on the Petition of N. W. Comanche County for annexation to S. C. D. No. 525, and a favorable report having been made by Assistant Planning Engineer, A. C. Spencer, a determination of need for this annexation was approved and an election ordered.

The employment of an Assistant Planning Engineer to replace the late J. H. Beene, was discussed and upon motion made by J. P. Martin, seconded by W. W. Cardwell, John B. Cole was employed at a salary of \$4,000.00 per year, to be effective April 1, 1948.

The Board then discussed the Budget for the next Biennium beginning September 1, 1949, and ending August 31, 1951. It was decided to request additional funds for Per Diem and travel expense for the five Board Members; Per Diem and Mileage for District Supervisors; travel expense for the Chief Engineering and Planning; travel expense for the Four Assistant Planning Engineers; heat, light, water, Surety Bonds, and part time salaries and contingent; office equipment, furniture, stationery, and printing. The meeting was then adjourned until 8:30 a. m. February 23, 1948, for consultation with heads of the various Agricultural Departments of A & M College.



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The meeting was called to order by D. W. Williams, Assistant to the President of A. & M. College. He stated the meeting was being held at the request of Mr. Horace K. Fawcett, Chairman of the State Soil Conservation Board. He then called upon Mr. Fawcett for a statement of the items he desired to discuss. Mr. Fawcett stated that it was the wish of the State Soil Conservation Board for a better understanding of the State Soil Conservation Law with the view of a closer, more harmonious and cooperative attack upon the problem of getting soil and water conservation on the land. He asked for a "Cards on the Table" discussion of all phases of this work, particularly from an educational standpoint. There was then had a round table discussion by the State Soil Conservation Board members and the heads of the various Agricultural Departments of the College. This discussion presented many points of interest and indicated that fine results would be had from this meeting.

The Meeting was closed at 12:00 m.


Chairman


Secretary