

MINUTES OF MEETING OF STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD HELD ON

APRIL 27, 1945, TEMPLE

The State Soil Conservation Board met at its home office in Temple on April 27th, 1945, at 9 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Walter W. Cardwell, Chairman, with the following members of the Board present: H. K. Fawcett; J. P. Martin; C. M. Caraway; and S. J. Payne. Others present were V. C. Marshall and P. H. Walser, State Conservationist.

Minutes of the meeting of February 28th were read and approved.

A determination of need for the creation of soil conservation districts in Gray County, Dimmit County, Dawson County, and Zavalla County were considered; also the annexation of additional territory to the Highland Soil Conservation District, No. 210. The Board having conducted a full hearing in each of these areas, it was therefore considered and determined that there was need in the interest of public health, safety, and general welfare for a soil conservation district to function in each of these areas.

Elections having been held in the following proposed soil conservation districts: Upper Neches, No. 438; Live Oak No. 323; Lower Neches, No. 437, and San Patricio County, No. 324; also the annexation of additional territory to the San Diego-Agua Dulce Soil Conservation District, No. 311, and each election having carried by a 2/3 vote, it was determined that the operation of a district in each of these proposed areas is administratively practicable and feasible.

As a hearing is to be held in Wharton County on April 28th for a soil conservation district, the board authorized Mr. Marshall, as Administrative Officer, to approve, on the basis of the hearing, and to proceed with the next step in the organization.

The report of the chairman and secretary of the convention held in Plainview, Texas on April 21st for the election of a State Board Member to succeed W. M. Deck, who had resigned, was received and showed that Mr. S. J. Payne of Tulia, Swisher County, Texas, was duly elected to fill the unexpired term of W. M. Deck.

The Board having instructed Mr. Marshall to write Mr. Deck a letter of appreciation for his services as a Member of the State Board, a copy of the letter was read and ordered filed.

The Board considered the status of the requested biennial appropriations for the next biennium, and requested that Board Member H. K. Fawcett keep in touch with the situation in Austin and report to the Board.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Approved:

P. H. Walser
Secretary

Walter W. Cardwell
W. W. Cardwell, Chairman