

MINUTES OF STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 4, 1942

DALLAS, TEXAS

The State Soil Conservation Board met in the Jefferson Hotel, Dallas, Texas, and was called to order at 9 p.m. with Chairman Walter W. Cardwell and Members J. P. Martin, H. K. Fawcett, and C. M. Caraway present. Others in attendance were Administrator V. C. Marshall, Field Representative Howard H. Goss, and Administrative Assistant L. G. Black.

Minutes of the previous board meeting held at Marfa on October 9, 1942, were read and adopted as read.

Mr. Marshall called on Mr. Goss to report on trips that had been made following the meeting that had been held at Marfa. Mr. Goss stated that on leaving Marfa, he visited six Wind Erosion Districts for the purpose of working with them on programs and plans. He had good representations in four districts, and found that they had begun to function. The meeting at Perryton and were not good, due to lack of educational work. Mr. Marshall commented on the lack of educational work in the Wind Erosion Districts. Mr. Goss stated that he returned to Temple from the High Plains by way of San Saba, where a good hearing was held.

Mr. Goss stated that the next week he made a trip to northeast Texas, and met with five Boards of District Supervisors. In a meeting at Mt. Pleasant a discussion was entered into on the cooperation of the districts with other agencies. The supervisors stated that there was marked lack of cooperation from the Extension Service in Franklin County. Mr. Goss stated that this was the first trouble he had encountered with the Extension Service in a long time, and that relations were improving. He further stated that there could have been better cooperation from the Extension Service and Vocational Agriculture Representatives if the supervisors and representatives of the Soil Conservation Service had been more receptive. Mr. Marshall stated that Director Williamson of the Extension Service had called in the District Agents and instructed them to get in line with soil conservation work, with the result that many additional requests for public hearings had been received.

Mr. Goss stated that he held a public hearing at Linden in connection with the proposed Marion-Cass District. There were one hundred representatives present, and no opposition expressed. He recommended granting an election for this district.

Mr. Goss stated that the next week he made a trip to the coast, and held a public hearing at Anahuac on the proposed Trinity Bay District. He said that all in attendance were in accord on the necessity of a division into two districts composed principally of Jefferson County and Chambers County, respectively.

He next held a public hearing at Richmond on the proposed Coastal Plains (Fort Bend County) District. There was a good representation, and no opposition. All of the representatives indicated that they wished the district to include only Fort Bend County. Mr. Goss said that the situation was that Fort Bend County could be drained except for a part ~~(about 3000 acres)~~ that drains into Buffalo Bayou, which runs into ~~Galveston and~~ Harris County, and that farm land in Harris County could not be drained without flooding the city of Houston. He further stated that under the circumstances, ^{the part that drains into Buffalo Bayou} ~~and~~ ^{the} ~~part~~ ^{that drains into Buffalo Bayou} would cause no complications, and he recommended granting of an election for this district.

Mr. Goss stated that he next held a public hearing at Angleton for the proposed district in Brazoria and Galveston Counties. He said that part of Brazoria County drains through Galveston County, and that there was a good representation at the hearing from both counties. There was considerable discussion on the boundaries of the district. Mr. Goss stated that the district should include all of Brazoria County and the mainland of Galveston County, and that if it did not, it would be necessary to eliminate that part of Brazoria County that drains through Galveston County. He recommended that action on an election be deferred until more hearings were held.

Mr. Goss stated that he next held a hearing at Bay City on the proposed Matagorda County district, and that there was a very small turn-out because of rain. He said that he would return to Bay City and hold another hearing if it were approved by the Board. Mr. Goss and Mr. Marshall both stated that they were sure there is good interest in that County.

The Board granted elections for the Trinity Bay District, the Coastal Plains District, the Coastal District, and the Marion-Cass District, on motion by Mr. Caraway, seconded by Mr. Martin.

Mr. Marshall read a list of supervisors who had been appointed or re-appointed since the last meeting, and all appointments were confirmed by the Board on motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Caraway.

Practicability and Feasibility of the Calhoun-Victoria District was acted upon favorably by the Board on motion by Mr. Caraway, seconded by Mr. Martin.

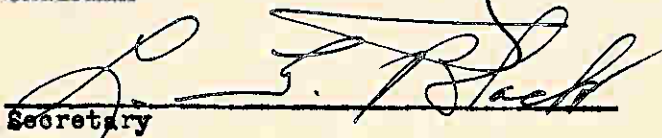
Mr. Marshall read a letter from the Nacogdoches County district relative to changing the name of the district and relative to a representative for the new subdivision No. 1 in that part of Rusk County which has just been included. The Board acted to request the Secretary of State to change the name from Nacogdoches County to Nacogdoches-Rusk, on motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Caraway.

Mr. Marshall brought up the matter of office quarters, and stated that he had been informed that quarters in the Temple Municipal Building would be available about December 1st. He also said he thought it possible that the O. E. M. might requisition the State Board Office space in the Professional Building. After some discussion, the Board decided to leave the matter of moving or retaining the present office space up to the discretion of the Administrator.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P. M.

APPROVED


Chairman


Secretary

SUPERVISORS-----APPOINTED AND RE-APPOINTED

<u>DIST. No.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
422	C. R. STEVENS	RE-APPOINTED
504	R. C. WOOD	RE-APPOINTED
206	H. R. CLEMMER	RE-APPOINTED