

Official Minutes
State Soil Conservation Board
January 7, 1959

The regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board was held in the Wooten Hotel, Abilene, Texas beginning at 2:00 P.M., January 7, 1959.

Members present were: S. J. Payne, E. W. Wehman, J. S. Sharp and A. F. Leesch.

Others present were: A. C. Spencer and Garner Jones of the State Soil Conservation Board; W. C. Howard, W. S. Gibbs and Sam Singleton of the Association of Soil Conservation Districts; and delegations from the cities of San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Amarillo.

The minutes of the December 11, 1958 meeting were read and approved.

A. C. Spencer reported on the field examination report on Ash Slough Watershed in the Bowie County Soil Conservation District. It was reported that the results of the survey conducted show that the watershed program appears to be feasible. A motion was made by J. S. Sharp and seconded by A. F. Leesch to approve the application on this watershed. The motion carried.

A. C. Spencer reported on the field examination report on Little Cypress Creek in the Sabine River-Cypress Creek Soil Conservation District. It was reported that the results of the survey show the benefit-cost ratio for the watershed protection program to be unfavorable. A motion was made by J. S. Sharp and seconded by A. F. Leesch to disapprove this application. The motion carried.

Following a canvass of the election returns for the proposed Wharton County Soil Conservation District, a motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by A. F. Leesch that the election be declared as carried for the organization of the Soil Conservation District; the results being 496 for, and 228 against. The motion carried. Attention was called to a slight discrepancy in the returns from the Danevang voting box in which the "For Column" showed 39 for, the "Against Column" showed 0 against, but the column for showing totals indicated 34 For, and 5 Against. The Board

used 3⁴ For, and 5 Against in determining the election results. Had this voting box not been counted at all the required two-thirds majority "For" would have been attained.

E. W. Wehman discussed the apparent interest of the local people in organizing a Soil Conservation District in Wharton County, and made a motion which was seconded by A. F. Leesch, that the proposed Wharton County Soil Conservation District be declared "Practicable and Feasible" and that the district be organized as soon as possible. The motion carried.

A. C. Spencer discussed the proposed zones for the Wharton County Soil Conservation District and presented a zone map and description of the zone boundaries. A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by J. S. Sharp to approve the zone boundaries as presented. The motion carried.

A. C. Spencer read a petition from Wharton County signed by 13 landowners requesting that the following supervisors be appointed for the Wharton County Soil Conservation District:

Wilfred Kainer, Route # 1, El Campo, Zone 2

Norris Raun, 602 China St., El Campo, Zone 4

A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by J. S. Sharp to appoint these two men to the board of supervisors as requested. The motion carried.

A resolution approving the completed report on soil conservation and upstream flood prevention for the Trinity River and tributaries; and resolutions approving each of the reports from the 27 soil conservation districts within the Trinity River watershed were read by A. C. Spencer. The summary section of the completed report (copy attached) was also read and discussed. A motion was made by J. S. Sharp and seconded by E. W. Wehman to adopt the resolutions as read, and, thereby, approve the completed watershed report and each soil conservation district's report; a copy of the completed report to be presented to the Trinity River Authority, and one copy to be filed with the State Board of

Water Engineers. The motion carried.

A discussion on watershed hearings and the next Board meeting was entered into and it was agreed to hold the next board meeting in connection with the National Convention in Houston on February 1-6, 1959 and to hold watershed hearings as follows:

Big Creek, SCS office, Bryan, Texas, 2:30 P.M., 2-13-59

Wilbarger Creek, SCS office, Bastrop, Texas, 9:30 A.M., 2-14-59

Hondo Creek, SCD office, Kenedy, Texas, 8:00 A.M., 2-21-59

Ecletto Creek, SCD office, Kenedy, Texas, 1:30 P.M., 2-21-59

Representatives and delegations from the following cities appeared in separate groups before the Board in behalf of their cities bid for the location of the 1961 Annual State Meeting of Soil Conservation District Supervisors.

San Antonio, Fort Worth, Dallas and Amarillo

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M. for all Board members and staff personnel to attend and participate in the Annual State Meeting of Soil Conservation District Supervisors held in Abilene, Texas, January 7, 8, & 9, 1959, a copy of the program attached.

S. J. Payzel
Chairman

Harvey Davis
Secretary