

OFFICIAL MINUTES
State Soil Conservation Board
January 15, 1957

The regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board was called to order by Chairman J. P. Martin in the Blackstone Hotel Tyler, Texas, at 7:30 P. M.

Members of the Board present were J. P. Martin, S. J. Payne, J. C. Porter, E. W. Wehman, and A. F. Leesch.

Others present were A. C. Spencer, H. D. Davis, O. F. Armstrong and L. F. Stewart of the State Soil Conservation Board; Sam Singleton, Supervisor of the Dallam County Soil Conservation District and George Tomlinson, supervisor of the Devil's River Soil Conservation District.

Chairman J. P. Martin announced that the purpose of this portion of the meeting was to receive delegations from various Texas cities desiring to bid for the 1958 Annual Meeting of Supervisors.

Representatives from the following cities presented bids:

1. Abilene
2. Galveston
3. Houston
4. Waco
5. Fort Worth

After the bids were received, Chairman Martin asked Supervisors Sam Singleton and George Tomlinson what they thought about where the 1958 State Meeting should be held. Singleton suggested that the Board continue having the meeting in a different area of the state each year. He stated that the State Meeting in Lubbock had generated more interest on the part of Supervisors than anything else that has happened. He said that prior to the Lubbock State Meeting, State District I Supervisors would not attend supervisors meetings. Since that time, they have been enthusiastic. Tomlinson agreed with Sam Singleton.

Mr. Martin recessed the meeting until 9:30 A. M. the following day.

The State Soil Conservation Board reconvened at 9:30 A. M. on January 16, 1957.

All members of the Board were present.

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Others present were A. C. Spencer of the State Soil Conservation Board and a representative from San Antonio who made a bid for the 1959 Annual Meeting of Soil Conservation Districts.

The minutes were read and approved.

A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by A. F. Leesch to disapprove the following watershed applications for planning assistance pending preliminary surveys:

1. Donahue Creek - Little River-San Gabriel Soil Conservation District No. 508
2. Pine Creek - North Texas Soil Conservation District No. 415
3. Darr's Creek - Little-River San Gabriel Soil Conservation District No. 508

The motion carried.

A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by J. C. Porter that A. C. Spencer and A. F. Leesch attend the National Meeting of Soil Conservation Districts to be held in St. Louis - February 3, 1957. The motion carried.

Chairman Martin stated that he would not be a candidate for re-election to the State Board. Mr. Martin's term expires on May 7, 1957. Mr. Martin suggested that the State Board member election for State District IV be held in Crockett.

A. C. Spencer reviewed the budget as recommended by the Legislative Budget Board. A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by E. W. Wehman that a resolution commending Vernon McGee and M. Bolander of the Legislative Budget Board for their thorough investigation of the State Board's and Local Soil Conservation Districts operations. Copy of resolution attached.

A. C. Spencer reported that the Legislative Budget Board believes there is no necessity to ask the Legislature to re-appropriate the unexpended balance of State Funds now in the hands of Soil Conservation Districts. Carl Spencer also furnished the Board Members a copy of an informal Attorney General's Opinion stating that these funds should be re-appropriated. After considerable discussion by all Board Members, J. C. Porter made a motion, seconded by S. J. Payne that Carl Spencer and A. F. Leesch hold a conference at the earliest possible time with the Legislative Budget Board and Attorney General to secure

agreement on this matter. Further action on this matter would be governed by Attorney General's Ruling. The motion carried.

The Board Members agreed to check the facilities for holding the Annual Statewide Meeting at Waco, Abilene and Corpus Christi. A decision on location of the site for the 1958 meeting would be deferred until the next regular meeting. The Board further agreed to hold the next meeting about March 4, 1957, at Temple, Texas.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary


Chairman

3-11-57
Date