

Official Minutes
State Soil Conservation Board
September 5, 1958

The regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board was held in the Director's Room of the Dublin State Bank, Dublin, Texas beginning at 8:00 a.m., September 5, 1958.

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

Others present were: A. C. Spencer and Garner Jones of the State Soil Conservation Board, Lynn Pittard, Assistant Soil and Water Conservation Specialist of the Extension Service, and Bubba Wehman of Pleasanton.

The minutes of the July 21, 1958 meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made by J. S. Sharp and seconded by J. C. Porter to disapprove the following watershed applications pending preliminary surveys:

1. Ash Slough - Bowie County SCD #408
2. Little Cypress Creek and its Upshur County Tributaries - Sabine River - Cypress Creek SCD #417

The motion carried.

A motion was made by J. S. Sharp and seconded by E. W. Wehman to amend Upper Bois d'Arc Creek Application by adding 37,800 acres, and also amend Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Application by subtracting 37,800 acres as per request from Fannin County SCD dated August 20, 1958. The motion carried.

A motion was made by J. S. Sharp and seconded by E. W. Wehman for a determination of need for the discontinuance of the Nacogdoches-Rusk SCD #401, and the Shelby-Panola SCD #414 and to re-organize them into four soil conservation districts as follows:

- Nacogdoches Soil Conservation District
- Rusk Soil Conservation District
- Shelby Soil Conservation District
- Panola Soil Conservation District

The motion carried.

The schedule of meetings for presenting engineering estimates for upstream flood prevention planning for the Trinity River to local soil conservation districts was discussed. Schedule attached.

Lynn Pittard discussed briefly a proposed course on soil and water conservation for school teachers.

A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by A. F. Leesch for A. C. Spencer to prepare a letter to Dr. G. W. Watkins, Dean of School of Agriculture, Texas A & M College, relative to the proposed course in soil and water conservation. The motion carried.

A. C. Spencer reported that the U. S. Department of Agriculture has set up a special committee to study agriculture research needs. This committee will schedule one or more hearings in Texas. The State Soil Conservation Board has been requested to present testimony at this hearing.

A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by A. F. Leesch to designate J. C. Porter to work with SCD Supervisors to determine research needs and to present testimony for the State Soil Conservation Board at the hearings.

A. F. Leesch was asked to represent the State Soil Conservation Board at the Water for Texas Conference at Texas A & M College on September 16 & 17, 1958.

A report from L. F. Stewart with regards to a petition being circulated in Maverick County for the organization of a soil conservation district was read. The advisability of organizing a district in this area was discussed and decision deferred until such time as a petition is secured.

The National Watershed Congress meeting in Dallas, Texas on September 29, 30, and October 1, 1958 was discussed and all Board Members agreed to attend. The next regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board will be held at that time.

It was decided to work out schedule for further watershed hearing at the next meeting.

In addition to the regular business meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board a tour and public hearing for Rush Creek Watershed was held the afternoon and evening of September 4, 1958. On September 5, 1958 tours and hearings were held for the Resley Creek and Cow and Armstrong Creek Watershed.

The last watershed hearing was concluded at 10:30 p. m., September 5, 1958.

Harvey Davis
Secretary

S. H. Payne
Chairman

9-30-58
Date