

Official Minutes
State Soil Conservation Board Meeting
January 14, 1960

The State Soil Conservation Board held its regular meeting at the Galvez Hotel in Galveston, Texas on January 14, 1960 beginning at 7:30 P.M.

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

Others present were: A. C. Spencer and Garner Jones of the State Soil Conservation Board, H. N. Smith and Clyde Graham of the Soil Conservation Service, Hershel Burrus and Marvin Emerson of the Oklahoma State Soil Conservation Board, W. K. Daetwyler, Newspaper Editor of Pleasanton, Texas and Nolan Fuqua of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Duncan, Oklahoma.

Minutes of the December 16, 1959 meeting were read and approved.

A proposed revision of the criteria for recommending planning priorities for watershed projects was read by Chairman, E. W. Wehman. (Copy attached) Following a discussion of the first four items pertaining to the legal organizations' responsibilities, a motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by J. S. Sharp to adopt the revised criteria for these four items with the suggested changes in Item No. 1 offered by A. F. Leesch to insert "not already provided by the appropriate Soil Conservation District or Districts" at the end of the first sentence and to insert "certified as" before the last word "completed" at the end of Item No. 1. The motion carried. Following a discussion of the remaining items of the revised criteria a motion was made by A. F. Leesch and seconded by J. C. Porter to adopt the revised criteria along with the proposal to strike out the wording in the last paragraph after the word "provisions". The motion carried.

Mr. H. N. Smith, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, gave a report on funds available for Public Law 566 work. Mr. Smith reported that funds

for the remainder of the fiscal year are so short that there is a possibility that projects already approved may not have funds to perform work. Funds are now being allocated on a 60-day basis to only those projects completely ready to use them.

Clyde Graham, Assistant State Conservationist, gave a report on the progress of planning underway on Public Law 566 watersheds and also reported on the status of watershed applications as shown on attached copy of Mr. Graham's report, which is made a part of these minutes.

An amendment to add additional sponsoring organizations to the watershed application on East Keechi Creek was considered. The amendment was signed by the following sponsoring organizations: Palo Pinto, Hood-Parker, and Upper West Fork Soil Conservation Districts, and East Keechi Water Control and Improvement District. A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by A. F. Leesch to approve the amendment to the application. The motion carried.

A petition signed by 31 landowners in Maverick County was presented requesting the organization of Chaparal Soil Conservation District in the portion of Maverick County not already in a Soil Conservation District. The petition being found in order and properly executed, a motion was made by A. F. Leesch and seconded by J. C. Porter to conduct a hearing within the area of the proposed district to determine the desirability and necessity for its creation. The motion carried. The hearing is to be arranged on a date mutually agreeable to the State Soil Conservation Board and the local people.

An official canvas was made of the election for the dissolution of the Karnes County (302) Soil Conservation District and for the proposed creation of Karnes-Goliad Soil Conservation District (343) and Bee Soil Conservation District (344) with the results of the votes shown on the attached "Notice of Result of Election".

TEXAS STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD
1012 First National Building
Temple, Texas

NOTICE OF RESULT OF ELECTION ON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE KARNES COUNTY (302)
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

To all interested persons, notice is hereby given:

That the tabulation set out below gives a full, correct and true report of the results of an election held on the 15th day of December, 1959 on the proposition of the dissolution of the Karnes County Soil Conservation District Number 302 for the purpose of re-organization.

- (a) Number voting in favor of dissolution of said Soil Conservation District. 562
- (b) Number voting against dissolution of said Soil Conservation District. 26
- (c) Total votes cast. 588

NOTICE OF RESULT OF ELECTION ON CREATION OF THE PROPOSED KARNES-GOLIAD SOIL
CONSERVATION DISTRICT Number 343.

To all interested persons, notice is hereby given:

That the tabulation set out below gives a full, correct and true report of the results of an election held on the 15th day of December, 1959 on the proposition of the creation of the proposed Karnes-Goliad Soil Conservation District.

- (a) Number voting in favor of the creation of said Soil Conservation District. 313
- (b) Number voting against creation of said Soil Conservation District. 21
- (c) Total votes cast. 334

NOTICE OF RESULT OF ELECTION ON CREATION OF THE PROPOSED BEE SOIL CONSERVATION
DISTRICT Number 344.

To all interested persons, notice is hereby given:

That the tabulation set out below gives a full, correct and true report of the results of an election held on the 15th day of December, 1959 on the proposition of the creation of the proposed Bee Soil Conservation District.

- (a) Number voting in favor of the creation of said Soil Conservation District 240
- (b) Number voting against creation of said Soil Conservation District 5

Upon motion by A. F. Leesch, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board voted to determine practicable and feasible the dissolution of the Karnes County Soil Conservation District and to officially determine as practicable and feasible the creation of the Karnes-Goliad and the Bee Soil Conservation Districts. The motion carried.

On petitions signed by 10 or more landowners from each of the proposed new Soil Conservation Districts, Frank Gray moved and J. S. Sharp seconded the motion to authorize the appointment of the following supervisors when the new districts are created:

Karnes-Goliad Soil Conservation District

Zone 2 Gentry T. Powell, Jr., Kenedy, Texas

Zone 4 Edwin Yanta, Runge, Texas

Bee Soil Conservation District

Zone 2 E. G. Mengers, Tynan, Texas

Zone 4 W. H. Welkener, Pawnee, Texas

The motion carried.

The matter of a proposed joint meeting with the State Board of Water Engineers was considered. A. C. Spencer discussed a recent telephone conversation with Durwood Manford, Chairman of the Water Board and cited correspondence between them referring to a proposed meeting of the two Boards. Mr. Spencer stated that the Water Board had suggested that the State Soil Conservation Board propose a meeting date. It was agreed to propose February 19, 1960 as the date for the meeting, and for the next regular meeting of the Board to be held in Austin either preceding or following the joint meeting.

Garner Jones reported on the status of the irrigation survey pointing out that all of the information had been received from the field with the exception of six counties in the Panhandle and one county in northeast Texas. Information is now being compiled for use in developing proposals for future irrigation.

The matter of the site for the Annual State Meeting of Soil Conservation District Supervisors for 1961 was considered. Chairman Wehman stated that P. B. (Jack) Garrett, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Texas Bank & Trust Co., Dallas, Texas has agreed to assume the responsibility for securing without cost to District Supervisors sufficient space in the new downtown auditorium in Dallas. After consideration of bids from both San Antonio and Dallas, J. C. Porter made a motion, seconded by J. S. Sharp to hold the 1961 State Meeting in Dallas. The motion carried.

Chairman Wehman called on representatives of the group from Oklahoma for any statements they wished to make. Nolan Fuqua and Hershel Burrus stated they were in attendance at the State Board meeting to secure ideas for improvement of the Oklahoma Soil Conservation District program. They complimented the Board on activities being carried on in Texas and the quality of the State meeting program.

J. C. Porter mentioned that it will soon be time for Soil Conservation Districts in State District # 3 to choose delegates for the election of a State Board member on the first Tuesday in May. Mr. Porter expressed on behalf of the Board appreciation for Mr. Wehman's past services and the hope that he would consider re-election.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.


Chairman


Secretary

March 17, 1960
Date

Note: All members and en
attendance at the Annual
on January 13, 14, and 15

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your

minutes dated January 14, 1960

Thanks very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



