

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 1969

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met in regular session in the Conference Room, 10th Floor, First National Building, Temple, Texas, at 9:15 a.m., January 21, 1969.

Board Members present were: Frank Gray, Chairman, E.W. Wehman, Vice Chairman, Henry Turney, Albert Roach and Joe Antilley.

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director; Gene Jones, Assistant Executive Director; L.H. Barnes, Engineer; Josephine Chupik, Office Manager; Don Brandenberger and Truman Gregory, Field Representatives of the State Board staff, and L.J. Lann, Assistant State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service.

The minutes of the November 19, 1968, meeting were read and approved.

A favorable field examination was reviewed on the Delta County watershed, near Cooper, Texas in the Delta Soil and Water Conservation District. On motion by Albert Roach, seconded by E.W. Wehman, the Board approved the watershed application as being economically feasible for project development.

A request from the sponsors to withdraw the Geronimo and Koeglar Hill Irrigation project applications was reviewed by the Board. On motion by E.W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the request from the sponsors to withdraw these applications.

An amendment to the Comal River Basin watershed was reviewed by the Board. The sponsors requested that the name of the watershed be changed from "Comal River Basin" watershed to "Comal River" watershed. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the requested name change.

As unfinished business from the previous Board meeting, the Board discussed a request to the Soil Conservation Service on the proposed study of the Texas Gulf Coast. The Board agreed that this study would be helpful in the development of small watershed projects under Public Law 566, as amended, and other conservation activities.

Correspondence was reviewed from sponsors of the Wichita Valley Pond Creek watershed in regard to their planning priority due to irrigation problems. The Board reviewed these recommendations and agreed to make no changes in the planning priority on the Wichita Valley Pond Creek watershed.

Mr. L.J. Lann reviewed the status of watershed planning on Public Law 566 projects and presented a detailed summary to each Board Member.

Harvey Davis reviewed the summary of the Texas Water Plan. A copy was given to each Board member. No Board action was necessary.

On motion by Henry Turney, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved a petition to transfer the portion of Jack County in the Palo Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District # 518 to the Upper West Fork Soil and Water Conservation District # 507 and signed a determination of practicability and feasibility for the transfer.

Due to the change in territory involved in this transfer, on motion by Henry Turney, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved new subdivisions in the Palo Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District and the Upper West Fork Soil and Water Conservation District.

A request to re-zone the Harris Soil and Water Conservation District # 442 was reviewed by the Board. The Harris Board of Supervisors feels that changing the zone boundaries would give them a better distribution of landowners covered by the City of Houston. On motion by Albert Roach, seconded by E.W. Wehman, the Board approved the new zone boundaries for the Harris Soil and Water Conservation District # 442.

On motion by Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the appointment of the following supervisors:

Joyce Webster - Hall County S&WCD #109  
Lee Gardner - King-Stonewall S&WCD #120  
Ernest Michalewicz - North Concho River S&WCD #208  
Charles Probandt - North Concho River S&WCD #208  
Royal C. Stoner - Nueces-Frio-Sabinal S&WCD #221  
Armer Earwood - Edwards Plateau S&WCD #222  
Guss Bannowsky - Upper Llanos S&WCD #225  
Mrs. Charles G. Hooks, Jr. - Harris S&WCD #442  
Max E. Mohnke - Harris S&WCD #442  
Hermon L. Petty - Palo Pinto S&WCD #518

Harvey Davis reviewed the recommendations of the Legislative Budget Board on the budget of the State Soil & Water Conservation Board. The Board agreed to appear at the hearings of the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee.

Harvey Davis reported on a conference on Thursday, January 16, 1969, with Governor-elect Preston Smith. Mr. Davis stated that he offered the cooperation of the State Board to Governor Smith in any way that the Board could be helpful. The Board expressed approval of this offer and expressed their desire to be helpful to Governor Smith.

A request to approve the change in name of the Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District # 216 to the Kendall Soil and Water Conservation District # 216 was reviewed by the Board. On motion by Joe Antilley, seconded by E.W. Wehman, the Board approved the requested name change.

Legislation changing the name of supervisors to directors will be introduced in the House by Representative Bill Clayton and in the Senate by Senator Jack Hightower.

The Board accepted an offer from the Production Credit Associations of Texas to serve refreshments during our Annual State-wide Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors to be held in Dallas, Texas on October 21, 22, and 23, 1969.

Effective January 1, 1969, the title of Work Unit Conservationists in Texas was changed to District Conservationists.

The National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts will hold its meeting on February 2-6, 1969 in Atlanta, Georgia. In attendance will be Board Members Joe Antilley, Albert Roach, Henry Turney and Frank Gray, and Harvey Davis and Gene Jones of the State Board staff.

The National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts has increased its quotas for districts by 10 per cent.

The Board discussed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Forest Service and other agencies. It was agreed by the Board that more time should be spent on this item and it will be reviewed thoroughly at a later date.

The date of the State Board Member election in State District One will be May 6, 1969.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 8:00 a.m. on March 20, 1969, in Temple, Texas.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

L. Frank Gray  
Chairman

Mrs. Josephine Chupik  
Secretary

3-20-69  
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board meeting held on January 21, 1969.

3-20-69  
Date

Harvey Davis  
Executive Director