

Minutes
State Soil Conservation Board Meeting
February 25, 1962
Temple, Texas

The regular meeting of the State Soil Conservation Board was held in the office of the State Board in Temple, Texas, February 25, 1962 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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

Others present were: H. D. Davis, J. M. Norton, and O. F. Armstrong, employees of the State Board; Clyde Graham of the Soil Conservation Service, and Robert Carlisle of the Texas Game and Fish Commission.

The minutes of the regular meeting on January 10 and 11, 1962 were read and approved.

A favorable report on a hearing held February 14, 1962, by L. F. Stewart to annex approximately 3,648 acres of land to the Central Colorado Soil Conservation District was presented. A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by Frank Gray to make a determination of need and practicability and feasibility for annexing this area to the Central Colorado Soil Conservation District. The motion carried.

Three new watershed applications were received from the Southmost Soil Conservation District on Arroyo Colorado, Los Fresnos Resaca, and Rancho Viejo watersheds and one application from the El Paso-Hudspeth Soil Conservation District on the Hitson, C & L, & Washburn watershed. A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by J. C. Porter to disapprove the applications pending field examinations to determine feasibility. The motion carried.

An amendment to the Pecan Creek application was reviewed that established the Hamilton-Coryell Soil Conservation District and Hamilton County as sponsors and also adjusted the size of the watershed. A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by Frank Gray to approve the amendment. The motion carried.

J. M. Norton reported on a recently completed field examination on Running Water Draw. Norton stated the watershed appeared to be feasible and the local sponsors expressed a lot of interest in the project. No action was taken since a written report had not been prepared on the field examination.

Clyde Graham gave a progress report on the State and Federal planning parties.

A letter was read from the Directors of the Nolan Creek Watershed stating that they were ready to establish a Trust fund in the amount of \$40,000 for planning their watershed. A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by J. C. Porter to recommend a planning priority on Nolan Creek provided the \$40,000 Trust fund was established to pay for the planning. The motion carried.

The following tentative dates were set up by the Board to hold public hearings in watersheds that appear to meet the criteria for planning:

El Quiote	April 13, 1962
Los Villareales	April 13, 1962
Sandia	April 13, 1962
Escondido	April 14, 1962
Pecan Creek	May 4, 1962
Ruckers Creek	May 5, 1962
McClellan Creek	May 26, 1962
Williamson Creek	To be determined by A. F. Leesch
Choctaw Creek	To be determined by J. C. Porter

The Board agreed that E. W. Wehman and A. F. Leesch would hold the hearings on El Quiote, Sandia, Los Villarreales, Escondido, and Williamson Creek watersheds. J. C. Porter and J. S. Sharp would hold the hearing on Choctaw Creek.

All Board members would hold hearings on Pecan Creek and Ruchers Creek and McClellan Creek watersheds with a Board meeting to be held in Lubbock on May 25, 1962, the day preceding the McClellan Creek hearing.

The Board set January 16, 17, 18 as the date for the 1963 Annual State Meeting of Soil Conservation District Supervisors to be held in Lubbock.

The Board interviewed Robert L. Carlisle as an applicant for the position of Assistant Executive Director. On recommendation of Harvey Davis, Executive Director, a motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by E. W. Wehman to employ Robert Carlisle as Assistant Executive Director. The motion carried.

Vice Chairman Leesch reported on a January 15, 1962 meeting in Washington, D. C. that he and Harvey Davis attended. The meeting was called by Secretary of Agriculture Freeman in relation to establishing a National Soil and Water and Land Use Policy for the United States Department of Agriculture. Comments in relation to the Policy were prepared by A. F. Leesch and were reviewed and approved by the Board.

O. F. Armstrong reported on the National Meeting of Soil Conservation District supervisors held February 5 - 9, 1962 in Philadelphia, Pa. Resolutions passed at the meeting were discussed and the possible effect that they could have on our program in Texas.

A proposed revised Memorandum of Agreement with the A & M College System was reviewed and the Board proposed a meeting in March with A & M officials to sign the Agreement. Dates for the meeting to be arranged by Harvey Davis.

A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by E. W. Wehman to approve a request in the amount of \$309.00 from the Toyah Limpia Soil Conservation District for operating funds. The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 11:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. the next day to have a joint meeting with the Directors of the Association of Soil Conservation Districts.

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The Board reconvened at 8:00 a.m., February 26, 1962 in the Hawn Hotel for a joint meeting with the Directors of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts. Problems of mutual interest were discussed in relation to: Supervisors' Training meetings, dates for the 1963 State meeting and financial conditions of Soil Conservation Districts. The Board agreed to include a request for funds for Soil Conservation Districts in its budget request provided that it would be a reasonable amount satisfactory to the Board. John Wells, President of the Association, stated that the Legislative Committee of the Association had been directed to work with the State Board on this problem.

The Board left the joint meeting at 10:00 a.m. and returned to its office to complete its business.

J. C. Porter reviewed the responsibility of the State Board and Soil Conservation Districts in developing a Master Plan on the Red River. It was agreed that a meeting should be held with interested parties to make plans for carrying out this responsibility and that Mr. Fred Parkey, Manager of the Red River Authority would be asked to call the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

J. C. Porter

 Chairman

J. M. Norton

 Secretary

March

 Date

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your minutes dated February 25, 26, 1962.

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Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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TEXAS STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD
 TEMPLE, TEXAS

Sincerely yours,
Fritz Daniel