

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD
JUNE 29, 1964

The State Soil Conservation Board met in regular session in the Sam Houston State Office Building in Austin, Texas at 12:45 p.m. on June 29, 1964.

Board Members present were: J. Frank Gray, Chairman, E. W. Wehman, Vice-Chairman, J. C. Porter and A. F. Leesch. Mr. J. S. Sharp was absent due to the illness of Mrs. Sharp.

Others present were: H. D. Davis, Executive Director and J. M. Norton, Water Planning Engineer of the State Board.

The first order of business was the election of officers of the State Board for the ensuing year. A motion was made by A. F. Leesch and seconded by Frank Gray for E. W. Wehman to be elected as Chairman and J. C. Porter as Vice-Chairman. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed its budget request for the next biennium and recessed at 1.30 p.m. for a budget hearing with the Legislative Budget Board and Executive Budget office in the Capitol Building.

The Board reconvened at 4:15 p.m. to complete its regular business.

The minutes of the May 2, 1964 meeting were approved without change.

J. M. Norton reported that a study had been made on a request from the sponsors of the Aquilla and Hackberry Creek watersheds to amend the two applications to become the Aquilla-Hackberry Creeks watershed under one application and eliminating some of the territory under the original applications. Based on the study which showed that it would be feasible to amend these applications, a motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by A. F. Leesch to approve the amendment. The motion carried.

Harvey Davis reported that some of the funds previously authorized for planning Donahoe, Williamson and Castleman Creeks would not be needed. A motion was made by Frank Gray and seconded by J. C. Porter authorizing Harvey Davis to execute a project agreement on Rush Creek and Duck Creek if needed for the balance of these funds. The motion carried.

Davis reported that the election on the proposed creation of the Sherman County Soil Conservation District held on May 25, 1964 carried by over a two-thirds majority as required by law as follows:

93	votes for creation
<u>39</u>	votes against creation
132	votes cast

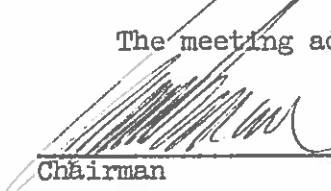
The Board canvassed the election returns and approved the election accordingly. A motion was made by J. C. Porter and seconded by Frank Gray to make a determination of practicability and feasibility for a district to be established in Sherman County, approve the recommended supervisor zones (map attached), appoint Mr. C. R. Hawkins as supervisor of zone 2 and Mr. R. O. Bolster as supervisor of zone 4 of the Sherman County Soil Conservation District and authorize supervisor elections in zones 1, 3, and 5 of the Sherman County Soil Conservation District following receipt of a Certificate of Organization from the Secretary of State. The motion carried.

Harvey Davis reported on a hearing held on June 2, 1964 at the Starville Community Center in Smith County on the proposition of transferring approximately 70,000 acres of territory from the Sabine River-Cypress Creek Soil Conservation District to the Neches Sabine Soil Conservation District. He also stated that the Board had received a letter from the Neches-Sabine Board of Supervisors stating

that there are less than 100 farm and ranch units in the territory to be transferred. Since the hearing was favorable and there are fewer than 100 landowners involved, a motion was made by A. F. Leesch and seconded by Frank Gray to make a determination of need and a determination of practicability and feasibility for transferring this territory without an election since none was required where less than 100 landowners are involved and also to approve the proposed new supervisors zones in each of the Soil Conservation Districts involved (maps attached) and to authorize a supervisor election in zone 5 of the Sabine River-Cypress Creek Soil Conservation District. The motion carried.

It was also reported that the Four-State meeting of Soil Conservation District Supervisors will be held in San Antonio, July 12, 13 and 14, 1964 and that the Oklahoma State Soil Conservation Board had requested a joint meeting with the Texas State Board at San Antonio during this time to discuss mutual watershed problems. Harvey Davis was directed to work out a suitable time for this meeting to be held.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary


Date

July 17 1964