

Minutes  
State Soil Conservation Board Meeting  
July 26, 1961  
Granada Hotel, San Antonio,  
Texas

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. July 26, 1961 by Chairman J. S. Sharp.

Other members present were: E. W. Wehman and A. F. Leesch.

Others present were: A. C. Spencer, O. F. Armstrong, L. F. Stewart, A. W. Dalrymple, J. M. Norton and Harvey Davis, employees of the State Board.

W. S. Gibbs, President and Howard Boswell, Executive Director, Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts; Clyde Graham, Assistant State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, and Don Windrow, Work Unit Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service. The following Soil Conservation District Supervisors were also present: Joe Nickel, Kendall County SCD, W. P. Coleman and Erwin Ripps, Alamo SCD and Herman Blank, Comal-Hays-Guadalupe SCD.

Chairman Sharp welcomed the visitors to the meeting and expressed the appreciation of the Board for their attendance.

The minutes of the May 4, 1961 meeting were read and approved.

A request to amend the Logan Creek watershed application to include approximately 4,150 acres of Slough Creek was presented to the Board. This would increase the size of the watershed to approximately 7,000 acres since the original application covered 2,850 acres. Bud Norton reported on a review of the watershed made by him and representatives of the Soil Conservation Service on July 13, and 14, 1961. The cost-benefit ratio was estimated to be 2.5 to 1 with the Slough Creek portion included. A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by A. F. Leesch to approve the amendment. The motion carried.

Clyde Graham reported that the survey party had started planning the Pine Creek watershed. Since the Pine Creek watershed and the Logan-Slough Creek watershed are both in the North Texas Soil Conservation District, the feasibility of planning the Logan-Slough watershed concurrently with the Pine Creek watershed was discussed. Bud Norton reported that the Logan-Slough watershed meets the requirements of the Criteria used by the Board to determine priorities for planning. Clyde Graham reported there would be an economic advantage in planning the watershed while the planning party is in the area.

Since the Logan-Slough watershed is small and a relatively short amount of time would be needed to do the field work in preparing a plan, a motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by A. F. Leesch to recommend priority for planning on Logan-Slough Creek concurrently with Pine Creek provided that time permits and it is economically feasible to plan it while planning Pine Creek. The motion carried.

A new watershed application on Maverick County watershed located in the Maverick, West Nueces-Las Moras, and Chaparal Soil Conservation Districts was disapproved pending a preliminary survey to determine feasibility. Motion was made by A. F. Leesch and seconded by E. W. Wehman.

Results of preliminary surveys made on the following watersheds were presented by Bud Norton:

Rio Grande City, Starr County SCD

Los Villarreales, Starr County SCD

El Quiote Creek, Starr County SCD

Sandia Creek, Starr County and Monte Mucho SCD's

Los Olmos Creek, Monte Mucho and Starr County SCD's

Since each of the watersheds had a favorable cost-benefit ratio, a motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by A. F. Leesch to approve them as being economically feasible. The motion carried.

The Board postponed action on Williams Creek and Upper Pedernales Creek watersheds because the preliminary surveys had not been completed.

Clyde Graham gave a report on progress in planning and construction work on watersheds.

Carl Spencer stated that a meeting of the State Board and State ASC Committee will be held on August 23 to discuss closer cooperation between local districts, the State Soil Conservation Board and the ASC to get more conservation practices on the land. He asked the Supervisors that were present for any problems or suggestions. Several problems and suggestions were presented. Mr. Spencer also stated that a letter was released to all Soil Conservation Districts in Texas asking for their suggestions and that a good number of replies have been received.

A. C. Spencer reviewed some of the responsibilities of the Alamo District and adjoining Districts in relation to the Statewide Meeting of Supervisors to be held in San Antonio, January, 1962. Mr. Coleman stated that they would work out the local arrangements needed for the meeting.


Mr. Coleman expressed appreciation for the work that the State Board is doing.

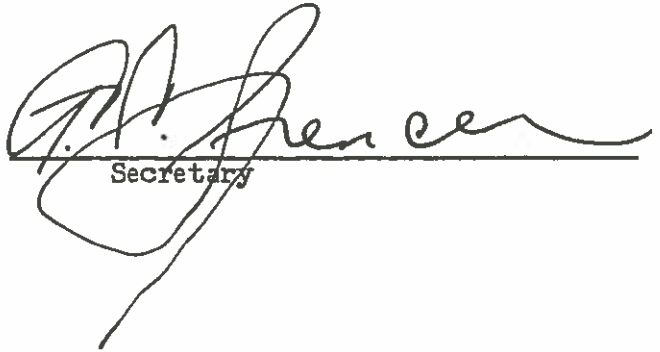
Mr. Spencer advised the Board that the dissolution and reorganization of the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District has been completed.

Mr. Spencer also advised the Board that a petition has been received from at least 2/3 of the landowners in the portion of Dallam County not now in a Soil Conservation District requesting that this area be annexed to the Dallam Soil Conservation District. A motion was made by E. W. Wehman and seconded by A. F. Leesch for the Board to hold a hearing on this proposition on August 8, 1961. The motion carried.

Mr. Spencer stated that a staff meeting of the employees of the Board would be held the next day at Southwest Agriculture Research Institute in order to inform the employees of the latest developments at the Institute in relation to soil and water conservation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

8-22-61  
Date

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your minutes dated July 26, 1961.

Thanks ~~very much~~ for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,  
