

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
January 16, 1975

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 8:30 a.m. on January 16, 1975 in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

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

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director; John Millican, Assistant Executive Director; Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer; and Josephine Chupik, Office Manager of the State Board staff; Ed Thomas, State Conservationist and Logan Crews, Assistant State Conservationist, Watersheds of the Soil Conservation Service; Dr. Bill Harris, Land and Water Use Specialist, Agricultural Extension Service and Clyde Graham, Soil Conservation Service, retired.

The minutes of the November 21, 1974 meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Wehman welcomed Dr. Harris, Mr. Graham and Mr. Gray on his return after heart surgery.

A field examination was reviewed on the Chocolate Bayou watershed (Fort Bend County) in the Waters Davis Soil and Water Conservation District. Due to an unfavorable benefit-cost ratio of 0.52:1.00 on motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board disapproved the watershed.

Sonny Kretzschmar reviewed the new application under Public Law #566 for the Caney and Peach Creek watershed lying within the Montgomery-Walker SWCD #425, Polk-San Jacinto SWCD #436 and Lower Trinity SWCD #435. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board disapproved the application pending the field examination to determine feasibility.

Logan Crews reported on the status of watershed planning as of January 1, 1975.

Ed Thomas reported on Agricultural Service Centers. By July 1975, throughout the nation, 1,000 centers will be designated. Out of the 1,000 designated, 100 of these will be in Texas. Travel expense is being cut back this year to conserve fuel.

The Texas section of the Soil Conservation Society of America will hold its National meeting in San Antonio on August 10-13, 1975 at the Convention Center with "Land Use, Food and Living" as the theme.

Dr. Bill Harris extended an invitation to the Board to hold a future Board meeting in College Station. He expressed a desire for a closer working relationship between the Extension Service, State Board and districts.

Clyde Graham briefed the Board on CONTOURS. This travel program of the NACD is designed to give farmers and ranchers the opportunity of touring internationally and learning about conservation methods in other countries.

Petitions and supporting documents received January 10, 1975 on the following transfers of territory were reviewed by the Board:

- (1) Portion of Comanche County in the Hamilton-Coryell SWCD #506 to Upper Leon SWCD #525
- (2) Portion of Comanche County in the Brown-Mills SWCD #523 to the Upper Leon SWCD #525.

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the transfer of territory as being practicable and feasible and approved the new subdivisions for each district.

Due to the division of the Upper Clear Fork SWCD #121 and the Willacy-Hidalgo SWCD #312, and formation of two additional new districts, an add-

itional allocation of matching funds for these four districts is being requested. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board granted an additional \$1,500 allocation to the Upper Clear Fork SWCD #165, Nolan County SWCD #245, Willacy SWCD #349 and Hidalgo SWCD #350 making a total of \$3,000 to each district for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1975. The Board also agreed to allocate the maximum amount for each of these districts for fiscal years 1976 and 1977.

On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Joe Antilley, The Board approved the appointment of Bill S. Mathis as director of the Kendall SWCD #216 and Arnulfo Perez as director of the Loma Blanca SWCD #328.

On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved contingent upon receipt of all the appointment papers, the appointment of M. A. Rodriguez, Jr. as director of the Loma Blanca SWCD #328 and John Robert Epsy as director of Lamar SWCD #415.

The Board reviewed the recommendation of the Legislative Budget Board on the budget for fiscal years 1976 and 1977. The Board agreed to support budget expenditures as were originally submitted.

Mr. Antilley reported on recommendations of the Surface Mining Committee. The draft bill was not recommended by the Committee. Only a study report will be made.

Mr. Davis reviewed the forms on a personnel needs Survey for 1975 being mailed by NACD to districts.

The selection of a site for the 1975 Annual Statewide meeting of District Directors was discussed. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board agreed that the staff with the approval of the Chairman, make a final decision between the Hyatt-Regency Hotel in Houston and the Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel in Fort Worth.

The schedule of the 1975 Texas Conservation Awards programs was announced. The State Conservation Awards Program will be held on Friday, May 2, 1975 in Fort Worth at the Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel. The Area Awards Programs will be held as follows:

- Area I - May 8, 1975, Texas Tech University Center, Lubbock, Texas
- Area II - May 7, 1975, Angelo State University Student Union Center, San Angelo, Texas
- Area III - May 6, 1975, American Legion Hall, Cuero, Texas
- Area IV - May 12, 1975, Stephen F. Austin University Student Center, Nacogdoches, Texas
- Area V - May 16, 1975, Middle School, Weatherford, Texas.

Me1 Davis will assume the responsibilities of a Field Representative for Area I headquartered in Lubbock, Texas on February 15, 1975. This position was vacated by the death of Aubrey Dalrymple.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

[Signature]
Chairman

[Signature]
Secretary

February 25, 1975
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 16, 1975.

February 25, 1975
Date

[Signature]
Executive Director