

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
January 20, 1977

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on January 20, 1977 at 8:20 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Joe Antilley, Vice Chairman
Henry Turney, Member
Frank Gray, Member

Staff members present were:

Harvey Davis, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer
Charles Rothe, Engineer
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor

Others present were:

George Marks, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service
Jimmy Hill, Watersheds, Soil Conservation Service
Dr. Bill Harris, Land & Water Use Specialist, Agriculture Extension Service
J. B. "Jim" Webster, Director, Government Affairs, Kirby Lbr. Corporation

Since the minutes of the November 18, 1976 meeting were mailed to each Board member on motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, the minutes were approved without being read.

Letters were received from the Bedias Creek Soil and Water Conservation District and the City of Normangee as co-sponsors of the Upper Caney Creek watershed requesting that the application for assistance under Public Law 566 be withdrawn. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the withdrawal of the application.

Sponsors of the Dry Creek watershed in Lamar and Delta Counties

requested their application for assistance under Public Law 566 be withdrawn. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the withdrawal of the application.

Jimmy Hill reviewed watershed planning briefly and passed out the "Texas Watershed Progress" report.

George Marks reported that the ceiling on hiring additional personnel for the Soil Conservation Service had been raised by 35 people last week. With 14 people previously allowed, a total of 49 additional people will be staffed, in all probability in field offices.

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, the following district director appointments were approved.

Albert Ward - Edwards Plateau SWCD # 222
Eddie Brown - Lower Sabine-Neches SWCD # 446
Nathaniel Foote - Hamilton-Coryell SWCD # 506
James Hicks - Fannin SWCD # 520

The group recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with the same people in attendance and Board Member, E. W. Wehman.

The following transactions were made pursuant to P. L. 92-500, Section 208 and Executive Order DB 18 A:

(1) Sonny Kretzschmar and Charles Rothe reviewed in detail the "Methodology for Quantification and Assessment of Agricultural and Silvicultural Nonpoint Sources of Pollution" prepared by the consulting firm, Espey, Huston, and Associates, Inc. and Dan M. Wells. Considerable discussion accompanied the review to address specific questions of the Board members. The Board noted that the methodology, if conscientiously applied in its entirety, appeared to be capable of giving

reliable definition of problem areas. The Board further noted that the "Level 1 Analysis" and the parts of the "Level 2 Analysis" prior to the actual gathering of adequate water quality data give preliminary indications of possible problem areas. These preliminary indications should serve only to point the way for further study and work in accordance with the methodology and should not ever serve alone as a basis for implementing control programs. Recognizing these and other possible problems in efforts to determine the extent of agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source pollution, Frank Gray moved to concur in the methodology as a flexible guide. The motion was seconded by Henry Turney and carried.

(2) The Board considered a draft "request for proposal" of a study to determine nonpoint source pollution as relates to Texas forest resources and a draft "request for proposal" to develop a study to determine the economic effects on agriculture and silviculture operations resulting from the implementation of various nonpoint pollution controls. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board approved the proposals.

(3) Sonny Kretzschmar reported on the recent conference held in Washington, D. C. by NACD relative to setting up of guidelines on nonpoint source pollution for the EPA.

(4) A grant of \$66,000.00 in funds has been approved by EPA with an interagency contract between the State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Texas Water Quality Board.

Mr. Davis reported on the final report of the Economic Develop-

ment and Law Enforcement Subcommittee of the Joint Advisory Committee on Government Operations. Our agency was not included in the final report although previous reports indicated consideration of the creation of an interagency agricultural council.

Mr. Davis reported that the State Board was transferred from the House Natural Resources Committee to the House Agricultural Committee under the new rules of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Davis reported on the Mitigation Committee recommending to the Governor that the legislature consider individual projects and make their own determinations as to whether funds would be appropriated for mitigation purposes.

John Millican reviewed legislation on election dates effecting soil and water conservation district elections and other legislation applicable to the district program.

The site for the Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors was discussed. Facilities had been checked in Waco, Amarillo and Lubbock. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board agreed to hold the meeting on October 18, 19 and 20, 1977 in Lubbock contingent upon verification in writing of rooms available for lodging and other facilities necessary to hold the meeting.

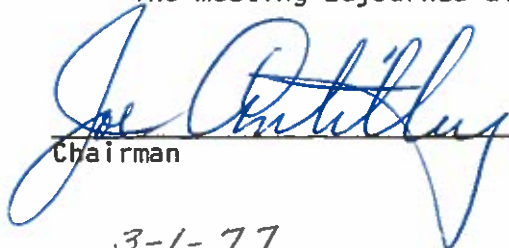
The Texas Conservation Awards program was discussed. An estimate of \$10,000.00 is needed to handle the program. At the present time contacts made for sponsorship and financing have failed to materialize. No official action was taken by the Board.

The NACD meeting will be held at the Peachtree Plaza Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia on February 6-10, 1977.

The Board discussed legislation in Congress on the nation's land, water and related resources that has been introduced as HR 75, "The Land and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977".

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on March 17, 1977.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

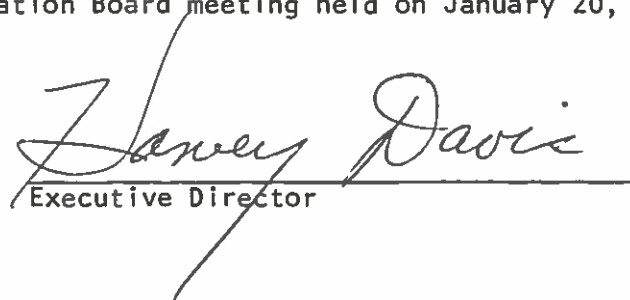

Chairman


Secretary

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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 20, 1977.

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Date


Executive Director