

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
January 21, 1971

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 8:00 a.m., January 21, 1971, in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

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

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director; John Millican, Assistant Executive Director; and Josephine Chupik, Office Manager of the State Board staff; Clyde Graham, State Conservationist and L. J. Lann, Assistant State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service.

Minutes of the November 19, 1970 meeting and January 7, 1971 meeting were approved as read.

Clyde Graham reported the problem which had developed in the new farm program concerning set-aside or diverted acreage had been resolved for one year. He urged discussion of this item at the NACD meeting in Chicago to prevent such a problem from arising after one year.

He stated that Assistant State Conservationist, Ed Thomas had been transferred to Tennessee as State Conservationist. Vacancy will not be filled.

L. J. Lann reviewed the status of watershed construction and planning on Public Law 566 projects. All field examinations that are pending will be scheduled by July 1, 1971.

Henry Turney reported public hearings held on December 8, 1970 at Cleburne, Texas and Hillsboro, Texas to determine the feasibility of the division and reorganization of the Nolan-Aquilla Soil and Water Conservation District #536 were favorable. A petition was received by the Board on November 5, 1970, requesting the division of the Nolan-Aquilla Soil and Water Conservation District and organizing the Hill County-Blackland Soil and Water

Conservation District #540 and the Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District #541. The Board reviewed and approved the distribution of assets, liabilities, other fiscal matters along with the audit report and signed transfers of watershed easements. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the division and reorganization of the Nolan-Aquilla Soil and Water Conservation District #536 as being practicable and feasible. Due to the division of this District, the Board approved new subdivisions in the Hill County-Blackland Soil and Water Conservation District #540 and the Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District #541, and appointed Dan Pustejovsky as Director in subdivision 2 and Clyde Nowlin as Director in subdivision 4 of the Hill County-Blackland Soil and Water Conservation District #540 and L. C. Jones, Sr. as Director in subdivision 2 and N. P. Stephenson in subdivision 4 of the Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District #541.

A petition was received by the Board on July 8, 1970, requesting the division of the Lower Pease River Soil and Water Conservation District #122 and organizing the Foard County Soil and Water Conservation District #161 and the Lower Pease River Soil and Water Conservation District #162. The Board reviewed and approved the distribution of assets, liabilities and other fiscal matters along with the audit report. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board approved the division and reorganization of the Lower Pease River Soil and Water Conservation District #122 as being practicable and feasible. Due to the division of this District, the Board approved new subdivisions in the Foard County Soil and Water Conservation District #161 and the Lower Pease River Soil and Water Conservation District #162 and appointed J. A. Marr as Director in subdivision 2 and A. L. McGinnis as Director in subdivision 4 of the Foard County Soil and Water Conservation District #161 and W. C. Howard as Director in subdivision 2 and O. T. Holmes as Director in subdivision 4 of the Lower Pease River Soil and Water Conservation District #162.

A petition to divide and reorganize the Martin-Howard-Midland Soil and Water Conservation District #203 into three new districts was considered by the Board. A motion was made by Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, to authorize a public hearing in this district to determine the feasibility of the division and reorganization. Motion carried.

Harvey Davis presented a request from the Roberts Soil and Water Conservation District #145 to rezone the District. Since zone 2 of this district had only three landowners in it, the District asked to change zone boundaries to distribute landowner population more evenly in all five zones. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the rezoning of the Roberts Soil and Water Conservation District #145.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the appointment of the following District Directors:

Mack D. Richards - Hall Childress SWCD #109
Floyd A. Rowland - Cochran SWCD #149
Ross Manley Parker - Harrison County SWCD #412
Erston Bracken - Delta SWCD #443
N. Campbell Cox - Nacogdoches SWCD #401

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board tabled action on the appointment of J. B. Jones, Jr. of the Lower Sabine-Neches SWCD #446 until additional information is obtained.

Due to a vacancy of an Alternate Director from Area III on the Board of Directors of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the officers of the Association in a meeting held on December 2, 1970, had agreed to appoint J. M. Schrum of the Coastal Plains Soil and Water Conservation District #317 as an Alternate Director provided the State Soil and Water Conservation Board approved the appointment. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board endorsed the action of the Directors of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Mr. Davis reported on the proposed Senate Bill #11 submitted by Senator Aikin. Recommendations reduced the State Board request in 1972 from \$923,789 to

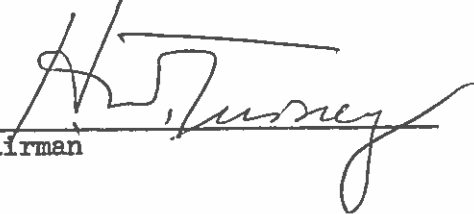
\$466,070 and in 1973 from \$931,374 to \$465,370. No matching funds were included in the proposed Senate bill.

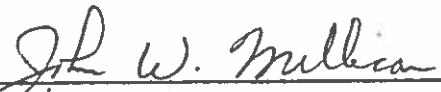
The National Association of Conservation Districts will hold its meeting in Chicago, Illinois on February 7-11, 1971. Reservations for lodging were given to all Board members.

Henry Turney and Albert Roach will represent the State Board at the Environmental Conference to be held on February 17, 1971 in Austin, Texas.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on March 18, 1971.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

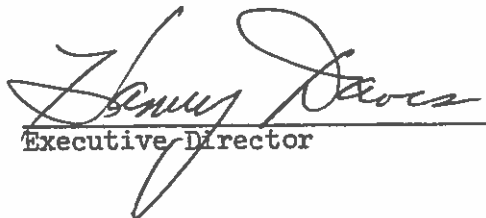

Chairman


Secretary

5-1-71
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 21, 1971.

May 1, 1971
Date


Executive Director