

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
March 28, 1974

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 8:30 a.m., March 28, 1974 in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

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

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director; John Millican, Assistant Executive Director; Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer; David Powell, Field Representative; and Josephine Chupik, Office Manager of the State Board staff; Logan Crews, Assistant State Conservationist, Watersheds.

The minutes of the January 17, 1974 and February 11, 1974 meetings were approved as read.

Mr. Gray welcomed David Powell who joined the State Board staff on February 19, 1974. Mr. Powell, who presently resides in Pittsburg, Texas will be working with Districts in Area IV.

The Annual Statewide Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors will be held in San Antonio, Texas on October 29, 30, and 31, 1974 at the Hilton Palacio Del Rio Hotel.

A field examination was reviewed on the Bastrop Bayou watershed (Angleton) in the Waters Davis Soil and Water Conservation District. Due to a favorable benefit-cost ratio of 1.2:1, on motion of Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board approved the watershed as being feasible for planning.

Sonny Kretzschmar reviewed reports by the U. S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife on the Brushy Creek and Cox's, Keller's and VI-A-3 Creek projects in Jackson County. The reports endorsed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department indicated that the watershed projects could have severe adverse effects on the natural environment of the area.

The Board discussed the Cummins Creek watershed in Lee, Fayette, Austin and Colorado Counties. A motion was made by E. W. Wehman to concur with Soil Conservation Service to close out the Cummins Creek project. It is understood that the Soil Conservation Service would contact the local sponsors prior to final action on the project.

Logan Crews gave a brief report on the status of watershed planning as of March 1, 1974.

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

Claude Thomas - Donley County SWCD #127
Don Mimms - Hockley SWCD #129
E. C. Britain, III - Hutchinson SWCD #146
Wilbern Millican - Coke County SWCD #219
E. H. Schmidt, Jr. - Chaparral SWCD #240
Allan Hillboldt - Austin County SWCD #347
Joe B. Burris - Anderson-Houston SWCD #421
Brink Barnett - Trinity-Neches SWCD #422
J. W. Sadberry - Upper Leon SWCD #525

The Board considered the division and reorganization of the Miller-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District #526 creating the Miller-Brazos and the Throckmorton Soil and Water Conservation Districts. A petition was received on December 19, 1973. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the division and reorganization of the Miller-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District as being practicable and feasible. Due to the division of the District, the Board approved new subdivisions in the Miller-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District #542 and the Throckmorton Soil and Water Conservation District #543 and appointed Estes Miller as Director in subdivision 2 and Lindley Carter as Director in subdivision 4 of the Miller-Brazos District; E. H. Keeter as Director in subdivision 2 and Sam R. Davis as Director in subdivision 4 of the Throckmorton District.

At 10:45 a.m. Mr. Davis introduced Mr. Bill Wells, Mr. Jim Davis of the Legislative Budget Board and Mr. Bill Hamilton of the Governor's Office. A

detailed slide presentation on the new "Zero" budgeting procedure for the 1976 and 1977 fiscal years was presented to the Board.

The next State Board meeting will be on April 25, 1974 to consider budget needs for the biennium of 1976 and 1977. The Board agreed to change the \$3,000 ceiling limit per district in matching funds in the budget for the next biennium.

A letter dated March 26, 1974 from the Montgomery-Walker Soil and Water Conservation District #425 requesting that the zone boundaries be changed was discussed. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board approved the new zones of the Montgomery-Walker Soil and Water Conservation District #425 contingent upon receipt of the minutes of the Montgomery-Walker Board meeting of March 13, 1974.

Mr. Davis reviewed the Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Plan with the Board. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board adopted the plan and the following policy statement as per House Bill #139: "It is the purpose of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board to provide equal employment for all persons regardless of race, color, age, sex, creed or national origin, and to promote the full realization of equal employment in recruiting, hiring, transfer, promotion, training, compensation, benefits, layoffs and terminations."

The Board discussed matching funds for this fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1974. Forty-six districts have not claimed any matching funds as of March 27, 1974. The 1974 appropriation is \$401,181.00 of which \$217,376.86 has been expended. Since the provision in the appropriation bill states that 2/3 of this amount has to be expended within the first three quarters of the fiscal year, and since several districts have not claimed any matching funds, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved releasing funds on a supplement claim to districts who have not claimed the limit of \$3,000 and have money available for supplemental allocations out of the unexpended 2/3 amount. The deadline for claiming supplements out of the 2/3 allocated amount is May 15, 1974.

Districts will be allocated 1/3 of their original allocation or less if they have already claimed more than 2/3 or their original amount in the last quarter of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1974.

At 2:00 p.m. the Board was shown slides by Paul Hamilton of Hamilton and Associates of Austin on a proposed "Conservation Program" available to Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The Board members received a copy of Article IV of the proposed constitution.

The State Awards Program of the Texas Conservation Awards Program sponsored by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce will be held on Friday, May 3, 1974 at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. Area awards programs will be held as follows:

Area I	Holiday Inn, Plainview, May 7, 1974
Area II	Angelo State University, San Angelo, May 9, 1974
Area III	American Legion Hall, Port Lavaca, May 10, 1974
Area IV	Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, May 13, 1974
Area V	Camelot Inn, Waco, May 16, 1974

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

J. Frank Gray
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

4-26-74
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 March 28, 1974.

4-26-74
Date

Sammy Davis
Executive Director