

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING  
May 1, 1971

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 4:00 p.m. on May 1, 1971, in Meeting Room A, Holiday Inn Motel, Fort Worth, Texas.

The following people were present:

State Soil & Water Conservation Board:

H. W. Turney, Chairman  
Albert Roach, Vice Chairman  
Joe Antilley, Member  
E. W. Wehman, Member  
Frank Gray, Member  
Harvey Davis, Executive Director  
John W. Millican, Assistant Executive Director  
Philip Grazier, Engineer  
O. F. Armstrong, Field Representative  
A. W. Dalrymple, Field Representative  
Don Brandenberger, Field Representative  
Truman Gregory, Field Representative

Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts:

Doyle Hutcheson, President  
Dee Brune, Vice President  
Ben Sims, Director  
J. E. Clark, Alternate Director

Soil Conservation Service:

Clyde Graham, State Conservationist  
M. J. Spears, Deputy State Conservationist  
L. J. Lann, Assistant State Conservationist  
D. B. Polk, State Resource Conservationist

Others Present:

Howard Boswell  
Hermon Petty

The minutes of the January 21, 1971, February 16, 1971, and March 22, 1971 meeting were read and approved.

On a motion by Joe Antilley seconded by Frank Gray the following directors appointments were approved:

John W. Fernandes - Upper Pecos #213  
Luther Anderson - Big Bend #227  
Avon Stretcher - Sulphur Cypress #419

Harvey Davis reported that SJR #20, a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment to exempt directors of Soil and Water Conservation Districts from prohibitions against dual office holding and dual compensation, had cleared the House and Senate and would be presented to the voters in November 1972.

Harvey Davis reported the House version of the appropriation bill had been amended from the floor of the House adding \$60,000 to the matching fund item in the State Board budget. Mr. Davis stated that with this \$60,000 addition to the House bill, the matching fund item in both the House and the Senate bills is now at \$248,784.

Harvey Davis reported that a bill "SB 715" had been introduced by Senator Don Kennard of Fort Worth setting up certain land use regulations with the authority for enforcing the measures in the hands of the Land Commissioner and Regional Council of Governments. It was the feeling that the State Soil and Water Conservation Board and Soil and Water Conservation Districts should have an official responsibility in any legislation authorizing broad based land use planning. This is not the case in "SB 715".

Mr. Wehman reported that Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the Alamo Area Council of Government had been successful in placing a representative on the Executive Committee of this Council.

Mr. Graham reported that the SCS had been receiving a number of request from Councils of Governments throughout the State for detail soil surveys and he had been advising these councils to make their request through local Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Mr. Davis suggested that due to the widespread participation of Districts in Councils of Government, the State Board may want to outline some recommendations for districts concerning participation in these regional councils. The State Board agreed with this suggestion.

Phil Grazier reported on two new watershed applications on the following watersheds:

- (1) Upper Caney and Upper West Caney at Normangee, Texas
- (2) Dry Creek in Delta County

On a motion by Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman the Board voted to disapprove these applications pending field examinations to determine feasibility.

Phil Grazier reported on the proposed Type IV study of the Canadian River. On a motion by E. W. Wehman seconded by Albert Roach the board voted to authorize Harvey Davis to write a letter to Soil Conservation Service requesting a Type IV study be made on the Canadian River.

Harvey Davis reported that Workshops for District Directors had been planned for this summer at 25 locations throughout the State. The purpose of the workshops will be to discuss operation of Soil and Water Conservation districts and the State Board, the duties of a District Director, and problems facing Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Each State Board member was encouraged to attend those in his State District.

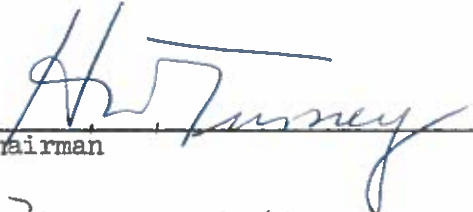
A report on the status of planning of P. L. 566 projects in Texas as of April 12, 1971, was distributed to Board Members by L. J. Lann who made comments on this report.

The Board agreed that all members of the State Board, Harvey Davis and John Millican would attend the South Central Area Meeting of NACD, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 27, 28 & 29, 1971.

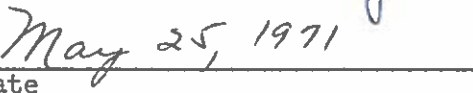
Mr. Davis reported that representatives of the State Auditor's office had been in the State Board office for the past week making their regular audit of the department. Mr. Davis reported that the Board members would receive a report on the audit when it becomes available.

The Board agreed to hold its next meeting on May 27, 1971, in Temple, Texas.

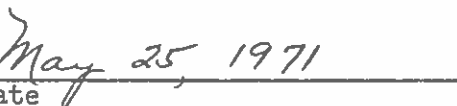
The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p. m. in order for members to attend Texas Conservation Awards program at Texas Christian University.

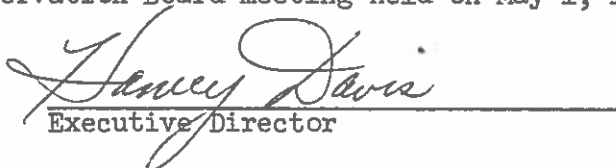
  
Chairman

  
Secretary

  
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 May 1, 1971.

  
Date

  
Executive Director