

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
May 2, 1975

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met in the Shorthorn Room of the Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas at 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 2, 1975.

In attendance were:

State Soil and Water Conservation Board

E. W. Wehman, Chairman
Henry Turney, Vice Chairman
Joe Antilley, Member
Albert Roach, Member
Frank Gray, Member
Harvey Davis, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer
Josephine Chupik, Office Manager
L. F. Stewart, Field Representative
Don Brandenberger, Field Representative
Allen Sheppard, Field Representative
David Powell, Field Representative
Mel Davis, Field Representative

Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Dee E. Brune, President
Kenneth Kuykendall, Vice President
Gene Gilbreath, Director
David Tong, Director
Doyle Hutcheson, Immediate Past President

Soil Conservation Service

Edward Thomas, State Conservationist
Logan Crews, Assistant State Conservationist

The minutes of the March 12, 1975 meeting were approved as read.

Sonny Kretzschmar reviewed planning costs and funding on Sandy Creek, Deport Creek, Pollard Creek, Elm Creek (Gen-Tex) and Three Mile and Sulfur Draw watershed projects. Planning has been suspended on Seco Creek, Lipan Creek, Maverick County and Chicota Creek.

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

R. G. Dunlap - Floyd County SWCD #104
Don W. Morrison - Roberts SWCD #145
Conrad Pruski - Wilson County SWCD #301
William R. Voss - Upshur-Gregg SWCD #417
Don R. Duwe - Denton-Wise SWCD #528

Don Brandenberger reviewed proposed zone changes requested by the Denton-Wise Soil and Water Conservation District #528. The zones originally had been set up on county commissioner's precincts which had been changed and the district felt the zone boundaries would be more clearly defined by using highways. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the change in zone boundaries.

Mr. Davis reported on the Area Texas Conservation Award Banquets held in May, 1974. Area II and Area IV had a profit of \$225.34 and \$89.90 respectively and Area V had a loss of \$1.40. By a unanimous vote, the Board Members and Association Directors agreed to leave these funds in the State Soil and Water Conservation Board "Special Bank Account" to be used for Annual Meeting expenses and other special activities.

John Millican reported on the number of banquet tickets sold in Area I, II, IV and V for the 1975 Area Conservation Awards program.

Ed Thomas reported on Agricultural Service Centers. Twenty-five Centers have been approved in Texas, with one Service Center in Waco implemented. Recommendations will be made for 25 more Service Centers on June 1 and 25 more on July 1. Only five Service Centers will be implemented this year.

The Soil Conservation Service has 1,241 people in its employ at this time. Additional personnel will be employed after the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Mr. Davis reported on legislation. The Senate appropriation bill has included 5 additional Soil Conservationists, Staff Services Assistant, Information Specialist II, Administrative Technician I, a Secretary II and a ceiling of \$5,000 per district per annum on matching funds. The House appropriation bill has included only 1 employee, an Administrative Technician I, in addition to our present staff with no change in matching funds.

Mr. Davis reported on House Bill #1694, a county ordinances bill. As amended, the bill exempts all agricultural lands.

A detailed summary of Matching Fund balances as of May 1, 1975 was handed out. Of the \$403,769.00 appropriated for fiscal year ending August 31, 1975, \$259,528.00 have been expended to date. This is \$9,651.34 less than 2/3 of the current matching fund appropriation which will be terminated unless expended by June 1, 1975.

A proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Conservation Districts and County ASCS Committees was handed out for study. Due to the time element, a thorough review in the meeting was impossible. Each Board member will review and contact Mr. Davis, if they have any questions.

The Association "Special Fund" has a balance of \$6,845.00 as of May 1, 1975. Of 196 districts, 188 have paid quotas in the amount of \$16,865.01 for the 1975 fiscal year.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 17, 1975.

The South Central Area meeting of the National Association of Conservation Districts will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on July 27-29, 1975. A motion was made by Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, that all the Board Members, Harvey Davis and/or his designees, and Josephine Chupik be authorized to attend the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. so that those present could attend the Annual Texas Conservation Awards Banquet at the Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel sponsored by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

Edward Sherman Sr.
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

July 10, 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 May 2, 1975.

July 10, 1975
Date

Harvey Davis
Executive Director