

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
May 12, 1973

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 2:00 p.m., May 12, 1973 in the Shorthorn Room, Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas.

The following people were present:

State Soil and Water Conservation Board

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

Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Doyle Hutcheson, President
Dee Brune, Vice President
Charles Wood, Secretary-Treasurer
W. S. Gibbs, Director
Kenneth Kuykendall, Director

Soil Conservation Service

Ed Thomas, State Conservationist
Logan Crews, Assistant State Conservationist, Watersheds

The minutes of the March 22, 1973 meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Davis reported that Joe Antilley was re-elected as a member of the Board representing Area II at an election held in Abilene, Texas, Tuesday, May 1, 1973. In attendance were 25 delegates from a total of 39 districts in Area II.

Unfavorable field examinations were reviewed on the following PL 566 watersheds:

- (1) Town-Quinlan Creeks, Kerrville - Kerr County SWCD #217 and
Gillespie County SWCD #220
- (2) Poesta-Salt Creek, Beeville - Bee SWCD #344

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board disapproved these watersheds due to unfavorable benefit-cost ratio.

The Lower Sabine watershed (Orange) in the Jasper-Newton SWCD #441 and the Lower Sabine-Neches SWCD #446 was discussed. A re-evaluation study revealed that a decrease in agricultural benefits with an increased discount interest rate, and increased construction costs would be 31 cents benefit for each dollar of cost. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board disapproved the Lower Sabine watershed.

The Rock-Dry Creek watershed (Mineral Wells) in the Palo Pinto SWCD #518 and Hood-Parker SWCD #529 was discussed. A re-evaluation study revealed that due to the increased discount interest rate and increased cost of installation there would be a 57 cent benefit for each dollar of cost. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board disapproved the Rock-Dry Creek watershed.

Sonny Kretschmar reported that on April 5, 1973, a \$500,000 bond election passed in the Big Creek watershed (Marlin) in the McLennan County SWCD #512 and Limestone-Falls SWCD #501. This watershed is ready to be considered for a planning priority. No action was taken by the Board.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the following District Directors:

E. L. Hendon - Dawson County SWCD #124
Robert H. Novak - Hansford SWCD #148
Cecil Loman - Nueces-Frio-Sabinal SWCD #221
L. D. Whitehead - Devil's River SWCD #224
Charles J. Vassberg - Willacy-Hidalgo SWCD #312
Jack Brown - Alamo SWCD #330
E. F. Borgstedte - Washington SWCD #348
Douglas Hall - Bowie County SWCD #408
Charles Robert Shoults - Harrison County SWCD #412
Charles Haley - Lower Sabine-Neches SWCD #446
Randolph O'B. Bennett - Palo Pinto SWCD #518
Ray Forman - Denton-Wise SWCD #528

Harvey Davis reported a balance of \$111,565.47 as of May 11, 1973 in Matching Funds for the 1973 fiscal year. A report showing the balance for each district was handed out. A letter will go to the Chairman of each district on May 30, 1973 advising the district of their balance to be claimed by August 1, 1973. Remainder of the funds will be distributed to districts claiming supplements.

Mr. Davis handed out House Bill No. 3, an act relating to the requirement that meetings of governmental bodies be open to the public. This act is effective January 1, 1974.

Doyle Hutcheson reported on a request for the NACD Building program in League City. NACD was proposing that each State Association give \$1,000, each soil and water conservation district give \$100.00 and each district director give one day of pay. The goal is set for \$125,000. After considerable discussion, on motion of Dee Brune, seconded by Kenneth Kuykendall, the Association Directors agreed to recommend that each district give \$50.00 towards the building program.

Harvey Davis discussed the Area Conservation Awards Program sponsored by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. A volunteering district in each area has been the host, making all the arrangements as to time, place, and date. In order to keep the program in each area centrally located, E. W. Wehman made a motion, seconded by W. S. Gibbs, that the State Board Member, Association Director and Field Representative work out the date, time, and place for each area for the 1974 Area Conservation Awards Program. Motion carried.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board unanimously elected Frank Gray as Chairman and E. W. Wehman as Vice Chairman of the Board.

The National Watershed Congress will meet in Wichita, Kansas on June 3-6, 1973 at the Holiday Inn Plaza. A motion was made by Henry Turney, seconded

by E. W. Wehman that the Chairman, Harvey Davis or his designee attend the Watershed Congress. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 19, 1973.

The South Central Area Meeting of the National Association of Conservation Districts will be held in Checotah, Oklahoma, Fountainhead Lodge, Lake Eufaula on July 29-31, 1973. A motion was made by Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray that all the Board members, Harvey Davis and/or his designees, and Josephine Chupik be authorized to attend the meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Ed Thomas reported on Soil Conservation Service funding cut-back in the amount of a half million dollars in personnel. Effects of the cut-back will close three area offices, twenty field offices, some which are sub-units and will necessitate re-organization of the State office staff.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. in order to attend the Texas Conservation Awards Program at Texas Christian University sponsored by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

J. Frank Gray
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

7-19-73
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 12, 1973.

7-19-73
Date

Harvey Davis
Executive Director