

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
May 17, 1978

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on May 17, 1978 at 7:45 p.m. in the Monterrey Room, LaQuinta Motor Inn, 1001 East Commerce St., San Antonio, Texas.

Board members present were:

Joe Antilley, Chairman  
J. Frank Gray, Vice Chairman  
E. W. Wehman, Sr., Member

Staff members present were:

A. C. Spencer, Executive Director  
James Moore, Engineer  
Bob Buckley, Staff Services Assistant  
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist  
Mel Davis, Soil Conservationist  
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor

Directors of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts present were:

Kenneth Kuykendall, President  
Charles W. Wood, Vice President  
Gene Gilbreath, Secretary-Treasurer  
David Tong, Director  
Bill Goldsberry, Director

Others present were:

George Marks, Soil Conservation Service  
Dr. Bill Harris, Texas Agricultural Extension Service  
J. B. Webster, Texas Forestry Association

Since each board member received by mail a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on April 20, 1978 and there being no changes suggested, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the minutes were approved without being read.

The guidelines for setting up a Regional Conservation Awards program were discussed with changes suggested. State Board members, staff members and association directors are meeting in each State Area zone to discuss guidelines in preparation for final plans.

Mr. Marks reported that supplemental appropriations have been requested for the 1978 fiscal year for implementation of the Resource Conservation Act and that additional funds had been requested for the 1979 fiscal year.

Mr. Spencer reported favorably on the Statewide meeting held in Stephenville, Texas on May 16, 1978 regarding testimony presented pursuant to PL 95-192, the Resource Conservation Act. Attendance was good and testimony revealed the concern for conservation of our soil and water resources.

Mr. Spencer informed the Board that Lyle Bauer, President of the National Association of Conservation Districts had accepted our invitation to speak at the Annual Statewide Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors in Corpus Christi, Texas on October 18, 1978. Several people were suggested as possible speakers for the meeting which will be held on October 17, 18, and 19, 1978. Frank Gray, Kenneth Kuykendall and A. C. Spencer will make the final selection.

On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the following District Director appointments were approved:

Donald N. Conlee - Brazos-Robertson SWCD # 431  
Travis W. Herring - Hill Country SWCD # 534

Bob Buckley reported on a district director problem in the Agua Poquita Soil and Water Conservation District # 321. Since the district directors requested that action be taken, on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board agreed to hold a hearing on July 20, 1978 in accordance with provisions of Section 6 of House Bill # 444.

Bob Buckley discussed the preparation of the 1980-81 budget request. Total requests for matching funds from districts were \$623,849 for the 1980 fiscal year and \$632,704 for the 1981 fiscal year. The Board decided to request funds for a planning party of 4 technicians and one secretary to fulfill our responsibility as originally designated pursuant to Executive Order DB 18A as the planning agency.

James Moore explained the status of the agricultural nonpoint source control strategy. He indicated that fifty copies of the preliminary draft had been printed primarily to satisfy requests from some of the river authorities. Each Board member was given a copy of the preliminary draft.

Moore presented the Board with copies of a preface prepared for inclusion in the final draft of the control strategy. The preface was approved with some minor changes and on motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board agreed to affix their signatures to it along with the Executive Director's.

Moore distributed copies of the irrigation return flow management practices prepared for the control strategy. The Board authorized Moore to proceed with including the practices in the control strategy and agreed to bring up any comments at the next board meeting.

Moore distributed copies of proposed guidelines for implementing the Rural Clean Water Program. He explained that the regulations would be published in the near future and that a comment period would follow.

Moore discussed a draft Executive Order being prepared in cooperation with the Texas Department of Water Resources. The Executive Order would designate the State Board as the Management Agency for agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source pollution under Section 208 of P L 92-500. The Board instructed Mr. Spencer to set up a meeting with the Governor to discuss the Executive Order when it is finalized and to present the official copy of "Statewide Control Strategy for Agricultural NonPoint Source Pollution in Texas".

Moore distributed information on P L 566 watershed construction activities in Texas during the last three fiscal years. He explained that watershed construction in Texas utilized all funds allocated to Texas plus some supplemental funds not used by other states.

The South Central Area Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

will be held at the Camelot Inn in Little Rock, Arkansas on July 23, 24, and 25, 1978. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board authorized A. C. Spencer, and/or one or two of his designees and Josephine Chupik to attend the meeting.

The Board agreed that Joe Antilley, the present chairman, present the testimony at the Statewide Resource Conservation Act meeting in the Civic Center in San Antonio on May 18, 1978. Board members and staff attending the board meeting will also attend the RCA meeting.

On May 2, 1978, Joe Antilley was re-elected to serve another 5 year term as the Board member representing Area II.

The Board elected Frank Gray as chairman and E. W. Wehman as vice chairman. The next regular meeting of the Board is July 20, 1978.

The meeting convened into executive session in accordance with provisions of Section 2 g, Article 6252-17, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes to evaluate and discuss personnel matters. No official action was taken.

The executive session adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

J. Frank Gray  
Chairman

Josephine Chupik  
Secretary

July 20, 1978  
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 17, 1978.

July 20, 1978  
Date

A. C. Spencer  
Executive Director