

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING  
May 25, 1971

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 8:00 a.m., May 25, 1971 in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were: H. W. Turney, Chairman, Albert Roach, Vice Chairman, Frank Gray, Joe Antilley, and E. W. Wehman.

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director, Phil Grazier, Engineer; and Josephine Chupik, Office Manager of the State Board staff; Clyde Graham, State Conservationist and L. J. Lann, Assistant State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service.

Minutes of the May 1, 1971 meeting were approved as read.

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

Phil Grazier reported on the status of watershed activities under Public Law 566 projects and distributed copies of the report to each Board member.

L. J. Lann reviewed the status of watershed construction and planning on Public Law 566 projects and presented a detailed summary as of May 25, 1971 to each Board member.

Mr. Davis reported on limitation in construction under the Public Law 566 Upstream Watershed Protection program. A major problem seems to be inconsistency of funding or untimely delays in funding due to freezing of funds and other administrative activity. The inadequacy of federal appropriations has been a problem but the method in which funds have been released after they are appropriated has also created a problem.

Mr. Clyde Graham reported to the Board that the Itasca Work Unit office was being closed due to lack of adequate resources including personnel.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board approved the appointment of the following district directors:

Joe Pridgen - Anderson-Houston SWCD #421  
Elzy Thompson - Upper Neches SWCD #438

Mr. Turney relinquished his chairmanship to Mr. Roach for the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Davis advised the Board on the status of matching funds. Since there will be a balance in matching funds, on motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board decided to use the same procedure as last year in distribution which is to honor supplemental requests from districts with allocations less than \$3,000 per district to use up remaining matching funds on August 1, 1971. Mr. Davis reported to the Board that \$248,784 will be appropriated in matching funds for each year of the coming biennium, 1972-1973. The Board agreed to adopt a procedure for distribution at a later meeting.

The Annual Statewide meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors will be held in McAllen, Texas on October 19, 20 and 21, 1971. Program plans were discussed. The Board agreed on a Planning Committee consisting of Albert Roach, Doyle Hutcheson and Harvey Davis to plan the activities for the meeting.

The site for the 1972 Annual Statewide meeting has not been selected. Possible locations suggested were Fort Worth, Houston and Abilene.

Board members reviewed the agenda for the District Directors Workshops which have been scheduled during the summer months throughout the State.

Wires were read which had been sent to the President of the United States in appreciation for his support of a budget increase for soil conservation.

Mr. Davis read a resolution from the University of Texas System expressing appreciation for the assistance in implementing the range and ranch conservation improvement program for the University land by our people.

The South Central Area meeting of the NACD will be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on June 27, 28 and 29, 1971. Reservations have been made for all Board members, Harvey Davis and John Millican.

The South Central Area Meeting of the NACD will be held at the Astroworld Hotel, Houston, Texas on June 28, 29 and 30, 1972.

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board agreed to hold its next regular meeting on July 15, 1971 in Houston, Texas at the Astroworld Hotel.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Albert Roach  
Chairman

Josephine Chupik  
Secretary

July 15, 1971  
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 25, 1971.

July 15, 1971  
Date

Henry Davis  
Executive Director