

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
June 10, 1976

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on June 10, 1976 at 8:20 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

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

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director; John Millican, Assistant Executive Director; Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer; Bob Buckley, Staff Services Assistant; and Lois Cain, Secretary of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board office and George Marks, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service; and Dee Brune, President, Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Joe Antilley, the minutes of the May 7, 1976 meeting were approved as read.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the following district director appointments:

Ritchie R. Reynolds, Highland SWCD #210
W. E. Mittelstedt, Bedias Creek SWCD #428
Dr. J. C. Miller, Brazos-Robertson SWCD #431
James Ross McKnight, Throckmorton SWCD #543

In a meeting on April 29-30, 1976, the State Board tabled action on the appointment of Russell Wilbanks to the High Point Soil and Water Conservation District No. 230. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Joe Antilley, his appointment was disapproved because Mr. Wilbanks was not qualified to serve as a director because he did not hold title to farm or ranch land as required by State law. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a theme to be used for the Annual Statewide Meeting of District Directors to be held in McAllen on October 12-14, 1976. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, it was decided

the theme to be used would be "Resource Management---Present and Future." Motion carried. The Board also approved the same format for this year's meeting as has been used in the past and selected several speakers that will be invited to appear on the program.

Sonny Kretzschmar reported on watershed activities in the Chicota Creek Watershed and Dry Creek Watershed. Joe Antilley reported that he had met with personnel of the Edwards Underground Water District concerning plans on the Seco Creek Watershed and had also met with the sponsors of Elm Creek Watershed in Ballinger concerning their project.

George Marks reported that Logan Crews, Assistant State Conservationist, Watersheds, was retiring at the close of the present pay period. He also reported that Wayne Chapman from the Soil Conservation Service was on loan to the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington assigned to help write guidelines on 208 planning.

Harvey Davis reported on the trip he and Sonny Kretzschmar made to Washington, D.C. on May 25-27, 1976 and on the contacts that were made to aid the cause of soil and water conservation.

Sonny Kretzschmar reviewed with the Board the Wright Amendment to Public Law 9560.

Mr. Davis reported on two Management Committee meetings he had attended in regard to 208 planning. He reviewed a draft copy of an Interagency Cooperation Contract prepared by the Texas Water Quality Board staff. After discussion of the matter, the State Board agreed this Interagency Contract with the Texas Water Quality Board was not the best approach to receive money for 208 planning. After further discussion on a motion by Henry Turney, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the following resolution was adopted: Based on the provisions of Executive Order DB 18-A and the responsibilities of the State Board as outlined

in the Executive Order, the State Board felt that it would be more desirable to have funds deposited directly to the State Board's account for use in 208 planning by our agency and directed Harvey Davis to investigate this and other alternatives to funding this program.

A letter was read from Bob Merrifield, Head of Forest Sciences, Texas A & M University, regarding a meeting he, Paul Kramer, Dr. Joe Schuester and Mr. Davis had earlier concerning 208 planning.

Mr. Davis recommended that the Board allow him to hire additional personnel needed to carry out our responsibilities as planning agency for non-point source planning with respect to agricultural and silvicultural practices under Executive Order DB 18-A. Joe Antilley made the motion to designate \$4,000 from Appropriation No. 6-3322040 to be used to carry out our responsibilities under Executive Order DB 18-A for the rest of this fiscal year including the employment of personnel. E. W. Wehman seconded and motion carried.

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, it was decided to obligate an additional \$19,500 for contracting with the USDA - Soil Conservation Service for watershed planning making a total of \$134,500 obligated for this fiscal year.

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the budget request for the 1978-1979 biennium as presented by Bob Buckley. The only increase in this budget request is a 6.8% increase in employees' salaries. Motion passed.

E. W. Wehman suggested and the Board agreed that State Board Field Representatives should advise each soil and water conservation district as to the amount of matching funds included in the State Board's 1978-1979 budget request for their respective districts.

On request of Jean Williams, Special Advisor on Natural Resources, Water Task Force, Office of the Governor, the Board compiled a list of names to be submitted for consideration to serve on an Agricultural Advisory Committee.

The Board had also been requested to submit a list of names of people to serve on an advisory board for each River Basin involving the 208 program. The Board asked that this be done by working through the Field Representatives of the State Board staff.

Bob Buckley passed out a report showing the expenditures of the State Board for the first nine months of the fiscal year.

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the State Board will be July 15, 1976.

Albert Roach
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

July 25, 1976
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 June 10, 1976.

July 25, 1976
Date

Harvey Davis
Executive Director