

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
July 21, 1977

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on July 21, 1977 at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present were:

Joe Antilley, Chairman  
Frank Gray, Vice Chairman  
Henry Turney, Member  
Albert Roach, Member  
E. W. Wehman, Member

Staff members present were:

Harvey Davis, Executive Director  
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director  
Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer  
Charles Rothe, Engineer  
James Moore, Hydrologist  
Bob Buckley, Staff Services Assistant  
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor

Others present were:

George Marks, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service  
Jimmy Hill, Ass't. State Conservationist, Water Resources, Soil Conservation Service  
Kenneth Kuykendall, President, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts  
Dr. Bill Harris, Land & Water Use Specialist, Texas Agriculture Extension Service

Since minutes of the May 25-26, 1977 meeting were mailed to each Board Member, on motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Henry Turney, the minutes were approved without being read.

John Millican reported on a petition received July 19, 1977 from the California Creek Soil and Water Conservation District #515 and Wichita-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District #527 to divide the two districts and reorganize into three soil and water conservation districts. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Albert Roach, the

Board agreed to proceed with the division and reorganization. Since the local people felt it was not necessary, the Board agreed not to hold a public hearing.

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

Charles D. Clark - Menard County SWCD # 215  
Philo Crain - Medina Valley SWCD # 226  
Vollie Winfree Goodwin - Freestone-Leon SWCD # 424  
Billy C. Graham - Taylor SWCD # 513

At the time the original 1978 budget request was submitted, the Gaines-Andrews Soil and Water Conservation District # 128 requested \$2,400.00 in matching funds. The Gaines-Andrews District was divided and reorganized into the Gaines Soil and Water Conservation # 166 and the Andrews Soil and Water Conservation District # 246 and each district has requested additional matching funds in the amount of \$3,000.00. Based on the original request of the Gaines-Andrews Soil and Water Conservation District, on motion of Frank Gray, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board allocated \$2,400.00 to each district for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1978.

Mr. Davis reviewed Attorney General's Opinion H-1013 in regards to deposit of soil and water conservation district funds in interest bearing accounts. The opinion rules that a soil and water conservation district may deposit funds in interest-bearing time accounts in a State or national bank, but may not purchase certificates of deposit, nor may it deposit its funds in a savings and loan association. As a result of Opinion H-1013, on motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board changed its policy on matching funds to authorize interest from Trust funds as a source of matching fund money.

Bob Buckley reviewed the Operating Budget for the fiscal year of 1978 beginning September 1, 1977. The Board's appropriation is \$1,210,801. The appropriation bill authorized 18¢ per mile and \$30.00 per day, with partial per diem not to exceed \$15.00. The increased rate was passed by the Legislature but additional funds to implement the increase were not appropriated.

Dr. Harris outlined the program on the "Conference on 208 Planning for Texas" to be held August 29 and 30, 1977 at Rudder Center, A & M University. He reviewed a preliminary proposal to the Ford Foundation on "Agricultural and Silvicultural Non-Point Pollution Management for Texas" to be considered by institutions such as Extension Service, Soil and Water Conservation Board, State Resources Department, Forest Science, and Soil Conservation Service.

George Marks reported on limited funds for the Great Plains Conservation Program. Additional districts have been requesting coverage under the program. Funds are limited to present participants.

Jimmy Hill reviewed the status of P.L. 566 watershed protection and flood prevention projects in Texas.

James Moore, Hydrologist who began employment on May 23, 1977 was introduced to the Board.

Sonny Kretzschmar reported on P.L. 92-500, Section 208 activities. Mr. Kretzschmar reported that 10 areas across the State have been chosen for an economic impact study. This cross section of areas will involve several watersheds. The analysis of the impact study will serve as a basis for any other area in the State.

Funds in the Watershed Planning, Sedimentation and Erosion Control account were discussed. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert

Roach, the Board authorized Harvey Davis to negotiate an interagency contract not to exceed \$5,000.00 with Texas A & M to prepare best management practices for pesticides, herbicides, nutrients and other chemicals relative to water quality pursuant to Governor Briscoe's Executive Order D. B. 18A.

A theme for the Annual Statewide Meeting of District Directors to be held in Lubbock on October 11, 12 and 13, 1977 was discussed. The Board chose "Changing Challenges" as the theme for this year's meeting. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board agreed to increase the registration fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00 for each gentleman in attendance. Ladies registration remains free. The Board also approved the same format as has been used in the past and selected several speakers that will be invited to appear on the program. In addition a tour of Mr. Gray's farming operation will be held Thursday afternoon, October 13, 1977.

The Board agreed to hold a joint meeting with the Directors of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 1977.

The Conservation Awards Program was discussed. Individual local districts have held conservation awards programs successfully this year. Interest has been expressed in holding regional awards next spring as well as having State awards possibly honored at the Annual meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors next year. The Board agreed to study various suggestions and recommend some type of program.

S896, Federal legislation, to extend the Great Plains program was discussed. This amended legislation would include the entire State of Texas in the ten designated States. At present only some counties of the

State fall into the designated area. Many districts across the entire State have expressed interest in the program.

The next regular meeting of the State Board will be held on September 15, 1977.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. for all in attendance to view the slide presentation of the State Board and Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Joe O'Neilley  
Chairman

Josephine Chupik  
Secretary

August 29, 1977  
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 July 21, 1977.

August 29, 1977  
Date

Harvey Davis  
Executive Director