

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
August 29, 1977

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on August 29, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A of the Ramada Inn, College Station, Texas.

The following people were in attendance:

State Soil and Water Conservation Board

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

State Soil and Water Conservation Board Staff Members

Harvey Davis, Executive Director
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor
G. E. Kretzschmar, Jr., Engineer
Charles Rothe, Engineer
James Moore, Hydrologist
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist
Jay Kuykendall, Administrative Technician
Mel Davis, Field Representative
Allen Sheppard, Field Representative
Omar J. Garza, Field Representative
Fred Squyres, Field Representative
Bill Reece, Field Representative
Barney Jefferson, Field Representative
L. F. Stewart, Field Representative
Don Brandenberger, Field Representative
Dub Crumley, Field Representative
David Powell, Field Representative

Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Kenneth Kuykendall, President
Charles Wood, Vice President
Gene Gilbreath, Secretary-Treasurer
Bill Goldsberry, Director

Others present were:

Doyle Hutcheson, Director, National Association of Conservation Districts
C. Budd Fountain, Deputy State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service
Dr. B. L. Harris, Land and Water Use Specialist, Texas Extension Service

Since minutes of the meeting held on July 21, 1977 were mailed to each Board member, on motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Albert Roach, the minutes were approved without being read.

Petitions and supporting documents for the following transfers of territory had been filed on August 23, 1977:

- (1) The Edwards County portion in the West Nueces-Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District #236 to the Upper Nueces-Frio Soil and Water Conservation District #238.
- (2) The Edwards County portion in the Devil's River Soil and Water Conservation District #224 to the Upper Nueces-Frio Soil and Water Conservation District #238.
- (3) The Kinney County portion in the Devil's River Soil and Water Conservation District #224 to the West Nueces-Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District #236.

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved the transfers of territory as being practicable and feasible and approved the new subdivisions for each district.

On July 19, 1977, a petition was received to divide and reorganize the Wichita Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District # 527 and the California Creek Soil and Water Conservation District # 515 and create the Wichita-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District, the California Creek Soil and Water Conservation District and the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District # 546. An audit has been made and all funds distributed. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the division and reorganization of the Wichita-Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District and the California Creek Soil and

Water Conservation District as being practicable and feasible. Due to the division of these two districts, the Board approved new subdivisions and appointed directors for each new district as follows:

Wichita-Brazos SWCD # 544

Zone 2 - L. D. Offutt
Zone 4 - Charles Griffith

California Creek SWCD # 545

Zone 2 - H. Birger Haterius
Zone 4 - Jimlee Baucum

Haskell SWCD # 546

Zone 2 - Marvin Phemister
Zone 4 - F. A. Ulmer

Federal legislation was discussed. S. B. 1952, the Culver amendment to the Clean Water Act, passed the Senate and was scheduled for Conference Committee action. This bill contains cost-share funds for conservation directed toward cleaning public waters. The bill states the Environmental Protection Agency must concur with any program established for the expenditure of funds provided in this legislation. The Board agreed that the President of the Association, the Chairman of the State Board, and Harvey Davis follow through on the status of S. B. 1952 and take appropriate action to represent the interest of Conservation Districts.

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

James Bearden - Upper Pease SWCD # 164
W. H. Marshall - Upper Pease SWCD # 164
George D. Tomlinson - Devil's River SWCD # 224
Charlie Ward - West Nueces-Las Moras SWCD # 236
Hadley Wardlaw - West Nueces-Las Moras SWCD # 236
John M. Davis, Jr. - Upper Nueces-Frio SWCD # 238

A letter was received from the Bowie County Soil and Water Conservation District as sponsor of the Ash Slough Watershed requesting withdrawal of the application. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved withdrawal of the Ash Slough Watershed.

The Board authorized Harvey Davis to negotiate a new contract with the Department of Texas Water Resources effective September 1, 1977, pursuant to P. L. 92-500, Section 208, and the Governor's Executive Order D.B. 18A.

Senate Bill # 576, passed during this session of the Legislature, created a Natural Resources Council to be chaired by the Governor with membership composed of appropriate State agencies. Joe Antilley announced that Governor Briscoe had designated him to represent our agency and that he was designating Frank Gray as his alternate.

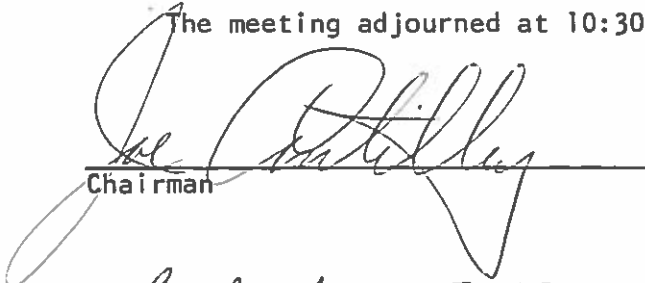
Harvey Davis reviewed the Annual State Meeting program. The meeting will be held in the Lubbock Civic Center, October 11, 12 and 13, 1977. Items for the Area Discussions Sessions were discussed. To date no resolutions have been received.

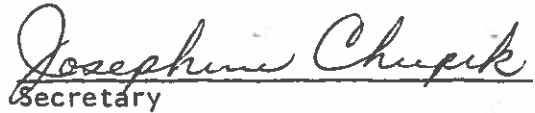
A lengthy discussion was held on financing the Conservation Awards program. State Board field personnel had surveyed districts on financing the program through contributions. The districts favor financial contributions; however, to insure a better understanding of costs to set up the program, it will be discussed further in Directors' workshops.

The next regular meeting of the State Board is scheduled for September 15, 1977.

All in attendance in the meeting were participating in the 208 Planning Conference held August 28 and 29, 1977, in the J. Earl Rudder Center at Texas A & M University.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

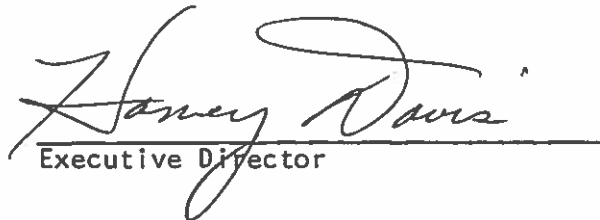

Chairman


Secretary

September 15, 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 August 29, 1977.

September 15, 1977
Date


Executive Director