

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING  
October 30, 1973

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met at 2:00 p.m.,  
October 30, 1973 in the Shorthorn Room, Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

The following people were present:

State Soil and Water Conservation Board

Frank Gray, Chairman  
E. W. Wehman, Vice-Chairman  
Henry Turney, Member  
Albert Roach, Member  
Joe Antilley, Member  
Harvey Davis, Executive Director  
Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer  
A. W. Dalrymple, Field Representative  
L. F. Stewart, Field Representative  
Allen V. Sheppard, Field Representative  
Jake Schrum, Field Representative  
Don Brandenberger, Field Representative

Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Doyle Hutcheson, President  
Dee Brune, Vice-President  
Kenneth Kuykendall, Director  
W. S. Gibbs, Director  
Charles Wood, Director

Soil Conservation Service

Ed Thomas, State Conservationist

Others

Don Blasingame, Vice-President, The Federal Land Bank of Houston

The minutes of the September 20, 1973 meeting were approved as mailed  
out by motion of Joe Antilley, Seconded by Albert Roach.

Harvey Davis called the Board members' and Association Directors'  
attention to the National Association of Conservation Districts Con-  
vention to be held in Houston, Texas, February 10-14, 1974. Board  
members and Association Directors decided to present agricultural produce

grown in Texas as souvenirs to the delegates. The Association Directors agreed for the Texas Association of Conservation Districts to bear expenses up to \$100 to complete the necessary arrangements.

Chairman Frank Gray called on Harvey Davis to review the program for the Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors. Association Directors and Board members determined their individual responsibilities for the general session and area discussion sessions. Harvey Davis made staff assignments and dismissed the Field Representatives from the meeting to begin their assigned tasks.

Harvey Davis presented a resolution commending the Intermediate Credit Bank and Production Credit Associations of Texas for their support of the breakfast for the Association's Special Committee of 100. The Association Directors and Board members jointly considered the question, and, upon motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Dee Brune, approved the resolution.

The Association Directors left the joint meeting at this point to handle the business affairs of their organization in a separate meeting.

Sonny Kretschmar gave a brief report on watersheds. He advised the Board members that the Soil Conservation Service intended to place Arroyo Colorado, Los Fresnos Resaca, and Rancho Viejo Public Law 566 Work Plans in inactive status unless local sponsors met their financial responsibilities by February 1, 1974.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board approved appointment of the following District Directors:

Jim Ed Miller - Upper Pecos SWCD #213  
L. C. George, Jr. - Wilson County SWCD #301  
Lester A. Arnold - Frio SWCD #325  
Clifford Williams - Navarro SWCD #514

The Board briefly considered the transfer of territory from the Anderson-Houston SWCD to the Davy Crockett SWCD. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board tabled the motion for other consideration.

Joe Antilley presented a request from Edwards Plateau SWCD #222 to raise their request for matching funds from \$700.00 for fiscal year 1974 and from \$700.00 for fiscal year 1975 to the legal limit of \$3,000.00 for fiscal year 1974 and 1975. The district has recently embarked on a much larger program of operations than had been anticipated at the time matching fund requests were submitted. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by E. W. Wehman, the Board approved the request.

Ed Thomas, Soil Conservation Service, State Conservationist, reported briefly on the status of funding for his agency. He particularly noted a shortage of travel funds and explained that some watershed planning may be delayed as a result of limited funds. He indicated that trust funds from local watershed sponsors for mileage and per diem expenses could possibly expedite the completion of some plans and that his agency would welcome such trust fund arrangements. It was agreed that the Board and the Soil Conservation Service would reach a joint understanding on the details of any trust fund agreements.

The Board agreed that its next meeting would be held in December if arrangements could be completed and if a meeting was needed. Chairman Frank Gray then recessed the meeting at 5:30 p.m. so that Board members and staff could participate in the Annual Statewide Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon on November 1, 1973.

J. Frank Gray  
Chairman

Josephine Chespek  
Secretary

1/17/74  
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 October 30, 1973.

1/17/74  
Date

Harvey Davis  
Executive Director