

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
November 16, 1972

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on November 16, 1972 in the Conference Room, 1016 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

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

Others present were: Harvey Davis, Executive Director; John Millican, Assistant Executive Director; Sonny Kretzschmar, Engineer; Don Brandenberger, Field Representative; and Josephine Chupik, Office Manager of the State Board staff; Ed Thomas, State Conservationist and Logan Crews, Assistant State Conservationist, Watersheds of the Soil Conservation Service.

The minutes of the October 17, 1972 meeting were approved as read.

Sonny Kretzschmar reported on P. L. 566 watershed activity. Several field exams have been made and more are scheduled including re-studies. Watershed data and statistics on Rock Dry Creek, Los Olmos and Sandia Creeks, Commanche Creek, Elm Creek and Hamilton Creek were given each Board Member.

A request has been made by the sponsors of the three Jackson County watersheds, (1) Caranchua, Cox's, Keller's Creeks, (2) Lavaca River, Garcitas Creek and Chicolete Creek tributaries, and (3) Navidad River, Big Sandy Creek & Mustang Creek to withdraw these watershed applications. On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board agreed to approve withdrawal of these three applications upon receipt of a letter from the sponsors requesting the withdrawal.

Logan Crews reported the Council on Environmental Quality was now requiring an additional public hearing following field level reviews on P. L. 566 watershed projects. The Board agreed to be represented at these public hearings.

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board concurred in developing York Creek in and near Yorktown under RC & D funding.

On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board granted a planning priority under Public Law 566 on Hamilton Creek in and near Burnet and concurred with planning and developing Comanche Creek in and near Mason with R C & D funds contingent upon the withdrawal of this application under Public Law 566. Sonny Kretzschmar and Logan Crews will meet with the sponsors of Comanche Creek to discuss this action.

On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Henry Turney, the Board approved the appointment of the following District Directors:

Ed Weil - Hale County SWCD #132
Jack Welch - Foard County SWCD #161
Willard E. Weiser - Limestone-Falls SWCD #501
Elvis Faubion - Hill Country SWCD #534

A petition received on November 13, 1972 to transfer that portion of Howard County in the North Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District #208 to the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District #243 was reviewed by the Board. On motion of Henry Turney, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the transfer of this territory as being practicable and feasible and approved the new subdivisions for each district.

Harvey Davis reported on the attendance at our Annual State meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors held in Houston, Texas on October 17, 18, 19, 1972. Of the 603 people in attendance, 236 of these were directors representing 122 districts, 137 were directors' wives, 62 other ladies and 168 other men. A financial statement was given to each Board member. (copy attached)

Resolutions as approved by the District Directors at the Annual State meeting were reviewed.

The Board reviewed the Model act for soil erosion and sediment control as was recommended in the resolution pertaining to this act. Wording changes in the contents were considered. No official action was taken.

The Board discussed its 1974-75 budget request. They agreed to continue working towards additional personnel needed in the Districts and additional field representatives. Directors travel expense to the Annual State Meeting was discussed. At the present time only two District Directors receive per diem for two days in attendance and one district Director receives mileage. It was generally agreed that all Directors should receive expenses while attending the State Meeting.

Results of October elections held in Zone 4 were reviewed. Of the 185 elections held, 127 directors were re-elected and 58 new directors were elected. Staff members are making contacts with the 7 districts that have not reported. A statistical report on the Directors, re-elected and new, showing age, education, land ownership, acres operated and other professions was presented to each Board Member.

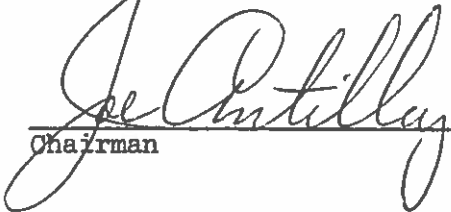
Constitutional Amendments 9 and 12 were discussed. Amendment 9 would exempt soil and water conservation district directors from the constitutional prohibition of dual office holding. This amendment was defeated at the polls; however, amendment 12 passed which will exempt district directors from dual office holding as well as State employees, teachers, city employees, etc.

The Board agreed to finalize negotiations with the people in Fort Worth as the site for the 1973 Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors to be held on October 30, 31, and November 1, 1973 at the Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel.

The next regular State Board meeting will be held on January 18, 1973.

Reservations were given to each Board Member for the NACD meeting to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada on February 11-15, 1973.

On motion of E. W. Wehman, seconded by Frank Gray, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

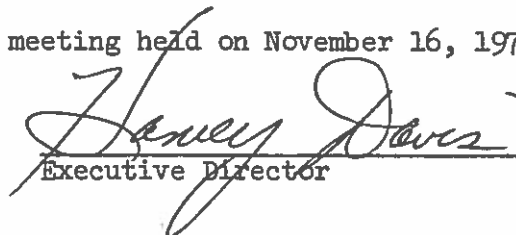

Chairman


Secretary

1-18-73
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 November 16, 1972.

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Date


Executive Director