

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
January 20, 1988

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on Wednesday, January 20, 1988 at 8:00 a. m. in its Conference Room at 311 North 5th, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Joe Antilley, Chairman  
C. F. "Dick" Schendel, Vice Chairman  
Fred Squyres, Member  
Albert Roach, Member  
Hermon Petty, Member

Staff members present were:

Harvey Davis, Executive Director  
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director  
R. G. Buckley, Director of Programs  
Leonard Pietzsch, Chief Accountant  
James Moore, Engineer  
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor  
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist  
Jay Kuykendall, Planner  
Mel Davis, Soil Conservationist  
Rex Isom, Soil Conservationist  
Robert Gruner, Soil Conservationist  
Johnny Oswald, Soil Conservationist  
Moe Seidensticker, Soil Conservationist  
Roy Freeman, Soil Conservationist  
Joe Freeman, Soil Conservationist  
David Powell, Soil Conservationist  
Joe McKay, Soil Conservationist  
Don Brandenberger, Soil Conservationist  
W. T. "Dub" Crumley, Soil Conservationist

Others present were:

Charles "Buddy" Clark, Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts  
Wes Oneth, Soil Conservation Service  
Dale Fischgrabe, Soil Conservation Service  
Comer Tuck, Texas Water Development Board  
Dr. Clarence Richardson, Agricultural Research Service

Chairman Antilley called the meeting to order.

On motion of Dick Schendel, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board approved the minutes of the November 18, 1987 meeting as read.

John Millican reviewed information on appointees for district directors for consideration of approval by the Board. On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded

by Hermon Petty, the Board approved the following district director appointments:

- Alton Riddell - Cap Rock SWCD # 126
- Stanford Conoly - West Nueces-Las Moras SWCD # 236
- Jim McDaniel - West Nueces-Las Moras SWCD # 236
- Marty H. Graham - Upper Nueces-Frio SWCD # 238
- Ben Korzekwa - Wilson County SWCD # 301
- Sammy Dobbs - Fannin SWCD # 520
- C. William Hermes - Upper Elm-Red SWCD # 524
- Bill Razor - Collin County SWCD # 535
- Kennett M. LeForge - Collin County SWCD # 535
- Jerald Wilson - Central Colorado SWCD # 550

John Millican presented a petition received January 13, 1988 from the San Saba-Brady Soil and Water Conservation District # 214 to divide, reorganize and create the McCulloch SWCD # 249 and the San Saba SWCD # 250. Each proposed new district consists of one county. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board accepted the petition and authorized the staff to proceed setting dates for public hearings.

John Millican reported on the survey sent to district directors for site preferences to determine the location for the 1989 and 1990 Annual Statewide meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors. The results indicate the following with the highest preferences:

<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
San Antonio	San Antonio
Austin	Austin
McAllen	Corpus Christi

The Board directed the staff to check each location for available lodging and meeting room facilities and prices. This information will be considered in the next Board meeting at which time a site will be chosen for the 1989 and 1990 meetings.

James Moore informed the Board that the application for assistance under PL 83-566 for the Seco Creek watershed in Medina County had been held up in the Texas Review and Comment System and had not been received as expected. Mr. Moore indicated that the application should be ready for consideration at the March Board meeting.

James Moore briefed the Board on the status of the groundwater nonpoint

source assessment and management program being prepared by the state ground water protection committee. Mr. Moore presented the attached two proposed management programs for agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source ground water problems; one general in nature and one specific to problems reported by the state ground water assessment. Mr. Moore explained that work on the management program would be ongoing for several months and that unless the Board had objections to any part of the proposals, the staff would proceed to work with the ground water protection committee to incorporate them in the state management program. On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Dick Schendel, the Board authorized the staff to proceed with incorporation of the proposed management programs in the state nonpoint source management programs. James Moore then presented the attached status report on the Surface Water Nonpoint Source assessment.

Joe Antilley welcomed all the guests, introduced Wes Oneth, new State Conservationist for Texas and asked for comments.

Wes Oneth gave the Board some background on himself and indicated that he was looking forward to working in Texas.

Dale Fischgrabe updated the Board on activities relative to the Food Security Act, notified them of a Wind Strip Cropping Seminar to be held in Lubbock, discussed the 1991 expiration of the Great Plains Conservation Program and briefed the Board on a Geographic Information System being set up in their soils department. Mr. Fischgrabe told the Board that Dick Babcock had been selected as the new State Soil Scientist, that both the SCS State Office and the State Board had representation at an EPA meeting in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi relative to a program being proposed by EPA called the Gulf Coast Initiative and brought the Board up to date on SCS personnel outlook for the immediate future. Mr. Fischgrabe indicated that 89 people had been hired since October 1, and that more would be hired during the next four to six weeks.

Dr. Clarence Richardson indicated that the Agricultural Research Service

budget for fiscal year 1988 looked good with funding being above their 1987 level. Dr. Richardson indicated that the position of Director of the Experiment Station had not been filled.

Comer Tuck announced that the Water Development Board had adopted some new rules on their agricultural water conservation programs at their November meeting. Mr. Tuck indicated that an application from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District under their Pilot Loan Program would be considered at their January Board meeting and informed the Board that no information had been received by them relative to the oil overcharge funds being administered by the Governor's Office.

Bob Buckley reviewed the Board's Annual Financial Report for the year ending August 31, 1987. The Comptroller of Public Accounts has developed the guidelines and format of the report.

Bob Buckley presented a request for reimbursement of technical assistance funds for FY 1987 from the Waters Davis SWCD # 318 in the amount of \$973.50 and from the Sulphur-Cypress SWCD # 419 in the amount of \$40.00. Since funds were available, on motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Fred Squyres, the Board approved payment of these claims.

A letter of request for an allocation of 1988 Conservation Assistance (matching) funds from Taylor SWCD # 513 in the amount of \$3,800.00 was considered by the Board. This district has recently moved into its new office building and the district's funds are below \$25,000.00. On motion of Dick Schendel, seconded by Fred Squyres, the Board allocated \$2,500.00 in Conservation Assistance funds to the Taylor SWCD.

Since this is the 5th month of the 1988 FY, the Board discussed re-allocation of Technical Assistance funds. On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Dick Schendel, the Board agreed to survey districts to determine availability of funds in this program and use the survey results in its re-allocation of funds in the March Board meeting.

Bob Buckley informed the Board that Subchapter H funds for FY 1988 in the amount of \$98,126.61 were available for allocation to Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Technical assistance needs by districts with projected water supply shortages, major irrigated areas and sediment contributions potentially affecting water supplies were reviewed. On motion of Dick Schendel, seconded by Fred Squyres, the Board allocated \$2,000.00 to the Colorado SWCD #333. On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Dick Schendel, the Board allocated \$2,000.00 to the Taylor SWCD # 513. With a balance of \$94,126.61, on motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board agreed to apportion funding according to the following table for allocation to individual soil and water conservation districts later in the meeting:

Area I	\$29,492.50
Area II	16,628.75
Area III	22,590.00
Area IV	8,785.00
Area V	16,628.75
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total	\$94,125.00

A motion was made by Fred Squyres, seconded by Hermon Petty to disregard the criteria set for other funding to districts by considering districts with fund balances over \$50,000.00. Voting for the motion were Fred Squyres and Hermon Petty. Voting against were Dick Schendel, Albert Roach and Joe Antilley. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Albert Roach, seconded by Dick Schendel, to use the same criteria set for other funding to districts by not considering districts with fund balances of \$50,000.00 or more. Voting for the motion were Albert Roach and Dick Schendel. Voting against the motion were Hermon Petty and Fred Squyres. Chairman Antilley voted for the motion. Motion passed.

Bob Buckley informed the Board that the instructions on preparation of the 1990 and 1991 budget request would be forthcoming soon. The budget request would be due in June 1988. On motion of Dick Schendel, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board agreed to conduct a survey of soil and water conservation

districts to determine needs in Technical Assistance funds and Conservation Assistance funds.

Clyde Gottschalk briefed the Board on information and education activities relative to teachers workshops and Boy Scout workshops for 1988, a Forestry Management Video Cassette scheduled for the third week in February and development of district director training video cassettes. Mr. Gottschalk discussed development of Shoreline Erosion and Conservation Tillage Video cassettes, development of new artwork for the text book cover project and development of Radio Public Service announcements. Mr. Gottschalk briefed the Board on Project Land, Food and People, a program in connection with Project Learning Tree, and indicated that a development meeting will be held during February 1988.

Harvey Davis reviewed resolutions from the Texas Section-Society for Range Management on maintenance of technical assistance by the USDA on rangelands in Texas and the USDA interference in composition of soil and water conservation district boards. No action required by the Board.

The annual meeting of the National Association of Conservation Districts will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas on January 31 thru February 4, 1988. Confirmation of lodging reservations were given each Board member.

The South Central and Southeast Area meetings of NACD will be held in Puerto Rico on July 25-29, 1988. More information will be available on this meeting Monday, February 1, 1988. Deposits on reservations are due by February 15, 1988.

The Texas Farmers' Union will hold its annual meeting on January 28-30, 1988 in Fort Worth, Texas at the Hilton Hotel.

On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by Dick Schendel, the Board authorized attendance of Albert Roach at the RC and D meeting of eight southwestern states in Fort Smith, Arkansas on March 3, 4 and 5, 1988.

State Board member elections will be held this year in Area II in San Angelo, Texas at Angelo State University and Area IV in Nacogdoches, Texas

at Stephen F. Austin University on May 3, 1988. Information on these elections and forms to be completed on the designation of delegate and alternate from each district in Area II and IV will be mailed on January 26, 1988.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 16, 1988.

At 1:51 p.m. Chairman Antilley announced that in compliance with Article 6252-17, Section 2 (g) Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, the open meetings act, the Board is going into Executive Session to review personnel matters and will reconvene in open session following the Executive Session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 3:23 p.m.

On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Dick Schendel, the Board gave Harvey Davis a vote of confidence.

As discussed earlier in this meeting, allocation of Subchapter H technical assistance funds for FY 1988 were considered. On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Dick Schendel, the Board allocated these funds to districts as per attached.

On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Albert Roach, the meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Joe Antilley  
Chairman

Josephine Chupik  
Secretary

March 16, 1988  
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on January 20, 1988.

March 16, 1988  
Date

Samuel Davis  
Executive Director