

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
January 21, 1982

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on January 21, 1982 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Agriculture Building at Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas.

Board members present were:

Joe Antilley, Vice Chairman
Hermon L. Petty, Member
Frank Gray, Member
C. F. Schendel, Member

Staff members present were:

A. C. Spencer, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor
James Moore, Engineer
Leonard Pietzsch, Chief Accountant
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist
Mel Davis, Soil Conservationist

Others present were:

E. W. Wehman, Former Area III Board Member
Joe Montgomery, President, Assn. of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts
Budd Fountain, Soil Conservation Service
J. C. Brown, Soil Conservation Service
Dr. B. L. Harris, Texas Agricultural Extension Service
Bruce Miles, Texas Forest Service
Jim Webster, Kirby Forest Ind., Inc.

Vice Chairman Joe Antilley called the meeting to order.

Since each board member received by mail a copy of the minutes of the meeting held November 10, 1981, and there being no changes, on motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Hermon Petty, the minutes were approved without being read.

On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by C. F. Schendel, John Ashley Sanders was appointed district director on the Board of the Brazos-Robertson SWCD # 431.

Carl Spencer reported that the film documentary on the State Plan was in final form. He informed the Board that the public review period for the 1981 RCA Program Report and EIS Revised Draft has been extended from January 15 to January 29. Approximately 4,700 responses have been received at the State office of Soil Conservation Service.

Carl Spencer reported on a recent meeting in Austin with representatives of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service on wetlands. With many unanswered questions raised in regards to the use of the new classification system on wetlands, the Soil Conservation Service will conduct field tests to verify validity of this system. If problems cannot be solved other alternatives will be explored. Hopefully, it will clear up unanswered questions on the proposed wetlands definitions.

Carl Spencer discussed items to be considered for the 1984-85 biennium budget request. Instructions for preparation are due to arrive in June. The Board discussed funding for shoreline erosion, watershed construction, acceleration of soil surveys, conservation information/education, technical assistance, and conservation assistance funding. On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Hermon Petty, the board agreed on a limitation of \$7,500 per district as a maximum per district in conservation assistance funding. The Board agreed to include a rider in its budget request to remove the State meeting account from the State Treasury.

Each Board member was given an itemized statement of finances on the 1981 State meeting held in Amarillo, Texas.

Confirmation of lodging reservations was given to each board member for the NACD meeting on February 7 thru 11, 1982 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mel Davis informed the Board of the deadline for the Conservation Awards Program entries is February 16, 1982.

Dates for the Conservation Area Awards Program in each area are as follows:

Area I	May 7	Canyon, West Texas State University
Area II	May 6	San Angelo, Angelo State University
Area III	May 11	Beeville, Bee County Coliseum
Area IV	May 4	Nacogdoches, Stephen F. Austin University
Area V	April 29	Stephenville, Stephenville High School

Mr. Schendel informed the Board of his trip to Litchfield Park, Arizona sponsored by the Goodyear Awards Program for soil and water conservation districts.

Extensive effort is put forth in applying conservation. He urged that more emphasis be placed on soil and water conservation district participation in this worthwhile program. Entries in the program from soil and water conservation districts should be mailed in by March 1, 1982 to the Judging Committee.

Clyde Gottschalk reported that statewide TV public service programs are completed.

Carl Spencer reported on the Louisiana State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation Districts he attended on January 7-9, 1982.

During the staff conference on January 26, 27, 28 and 29, staff members will be involved in special training courses instructed by David Stockbridge of the Fort Worth Technical Office of Soil Conservation Service.

Vice Chairman Antilley welcomed former Board Member, E. W. Wehman and other guests present.

Bill Harris discussed the February 11-12 Soil Survey Meeting.

Bruce Miles reported on activities of the Texas Forest Service.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for March 18, 1982.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Albert Roach
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

March 18, 1982
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on January 21, 1982.

March 18, 1982
Date

Carl Spencer
Executive Director