

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
March 18, 1981

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on March 18, 1981 at 8:30 a.m. in the Wine Cellar Room of the Fairway Oaks Golf and Racquet Club, US 83-84 and Antilley Road, Abilene, Texas.

Board Members present were:

H. W. Turney, Chairman  
Albert Roach, Vice Chairman  
J. Frank Gray, Member  
Joe Antilley, Member  
C. F. "Dick" Schendel, Member

Staff Members present were:

A. C. Spencer, Executive Director  
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor  
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs  
James Moore, Engineer  
Jay Kuykendall, Engineering Technician

Soil Conservation Service staff members present were:

Jimmy Hill, Assistant State Conservationist, Water Resources  
Joe J. McEntire, Area Conservationist  
Beade Northcut, Watershed Planning

Chairman Turney called the meeting to order.

Since copies of the minutes of the January 13, 1981 board meeting were received in the mail by each board member and there being no changes, on motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, the minutes were approved without being read.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the following district director appointments:

A. J. Johnson, Jr. - Hall-Childress SWCD # 109  
James Riggle - Bee SWCD # 344  
Aubrey L. Gandy - Trinity Neches SWCD # 422  
Luther Moye - Long Leaf SWCD # 439  
Carl E. Bubert - Hamilton-Coryell SWCD # 506

A petition and supporting documents to transfer the portion of Fannin County in the Collin County SWCD # 535 to the Fannin County SWCD # 520 was filed on February 13, 1981. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the Board determined the transfer to be practicable and feasible and approved the new subdivision lines for each district.

Bob Buckley briefed the Board on the Recodification of agricultural laws. A summary of the interpretations of all the laws relating to agriculture is being made. This will be an updating of the wording and study of the laws within the next eighteen months. The document consists of 1,100 pages.

Carl Spencer discussed briefly bills before the legislature. A bill to research coastal erosion problems was being introduced. The Texas Natural Resources Information System is promoting legislation for \$7 million to be used for infra-red air photography from satellite to color code land use and land conditions. Agencies of the State dealing with natural resources compose TNRIS. If money is appropriated, our agency stands the possibility of handling the funds. After a lengthy discussion, on motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Frank Gray, the board agreed that due to our limited staff it would not be feasible for our agency to handle the funding. Other legislation discussed was the low level nuclear waste, right to farm bill and the exemption of livestock and poultry from taxation.

Bob Buckley reported on the hearing by the House Subcommittee on Agriculture and Livestock held on March 11, 1981 on our 1982-83 budget request.

James Moore discussed the progress on the State Conservation Plan. He gave a preliminary draft of Chapter 1 and 3 plus the outline of the document to each board member for further study and input. The plan must be at the printer prior to September 1. The group decided to call a special meeting

in April to work on the contents of the plan.

James Moore gave the Board copies of EPA's agricultural nonpoint source strategy accompanied by a comment letter prepared by the staff in response to the strategy. A general discussion of the comments followed.

James Moore presented a letter of request received February 23, 1981 from the Bastrop Bayou watershed in the Waters Davis SWCD # 318 for the cancellation of the application on this watershed project. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board withdrew the PL 83-566 watershed application on Bastrop Bayou.

S 423, in the Senate of the United States, "to improve the operations of certain water resource projects submitted to the Committee on Public Works of the Congress" was given each member of the Board for review. This bill amends sections of the PL 83-566 watershed protection and flood prevention law. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

A PL 83-566 planning priority was considered. The board had a tour and public hearing on Tuesday, March 17, 1981 at Albany on the North Fork of Hubbard Creek in the vicinity of Albany sponsored by the City of Albany, County Commissioners Court and the Lower Clear Fork of the Brazos Soil and Water Conservation District # 531. Local sponsors are ready to get the project underway. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the Board granted a planning priority on the North Fork of Hubbard Creek.

Letters of request from King and Stonewall Soil and Water Conservation Districts for a special allocation of \$1,000.00 to each district were considered. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board gave a special allocation of \$1,000.00 to each district for fiscal year

ending August 31, 1981.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 21, 1981.

Mr. Turney thanked the Joe Antilleys for their hospitality and delicious meal served in their home March 17.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Albert Roach  
Chairman

Josephine Chupik  
Secretary

May 20, 1981  
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on March 18, 1981.

May 20, 1981  
Date

G. W. Fender  
Executive Director