

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
April 22, 1982

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on April 22, 1982 at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1006 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Albert Roach, Chairman
Joe Antilley, Vice Chairman
Hermon Petty, Member
Frank Gray, Member
Clarence F. Schendel, Member

Staff members present were:

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

Others present were:

Joe Montgomery, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Jimmy Hill, Water Resources, Soil Conservation Service
Dr. B. L. Harris, Texas Agricultural Extension Service

Chairman Roach called the meeting to order.

Since each board member received by mail a copy of the minutes of the meeting held March 18, 1982, and there being no changes, on motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Hermon Petty, the minutes were approved without being read.

A request for zone boundary changes in the Jasper-Newton Soil and Water Conservation District # 441 was discussed. To make a more equitable distribution of population in zones 4 and 5, on motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the board approved the change in boundaries.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the following district director appointments were approved:

W. L. (Willie) Price - Canadian River SWCD # 160
Edward J. Mulvey - Kerr County SWCD # 217
Matthew W. Favdree - Midland SWCD # 244
Roy S. Simmons - Jasper-Newton SWCD # 441
Dan Maeyers - Wise SWCD # 548

A petition and supporting documents to transfer the portion of Grayson County in the Collin County SWCD # 535 to the Upper Elm-Red SWCD # 524 was filed on April 22, 1982. On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board determined the transfer to be practicable and feasible and approved the new subdivision lines for each district.

The recently organized Stonewall Soil and Water Conservation District # 167 requested by letter an allocation of \$1,500.00 in Matching Funds for the 1983 fiscal year. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the request was approved.

The following items were approved by the board for the 1984 and 1985 biennium budget request:

On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Hermon Petty, conservation assistance in the amount of \$1,012,202 for 1984 and \$1,027,769 for 1985 as requested by districts.

On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by Frank Gray, Executive Director's salary be increased to \$43,000 plus 13.6% in 1984 and 10.2% in 1985.

On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by Joe Antilley, across-the-board salary increases for classified employees recommended at levels of 13.6% in 1984 and 10.2% in 1985.

On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by Frank Gray, include merit salary increases of 3.4% in 1984 and 1985.

On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Joe Antilley, general operating expenses for current activities approved at \$91,682 for 1984 and \$93,682 for 1985.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Frank Gray, include \$300,000 in 1984 and 1985 for Soil Survey Development.

Contingent upon additional data collection included \$250,000 in 1984 for Shoreline Erosion Research with the unexpended balance to be requested for 1985.

On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by Frank Gray, agreed to request \$113,104 in 1984 and \$102,104 in 1985 to expand the agency's information and educational related activities.

On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Hermon Petty, agreed not to request funding on P. L. 83-566 watershed construction.

On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Joe Antilley, agreed to request \$1,477,500 for each year of the biennium to establish a grant program to allow Soil and Water Conservation Districts to employ technical personnel.

On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by Frank Gray, the programs were prioritized by vote of the board members as follows:

- (1) Conservation Assistance
- (2) Soil Survey Development
- (3) Information/Education Program
- (4) Technical Assistance Grants
- (5) Shoreline Erosion Research

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Frank Gray, the board tentatively approved the agency's total budget request of \$4,677,584 for the 1984 fiscal year and \$4,455,787 for the 1985 fiscal year.

Carl Spencer reported the 24 page pictorial publication of the State Plan is available. Each soil and water conservation district chairman has been sent a copy. Numerous requests have been filled for the publication. Copies of a film documentation to be used throughout the State will be available in the near future.

Carl Spencer reported our agency is presently being audited by the State Auditor's Office.

A copy of the "Soil and Water Conservation; The Texas Approach" had been mailed to the new chief of Soil Conservation Service, Peter C. Myers. Mr. Myers will be in Texas on April 27-30 to view soil and water conservation management activities.

Mel Davis and M. J. Spears briefed the board on their participation in the meeting on wetlands classification systems in preparation of the field tests to be conducted in eight counties.

Joe Montgomery reported that thirteen meetings have been held throughout the State by the Governor's Task Force Committee in preparation for developing a State Water Plan.

Bill Harris reported the Soil Conservation Society of America, Texas Chapter, will hold its meeting in Corpus Christi on July 15 and 16, 1982.

The State Soil Judging contest will be held June 9.

M. J. Spears invited the board members to attend the State Woodland Clinic to be held on Wednesday, April 28 at Camp Pirtle Boy Scout Camp near Timpson.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on May 20, 1982.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Albert Roach

Chairman

Josephine Chupik

Secretary

May 20, 1982

Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on April 22, 1982.

May 20, 1982

Date

G. J. Spencer

Executive Director