

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
June 12, 1980

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on June 12, 1980 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room, 1006 First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present:

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

Staff members present were:

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

Others present were:

George Marks, Soil Conservation Service
Dr. Clarence Richardson, Science and Education Administration
Jim Webster, Texas Forestry Association

Chairman Turney called the meeting to order and welcomed new Board Member, C. F. "Dick" Schendel who was elected to represent State Area III on May 6, 1980.

Since copies of minutes of the May 1 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 following district director appointments were approved:

Ivan Ogerly - Lamb County SWCD # 130
E. E. Puckett - Cottle County SWCD # 163
Scott Shurley - Edwards Plateau SWCD # 222
A. T. Gill - Maverick SWCD # 228
David L. Hines - Lower Neches SWCD # 437

Bob Buckley reviewed the 1982-83 biennium budget request. The request was prepared as per instructions set up at the last Board meeting. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Frank Gray, the Board approved the request.

John Millican presented a request from the Floyd County SWCD # 104 for changes in its zone boundary lines. Zone boundaries were set up on section lines originally. The district requested zone boundary lines be set on public roads which would also equalize the voter population for each zone. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Dick Schendel, the Board approved the zone boundary line changes. Due to zone boundary line changes, the district had submitted two director appointments which were incomplete. On motion of Frank Gray, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board tabled action on the appointments pending proper documentation.

John Millican informed the Board a public hearing will be held at Aspermont on June 23 and at Guthrie on June 24, 1980 in regard to a petition filed on the division and reorganization of the King-Stonewall Soil and Water Conservation District # 120.

James Moore gave the board a status report on the new Land Treatment Only program being developed under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program. James Moore then presented an application for assistance under PL 83-566 for land treatment only for the Big Creek watershed in Delta County. On a motion by Albert Roach, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board disapproved the application pending a feasibility study. James Moore also presented an application for assistance for flood control under PL 83-566 for the West Fork of Buffalo Creek in the vicinity of Cleburne, Texas. On a motion by Joe Antilley, seconded by C. F. "Dick" Schendel, the board approved the application as being feasible for planning.

Mr. Spencer informed the Board on progress being made on the State Plan development. Preliminary questionnaires were completed, with staff assistance, in ten districts to formulate plans for the statewide program. Questionnaires

have been mailed to each district for completion. Deadline for questionnaires to be returned is August 1, 1980.

The Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors to be held in San Antonio, Texas on September 29, 30 and October 1, was discussed. Mr. Spencer informed the Board that speakers on the program have accepted and a letter giving the particulars on lodging reservations and a brief on the program would be mailed out the last week in June to all district directors.

A selection of the site for the 1981 Annual Meeting of SWCDs will be made in the Board meeting in Arlington.

James Moore gave a report on EPA activities directed at evaluating the State's abilities to implement nonpoint source controls. James Moore also gave the Board members excerpts from the draft EPA Region VI Nonpoint Source Strategy which were of particular concern to the Board. James Moore informed the Board of a meeting on June 18 between the Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Department of Water Resources, Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board and others regarding a fiscal year 1981 nonpoint source priority list. James Moore gave a report on the status of our water quality planning contract with the TDWR and reviewed deadlines which would occur in the next few months.


Mr. Spencer reported that he had received an invitation from Steve Pringle of the State ASCS office to participate in the development of an application for assistance under the Experimental Rural Clean Water Program administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, USDA. The proposed project area would include portions of segment 0303 of the Sulphur River basin. After a thorough discussion, the Board decided to postpone participation until more information could be obtained regarding the project area and the suspected pollutants involved. The staff was instructed to explore the possibilities of arranging a joint meeting of the State ASCS Committee and the State Soil and Water Conservation Board to obtain this information.

Clyde Gottschalk discussed a proposal for a fifteen to twenty minute color-sound film which would be a documented case study on the development of the State plan. The film would concentrate on how soil and water conservation districts have the capabilities of identifying their problems, planning for their solutions, and how districts have the capabilities and means to get conservation applied on the land. The board approved by consensus the concept pending availability of funds. A proposed budget is to be considered at a later date.

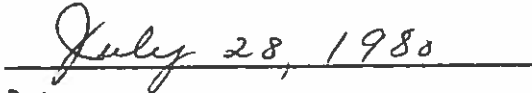
Remarks were made by George Marks, Dr. Richardson and Jim Webster. Each spoke briefly about their organization's activities.

The next board meeting will be held during the South Central meeting of Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Arlington, Texas, on July 27, 28, and 29th instead of the regular scheduled meeting on July 17, 1980.

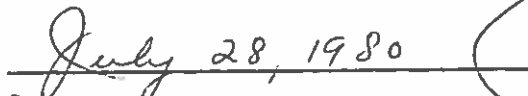
The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary


Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on June 12, 1980.


Date


Executive Director