

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
July 10, 1981

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on July 10, 1981 at 8:30 a.m. in the Holiday Room, Holiday Inn on Interstate 20 at Estes Parkway Exit, Longview, Texas.

Board Members present were:

Albert Roach, Chairman
Joe Antilley, Vice Chairman
C. F. Schendel, Member
Hermon L. Petty, Member

Staff Members present were:

A. C. Spencer, Executive Director
John Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs
Leonard Pietzsch, Chief Accountant
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor
Mel Davis, Field Representative
David Powell, Field Representative

Others present were:

W. Q. Richards, Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
George Marks, Soil Conservation Service
Alfred Mackin, Jr., Lamar Soil & Water Conservation District # 415
J. B. Webster, Texas Forestry Association
Bruce Miles, Texas Forest Service
Dr. Earl Burnett, Science and Education Administration

Chairman Roach welcomed the guests and called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the May 20, 1981 meeting were approved as read.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Hermon Petty, the following district director appointments were approved:

Jessie D. Hartman - Terry SWCD # 151
Edward L. Dittberner - McClellan Creek SWCD # 156
Dan E. Davis - Nueces-Frio-Sabinal SWCD #221
Jerome H. Hoelscher - Middle Concho SWCD # 234
Carroll Choate - Howard SWCD # 243
J. O. Sherrill - Matagorda SWCD # 316
Royal Hennecke - Colorado SWCD # 333
Alonso Uribe - Zapata SWCD # 335
Jarvis Herbst - Hill Country SWCD # 534
Roy Quisenberry - Miller-Brazos SWCD # 542

John Millican reported on the public hearing conducted July 7, 1981 in El Paso, Texas to gather information concerning the possible removal of George A. Molinar from the office of Director of the El Paso-Hudspeth Soil and Water Conservation District # 205. Each Board Member was provided a transcript of the proceedings of this hearing. Testimony presented by Bob Adams, Chairman of the El Paso-Hudspeth Soil and Water Conservation District revealed that Mr. Molinar had not attended a meeting of the board for six months. After determining that sufficient evidence had been presented to establish that Mr. Molinar had neglected his duty as director, on motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the Board, in accordance with Section 6(j) of Article 165 a-4 Vernon's Annotated Texas Statutes, removed George A. Molinar from the office of director of the El Paso-Hudspeth Soil and Water Conservation District for his neglect of duty.

George Marks discussed five applications for land treatment watershed projects which had previously been disapproved by the Board pending a feasibility study. On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board granted a special planning priority for a land treatment project on Caddo Creek in Collin and Hunt Counties sponsored by the Collin County and Upper Sabine Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Bob Buckley reported on the General Appropriation Bill, H.B. 656, Acts of the 67th Legislature as it pertains to the State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Carl Spencer reported on the long-range State Conservation Plan. The final draft document was presented for the Board's consideration. On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board approved the document.

John Millican briefed the board on a meeting of the Planning Committee for the 1981 Annual State Meeting. In addition to the usual format, it was decided to have "topic" discussion sessions covering subjects of interest to Soil and Water Conservation District Directors and also to have the Bookkeepers

and Clerks meeting incorporated into the Tuesday afternoon session. Several possible speakers were chosen to be invited to address the general sessions and the banquet.

Future Annual State Meeting sites were considered by the Board. Facilities have been inspected at San Antonio, Corpus Christi, McAllen, Abilene and Waco. Annual State Meeting attendance is sizable and available meeting sites are limited to a few cities with adequate accommodations. Since available cities have their facilities booked years in advance, the Board decided to select sites several years in advance. On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the Board chose McAllen as the site for the 1983 Annual State Meeting with dates being October 24, 25 and 26 and Corpus Christi as the site for 1984 with dates being October 22, 23, and 24, 1984. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board chose San Antonio for the meeting site in 1985. The dates are October 7, 8 and 9, 1985.

Leonard Pietzsch reported to the Board that the amount appropriated by the State Legislature for Conservation Assistance for each year of the 1982-83 biennium is \$637,389. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the Board approved the allocations for the 1982 and 1983 Conservation Assistance as per attachment.

Carl Spencer discussed the implications of U. S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service substitution of FWS/OBS-79/31 December 1979 for Circular 39, 1956 in defining and identifying wetlands of the United States. Mr. Spencer stated that once a landowner's land is classified as wetlands its primary use for production purposes is finished according to FWS/OBS-79/31. On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the Board passed the attached resolution voicing its objection.

Reservations for lodging were given to each board member for the South Central meeting of NACD to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the Williams Plaza Hotel on July 26-28, 1981.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for September 17, 1981.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Albert Roach
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

September 17, 1981
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on July 10, 1981.

September 17, 1981
Date

[Signature]
Executive Director