

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
July 20, 1988

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on Wednesday, July 20, 1988  
at 8:00 a.m. in its Conference Room at 311 North 5th, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

C. F. "Dick" Schendel, Chairman  
Fred Squyres, Vice Chairman  
Joe Antilley, Member  
Hermon Petty, Member  
Larry McCasland, Member

Staff members present were:

Harvey Davis, Executive Director  
John W. Millican, Assistant Executive Director  
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs  
James Moore, Engineer  
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor  
Mel Davis, Soil Conservationist  
Bob Gruner, Soil Conservationist  
Rex Isom, Soil Conservationist  
Johnny Oswald, Soil Conservationist  
Joe Freeman, Soil Conservationist  
Roy Freeman, Soil Conservationist  
Andy Garza, Soil Conservationist  
David Powell, Soil Conservationist  
Joe McKay, Soil Conservationist  
Don Brandenberger, Soil Conservationist  
W. T. "Dub" Crumley, Soil Conservationist  
Janet Gonser, Planner  
Jay Kuykendall, Planner  
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist  
Leonard Pietzsch, Chief Accountant

Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts  
representatives present were:

Clyde Hale, President  
Buddy Clark, Vice President  
Waldo Smith, Past President

Others present were:

Wes Oneth, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service  
Dale Fischgrabe, Deputy Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service  
Dr. B. L. Harris, Soils Specialist, Texas Agriculture Extension Service  
Comer Tuck, Agricultural Conservation Unit, Texas Water Development Board  
Ed Barron, Texas Forest Service  
Dr. Clarence Richardson, Agricultural Research Service

Chairman Schendel introduced Janet Gonser and Andy Garza, new employees of  
the State Board and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Larry McCasland, the minutes of the May 25, 1988 board meeting were approved as mailed out to each board member.

John Millican reviewed information on appointees for district directors for consideration of approval by the Board. On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board approved the following district director appointments:

Robert W. Boston - Donley County SWCD # 127  
Donald Pshigoda - Ochiltree SWCD # 142  
D. A. Harral - Trans-Pecos SWCD # 231  
Sabas Cortez, III - Coastal Plains SWCD # 317  
Elton W. Litzmann - Colorado SWCD # 333  
Richard Wright - Sulphur-Cypress SWCD # 419  
John Leon Bagley - Rusk SWCD # 447  
Kenneth Lesley - Bosque SWCD # 522  
Richard Morgan - Miller-Brazos SWCD # 542

James Moore briefed the Board on comments received at a public hearing held in Austin on June 29, 1988 relative to the State nonpoint source assessment, reviewed comment letters from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Mr. Brandt Mannchen and the Soil Conservation Service which contained comments pertinent to the Agricultural/Silvicultural component of the State nonpoint source assessment and reported on a hearing held by the subcommittee on nonpoint source pollution of the House Natural Resources Committee in Arlington on June 30, 1988. Mr. Moore discussed meetings with the Environmental Protection Agency held on June 28 and 29, 1988 relative to their comments on the nonpoint source assessment. Mr. Moore then presented a review draft of the Agricultural/Silvicultural component of the State Nonpoint Source Management program prepared pursuant to Section 319 of the Federal Clean Water Act, and indicated that it would be the subject of a public hearing scheduled for August 1, 1988 in Austin. Final action will be taken when public comment and EPA review comments are addressed, and a final draft prepared for Board consideration.

Wes Oneth reported that soil surveys for Angelina, Galveston and Concho Counties had just been released, that four soil scientists would be detailed to Upton and Reagan Counties in August to complete mapping and indicated that a soil conservationist had been added to the Rusk Field Office and one had been

added at the Alice Field Office to concentrate on limited resource farmers. Mr. Oneth informed the Board that the Conservation Field Day in Hunt County was scheduled for August 5th and 6th, indicated that Ernest Maroveck had been hired as the new coordinator for the Leon-Bosque RC & D project and that the Area Conservationist position in Bryan was open.

Mr. Oneth reported that the Soil Conservation Service was developing a Water Quality Action Plan to be incorporated in their Field Office Technical Guides by January, 1989. Mr. Oneth mentioned the Gulf Initiative and indicated that they had been unable to get a handle on it. Harvey Davis reported that three people had been appointed by the Governor relative to the Gulf Initiative. Mr. Oneth indicated that funding for planning the Seco Creek watershed project did not appear probable for 1989. Mr. Oneth updated the Board on activities relative to the Food Security Act, indicated that the NACD Bulletin would no longer be available through the SCS telemail system but that his office would subscribe to NACDNET and continue providing the Bulletin to districts and others. Mr. Oneth then briefed the Board in preliminary results of a survey initiated by him to look at the costs incurred by state and local government due to sedimentation but indicated he was not ready to release it because of uncertainty with some of the data.

Bill Harris reported that the Texas A & M University Board of Regents had appointed John Mobley as their new President and that Charles Arnzen had been hired as Deputy Chancellor for Agriculture. Dr. Harris indicated that the International Dryland Agriculture Council would be meeting in Amarillo during August 15 thru 19, and that the meeting would be preceded by a tour to begin in Dallas on August 10. Dr. Harris discussed a recent meeting of the Great Plains Agriculture Council held in Las Cruces, New Mexico and indicated they were still looking for input into their activities which the Board was invited to provide. Dr. Harris mentioned the nonpoint source educational program proposed in the draft nonpoint source management program and indicated that

the facts concerning sediment as a pollutant should be clearly spelled out. A general discussion of sediment, designated uses of streams, stream standards, and pollution problems followed.

Dr. Clarence Richardson announced that Dean Plowmand had filled the position of Administrator of the Agricultural Research Service and informed the Board that the International Dryland Agriculture Tour would be at the Blackland Research Station on August 11.

Comer Tuck reported that the Winter Garden Soil and Water Conservation District had received a Water Development Board Grant for \$3,500.00 for the purchase of a polysonic flow meter, and that the Comal-Guadalupe Soil and Water Conservation District application for funds under the pilot loan program would be considered at the July 21 meeting of the Texas Water Development Board. Mr. Tuck indicated that Water Development Board proposals for use of funds from the Agricultural Soil and Water Conservation Fund were being formulated along with recommendations on the proposed \$200,000,000 bond program for agricultural water conservation.

Ed Barron updated the Board on Federal Court rulings relative to protection of the Red Cockadad Woodpecker, on the oak-wilt suppression program and on the effects of the drought on Texas Forest Resources.

Clyde Hale reported on the district director workshops being held in conjunction with area association meetings across the State and indicated that they had a good response to date.

Bob Buckley presented a request for payment from the Hopkins-Rains SWCD #445 for technical assistance funds in the amount of \$494.50 which were incurred in August of 1987. On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board waived the rule of sixty days after the close of the fiscal year for payment and approved the request from Hopkins-Rains SWCD.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Fred Squyres, the Board agreed if any Board member exceeded his allocation in travel funds for the 1988 FY that they be paid after September 1, 1988 if funds were available.

Bob Buckley presented a request from Gray County SWCD # 125 for an additional \$1,200.00 in Conservation Assistance funds for FY 1988. This district had received a \$3,800.00 allocation for FY 1988. On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by Larry McCasland, the Board declined the request from Gray County SWCD.

Bob Buckley reported that \$1,959.40 in Technical assistance funds for FY 1988 had been released by the Monte Mucho SWCD # 331. On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board agreed these funds be re-allocated in State Area III as follows:

Comal-Guadalupe SWCD # 306	\$559.40
Webb SWCD # 337	900.00
Bee SWCD # 344	500.00
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Total	\$1,959.40

Bob Buckley informed the Board that \$4,314.82 had been released in 1988 Subchapter H Technical Assistance funds. Kerr County SWCD # 217 released \$314.82 and Bosque #522 released \$4,000.00. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board agreed these funds be reallocated in State Area II and State Area V as follows:

Gillespie County SWCD # 220	\$104.94
Edwards Plateau SWCD #222	104.94
Llano County SWCD # 233	104.94
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Total, Area II	\$314.82
Kaufman-Van Zandt SWCD # 505	500.00
Taylor SWCD # 513	500.00
Fannin County SWCD # 520	200.00
Upper Elm-Red SWCD # 524	400.00
Little Wichita SWCD # 532	400.00
Hill County-Blackland #540	500.00
Jack SWCD # 549	500.00
Callahan Divide SWCD #552	500.00
Mills County SWCD # 554	500.00
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Total, Area V	\$4,000.00

On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Larry McCasland, the Board authorized Harvey Davis to re-allocate funds which may be released by the end of FY 1988.

Bob Buckley presented a proposed operating budget for FY 1989. After review and noting of a 2% salary increase for employees, on motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board adopted the operating budget for FY 1989 in the amount of \$3,099,264.00 as attached.

The Board considered the allocation of conservation assistance funds for FY 1989 and technical assistance funds for FY 1989. After reviewing the status of district funds compiled from a current survey of districts, on motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Larry McCasland, the Board determined that any district with undedicated funds over \$50,000.00 be excluded from the allocation of conservation assistance funds for FY 1989 and from the allocation of technical assistance funds for FY 1989.

On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by Larry McCasland, the Board approved allocation of conservation assistance funds for 1989 to individual soil and water conservation districts as per attached.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board approved allocation of technical assistance funds for 1989 to individual soil and water conservation districts as per attached.

On motion of Fred Squyres, seconded by Larry McCasland, the Board authorized the staff to correct any minor errors that may be found in the figures compiled on the allocation of both the conservation assistance funds and technical assistance funds for FY 1989.

A hearing on the 1990-1991 budget request will be held on August 4, 1988 by the staff of the Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Budget Office. The budget request will be updated by the end of September to include the 1988 FY expenditures.

Clyde Gottschalk reported to the Board on conservation workshops held for teachers throughout the State with a total of 300 in attendance. Four

additional workshops are scheduled for West Columbia, Abilene, Victoria, and Edna. Mr. Gottschalk reported on the video being prepared on Mileage and Per Diem Claims for District Directors. The Forestry film is now completed and research is being done on the cause and effect of shoreline erosion for a documentary. A film on shoreline erosion was shown to the group. Mr. Gottschalk reported that a quarter-million copies of conservation bookcovers were at the printers for distribution to schools.

Harvey Davis reported the Steering Committee for planning the program of the Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors to be held in Lubbock, Texas on October 3, 4, and 5, 1988 met on July 19, 1988 and selected speakers for the meeting along with topics for the workshops. Basically the format will be the same as in previous years with no banquet on Tuesday night.

Harvey Davis reported on the meeting held July 14, 1988 with the Committee on State Government Reorganization. Chairman Schendel and Mr. Antilley have attended all the Committee and Subcommittee meetings relative to the reorganization of State government. At this meeting no changes were recommended for the State Soil and Water Conservation Board. A number of complimentary remarks were made on the operation of the conservation program with recognition given to the vast amount of conservation of our natural resources being accomplished on a voluntary basis.

Bob Buckley reported on meetings of the Governor's Committee on Water Resources Management dealing with water agencies throughout the State.

Fred Squyres reported on efforts to organize a Soil Moisture Manager Award Program in Area I to be sponsored by the Dupont Corporation. Harvey Davis informed the Board that initial efforts at organizing a program were directed through the State Office in Temple but that none of the later activities had been coordinated with the State Office. Dick Schendel stated that if the Board is being asked to support the program it would be proper if the representatives

from Dupont contact the State Office and make their proposal to the Board. A general discussion followed. Hermon Petty made a motion that the State Board endorse the award program as presented. The motion was seconded by Larry McCasland, and carried with Fred Squyres, Hermon Petty, and Larry McCasland voting for the motion and Dick Schendel and Joe Antilley voting against the motion.

The Board discussed out of state travel and the need for approval. On motion of Larry McCasland, seconded by Hermon Petty, Dick Schendel was authorized to attend the Shoreline Erosion Conference in Louisiana. On motion of Larry McCasland, seconded by Hermon Petty, Joe Antilley was authorized to attend the NACD Great Plains Committee meeting in Kansas on August 19 and 20.

Fred Squyres presented the agency with a wall hanging depictive of Area I, challenged the other Board members to do likewise and asked permission for it to be displayed on the wall in the Conference Room. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board authorized this wall hanging be displayed in the agency breakroom.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 21, 1988.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Clarence J. Schendel  
Chairman

James M. Moore  
Secretary

October 3, 1988  
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on July 20, 1988.

October 3, 1988  
Date

Harvey Davis  
Executive Director