

OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE SDIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
August 8, 1983

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on August 8, 1983 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 1D06, First National Building, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

J. Frank Gray, Chairman
C. F. "Dick" Schendel, Vice Chairman
Hermon Petty, Member
Albert Roach, Member
Joe Antilley, Member

Staff members present were:

Harvey Davis, Executive Director
John W. Millican, Assistant Executive Director
Bob Buckley, Director of Programs
Leonard Pietzsch, Chief Accountant
Josephine Chupik, Office Services Supervisor
Mel Davis, Soil Conservationist
Bill Reece, Soil Conservationist
Fred Squyres, Soil Conservationist
Moe Seidensticker, Soil Conservationist
Allen Sheppard, Soil Conservationist
Joe Freeman, Soil Conservationist
David Powell, Soil Conservationist
Joe McKay, Soil Conservationist
Don Brandenberger, Soil Conservationist
Dub Crumley, Soil Conservationist

Directors of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts present were:

Joe Montgomery, President
W. Q. Richards, Secretary-Treasurer
S. W. Dorrell, Alternate Director, Area IV
Wilson Scaling, Director

Others present were:

Charles Conklin, Soil Conservation Service
Roy Freeman, Soil Conservation Service

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Joe Antilley, the minutes of the July 21, 1983 meeting were approved as mailed out.

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

Bob R. Burkholder - Upper Pecos SWCD # 213
Myrtle V. Krenek - Matagorda SWCD # 316

Bob Buckley reported on the Conservation Assistance (matching funds) for 1983. To date 132 districts have submitted supplemental claims. On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Joe Antilley, the board agreed that supplemental claims would be allocated as in previous years with each district allocated the maximum amount possible from the balance of funds remaining. Copy of the allocation is attached.

The Board reviewed a special request from the Pedernales Soil and Water Conservation District No. 218 for its 1984 Conservation Assistance funds to be raised from \$1,045 to \$4,000. Since the regular maximum allocation had been established at \$3,800 per district by the Board in its meeting on July 21, 1983, on motion by Joe Antilley, seconded by Hermon Petty, the Board agreed to raise the Pedernales SWCD's 1984 allocation from \$1,045 to \$3,800.

The 1983 Annual Meeting to be held in McAllen, Texas on October 24, 25 and 26, 1983 was discussed. Several speakers contacted have not committed. On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by Albert Roach, the Board agreed for Harvey Davis to make the contacts and extend invitations to speakers as necessary to complete the program.

Senate Bill 179, Acts of the 68th Legislature appropriated \$1,176,000 in Technical Assistance funds for Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The Board discussed guidelines and procedures for implementation of the grants program. A cooperative agreement between the Soil and Water Conservation District, the Soil Conservation Service and the State Soil and Water Conservation Board was reviewed. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board approved the cooperative agreement (copy attached) and authorized Harvey Davis to sign each agreement on behalf of the Board.

A job description for a SWCD technician was approved by the Board. (Copy attached.) Costs of job related expenses such as Social Security, Income Tax withholding, Unemployment Tax, Worker's Compensation and liability insurance were discussed. On motion of Hermon Petty, seconded by Albert Roach, the attached guidelines were adopted by the Board. A form to claim reimbursement of salaries for technical assistance personnel from districts was reviewed. On motion of Albert Roach, seconded by C. F. "Dick" Schendel, the Board adopted the claim form. (Copy attached.)

The Board proceeded to establish procedures for allocation of technical assistance funds. Districts had requested allocations in the amount of \$1,502,541 and appropriated funds are \$1,176,000.

After a lengthy discussion of various procedures for allocation of funds, Hermon Petty made a motion, seconded by Albert Roach, that each district be allocated 78% of their original request. Mr. Roach and Mr. Petty voted "yes". Mr. Antilley and Mr. Schendel voted "no". Mr. Gray abstained. Motion lost.

After further deliberations on allocating the appropriated funds, Joe Antilley made a motion, seconded by Hermon Petty, to divide the technical assistance funds by areas as follows:

Area I	\$284,840
Area II	168,880
Area III	233,444
Area IV	188,840
Area V	<u>299,996</u>
Total	\$1,176,000

The motion passed. The funds were then allocated to each district that had filed a request as shown on the attached list.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

J. Frank Gray
Chairman

Josephine Chupik
Secretary

October 13, 1983
Date

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board meeting held on August 8, 1983.

October 13, 1983
Date

Henry Davis
Executive Director