

Minutes
TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
April 29, 1994

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on April 29, 1994, at 1:00 p.m. in the Pueblo Room of the Sheraton Hotel, Lubbock, Texas.

Board members present were:

Albert Evans, Chairman
Paul Robertson, Vice Chairman
Charles D. "Buddy" Clark, Member
C. F. "Dick" Schendel, Member
Harvey Davis, Member

Staff members present were:

Robert G. Buckley, Executive Director
William C. Neiser, Assistant Executive Director
James M. Moore, Assistant Executive Director
Mel Davis, Assistant Executive Director
Rex Isom, Soil Conservationist

Others present were:

John Earl Smith, Association of Texas SWCDs, Director
Don Swann, Association of Texas SWCDs, President
Dayton Elam, District Director, Seminole
Mickey Black, Area Conservationist, SCS, Lubbock
Bill Young, GLO, Director of Aquaculture, Austin
Josephine Chupik

Chairman Evans called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

On motion of Harvey Davis, seconded by Dick Schendel, the minutes from the March 16, 1994, board meeting were approved as previously mailed. Motion carried.

Mel Davis presented district director appointments for consideration and advised the Board that the appointments appeared to be in order. On motion of Paul Robertson, seconded by Buddy

Clark, the following district director appointments were approved:

Tom Enochs, Eldorado-Divide SWCD #247
Brenda McCurdy, Winter Garden SWCD #326
Tony Whitlow, Harrison County SWCD #412
Kenneth R. Sanders, Haskell SWCD #546

James Moore discussed comments that had been received on the proposed Cost Share Rules under Senate Bill 503 and reviewed revisions made in response to comments. On motion of Harvey Davis, seconded by Paul Robertson, the revised rules were adopted and approved for final publication in the Texas Register. Motion carried.

James Moore discussed the allocation of cost share funds to districts for nonpoint source prevention and abatement and presented a proposed allocation for Fiscal Year 1994 funds based on those areas identified and given priority status for the implementation of Senate Bill 503. On motion of Harvey Davis, seconded by Dick Schendel the Board approved the recommended allocation (copy attached) with the provision that allocation to particular districts be based upon requests and be made at the May board meeting.

James Moore introduced Bill Young, General Land Office (GLO). Bill Young reviewed the State Coastal Management Program (CMP) and presented an overview of the program. Following Mr. Young's presentation he stated the GLO would like for the State Board to adopt a resolution of support for the CMP. Buddy Clark advised Mr. Young that the State Board addressed such a request at their March meeting. Bob Buckley explained that the State Board endorsement pertained to the agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source

program that was incorporated into the CMP and that the State Board was hesitant to address other issues in the CMP.

James Moore reviewed the status of Clean Water Act Reauthorization legislation. He discussed a draft Agricultural Watershed Planned Intervention Act of 1994 that is based on the Senate Bill 503 concept. By consensus the Board requested that staff review the draft act in greater detail and provide them with recommendations for action at their next meeting.

Mr. Moore presented a nonpoint source activities report and discussed the criteria necessary to develop and the contents to be included in a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP). Mr. Moore also outlined the process to be utilized in development of a WQMP.

Bob Buckley discussed the current status of legislation relating to USDA Reorganization.

Bob Buckley discussed the recent resignation of three district directors from the Mustang Soil and Water Conservation District #242 Board of Directors and explained that the district cannot function currently because they cannot establish a quorum to conduct business. Under such cases, the Ag Code provides that the State Board may call for an election for the purpose of electing a director for each vacant subdivision to complete the unexpired term. Buddy Clark proposed that the staff present a program on the role and responsibilities of districts and directors prior to the elections and indicated the two remaining directors supported such a program. On motion of Buddy Clark, seconded by Paul Robertson, the director elections were scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 1994

at 9:00 a.m. in the Grady ISD Auditorium, with Wednesday, May 25, 1994 at the same time and location as back-up date in the event facilities were not available for the first date. Motion carried.

Mickey Black from the Soil Conservation Service reported to the Board on SCS activities. Mr. Black explained the National Private Landowners Survey (NPLOS) and how it is being conducted in the South Plains region.

Bill Neiser discussed district budget requests received to date and provided a list showing budget amounts submitted by districts.

Bill Neiser presented a report on the Technical Assistance Program and provided a list showing districts that have claimed 100% of their allocation to date. Mr. Neiser presented a report on Subchapter H Technical Assistance Funds and those districts that have claimed 100% of their funds as of this date. Mr. Neiser reported that six districts have not expended any funds as of February 28, 1994.

Mr. Neiser reported that a draft of the Agency Strategic Plan was not available for review at this time, but one would be prepared and mailed to the Board prior to their next meeting.

Mr. Neiser provided the Board with a report on their travel. On motion of Harvey Davis, seconded by Paul Robertson, Albert Evans received approval to attend the Regional Woodland Clinic that is scheduled for May 13, 1994 in Malvern, Arkansas. Motion carried.

Mr. Neiser provided the Board with a report on newly hired employees and provided the Board with an updated organizational

chart.

By consensus, the Board scheduled their next meeting for May 18, 1994 at 8:00 a.m. in Temple.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Albert H. Evans
Chairman

M. D. Dew
Secretary

May 18, 1994
Date

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on April 29, 1994.

May 18, 1994
Date

Robert L. Buckley
Executive Director