

Official Minutes
State Soil and Water Conservation Board
May 16, 1990

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on Wednesday, May 16, 1990, in its Conference Room at 311 North Fifth Street, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Fred Squyres, Chairman
Joe Antilley, Member
Harvey Davis, Member
C. F. "Dick" Schendel, Member
Albert Evans, Jr., Member

Staff members present were:

Robert G. Buckley, Executive Director
John W. Millican, Assistant Executive Director
William C. Neiser, Director of Programs
James M. Moore, Engineer
Leonard Pietzsch, Chief Accountant
Mel Davis, Soil Conservationist
Clyde J. Gottschalk, Information Specialist
Janet Gonser, Planner
Beade Northcut, Engineer
Ramesh Kuman Chamala, Research Specialist
Steven Deiss, Engineering Technician
Joe Camp, Hydrologist
Lois Cain, Office Services Supervisor
Rex Isom, Soil Conservationist
Bob Gruner, Soil Conservationist
Joe Freeman, Soil Conservationist
Johnny Oswald, Soil Conservationist
Roy Freeman, Soil Conservationist
Andy Garza, Soil Conservationist
David Powell, Soil Conservationist
Joe McKay, Soil Conservationist
Dub Crumley, Soil Conservationist
Don Brandenberger, Soil Conservationist

Others present were:

Kenton R. Inglis, Soil Conservation Service
Comer Tuck, Texas Water Development Board
Dr. Clarence Richardson, Agricultural Research Service
Ray Abbott, City of Temple
Clyde Hale, Association of Texas SWCDs
Don Swann, Association of Texas SWCDs
S. W. Dorrell, Association of Texas SWCDs

Chairman Squyres called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He recognized Albert Evans, Jr. as a new Board Member replacing Judge Larry McCasland in State District Four.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Harvey Davis, the minutes of the March 21, 1990 Board meeting were approved as mailed to each Board member.

John Millican reviewed information on appointees for district directors for consideration and recommended they be approved. On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Albert Evans, the Board approved the following district directors.

Jim Roby, Andrew Kent SWCD #170
Ernest E. Cummings, Hays County SWCD #351
Gary A. Moers, Davy Crockett-Trinity SWCD #404
C. M. Sanderfer, Lower Neches SWCD #437

John Millican presented a petition for the Upper Pecos Soil and Water Conservation District #213 for division and reorganization to form two districts. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Harvey Davis, the State Board accepted the petition and authorized the staff to set up public hearings to determine the views of local people concerning the division.

Bill Neiser presented a report on matching fund balances and advised the Board that each district needed to use two-thirds of their matching funds allocation by May 15 or they would lose any amount exceeding 1/3 of their allocation. He explained that it has been the policy of the Board in the past to use these funds as supplemental funds at the end of the fiscal year. On motion of Harvey Davis, seconded by Albert Evans, it was approved to continue this policy as in the past.

Mr. Neiser reported that \$6,359.80 in Technical Assistance allocations has been turned back by districts. On Motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board voted to continue the policy of reallocating funds to the state district from which it was returned. (copy attached).

Mr. Neiser advised the Board that there is a total of \$53,058.77 of Subchapter H Technical Assistance funds to be allocated. A proposed allocation of the available funds was presented as follows with the funds divided according to sedimentation, irrigated areas, and water shortage conditions in each area's respective districts.

Area I	-	\$15,518.58
Area II	-	\$10,197.93
Area III	-	\$12,858.25
Area IV	-	\$ 4,433.88
Area V	-	\$10,050.13

On motion of Harvey Davis, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the proposed allocation was approved as presented. The Board then recessed while Board members and their respective field representatives then determined the amount each of their districts should receive. (copy attached)

Bill Neiser then presented the Legislative Appropriation Request for the 1992-1993 Biennium. After a short discussion, on motion of Harvey Davis, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board agreed to adopt the proposal as presented and established the following priorities for increases over existing funding levels: 1) all requested items necessary for operation of the State Board, 2) Matching Fund increases, 3) Technical Assistance increases, 4) all other increases. The Board then gave the Executive Director

authority to seek Subchapter H funds as needed.

James Moore presented the Board with a draft report intended to describe State Board activities relative to nonpoint source management.

Mr. Moore then updated the Board on the status of grant requests for nonpoint source related work.

The Board was given copies of a Texas Forest Service news article on nonpoint source management.

James Moore discussed the upcoming statewide nonpoint source conference to be held in Dallas on August 15-16, 1990. Discussion centered around program content and possible speakers.

The Board was given a report on the status of the 1990 Agricultural/Silvicultural nonpoint source assessment and the fiscal year 1991 USDA potential water quality projects.

ACP special water quality project applications for fiscal year 1991 were discussed.

The Board was given draft copies of a brochure prepared for use by the Texas Water Commission at their annual groundwater protection seminars.

The Board received a report on progress of the Erath County groundwater study being conducted under contract with the Texas Water Commission.

The Board was given copies of proposed rules for concentrated animal feeding operations as published in the Texas Register April 27, 1990. It was pointed out that a public hearing had been scheduled for May 29, 1990.

James Moore and Beade Northcut presented four PL-566 watershed

land treatment project applications from Rio Bravo RC&D area for Veleno Creek in Zapata County; Salamoneno Creek in Webb and Zapata Counties; Villa Creek in Jim Hogg and Zapata Counties, Escobas Creek in Jim Hogg, Webb and Zapata Counties. No feasibility reports were available. On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Joe Antilley, the projects were disapproved pending feasibility studies.

The PL 83-566 application for Keechi Creek which is for a water well for Centerville, Texas was discussed. On motion of Albert Evans, seconded by Joe Antilley, it was disapproved because it was not eligible for PL 83-566 funding according to Soil Conservation Service. Motion carried.

Joe Camp reported on the progress of the watershed study. He advised the Board that Beade Northcut had filled the permanent staff engineer position and that he had taken over as the watershed study leader.

Kenton R. Inglis, the new Deputy State Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service, reported that during the recent heavy rainfall in Texas that 46 watershed structures flowed over the emergency spillways and one went over the dam. He also advised the Board that the Soil Survey has been completed and published for Shackelford County.

Comer Tuck, Texas Water Development Board, reported that since the beginning of the fiscal year 60 grants had been approved for local districts - 50 of them being soil and water conservation districts and the others being water districts - for over \$270,000.

Clyde Hale, President, Association of Texas Soil and Water

Conservation Districts, reported that he had testified in Washington, D.C. in March on the extension of the Great Plains program for the 1990 Farm Bill.

John Millican reported on the meeting of the Planning Committee for the Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors. The committee suggested changing the "Committee of 100" meeting from a Wednesday morning breakfast to a meeting on Monday afternoon. The "Get Acquainted" Reception is scheduled for Monday night and will be a barbecue. A banquet was scheduled for Tuesday night with members of the State Legislature receiving special invitations. A list of possible speakers for the general sessions was also discussed. Five afternoon workshop sessions for Tuesday afternoon were discussed. These will include a workshop on: (1) District Operations; (2) Education/Information and New Directors; (3) NPS Pollution and Watershed Study; (4) Legislative Issues; (5) Formation of Underground Water Districts. Mr. Millican advised the Board that plans were being made for the ladies activities.

C. F. Schendel reported on a recent meeting he had attended in Galveston as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Galveston Bay Estuary Program.

Mel Davis reported on the 1990 Conservation Awards Program and provided a breakdown of each banquet and discussed recommended changes for the 1991 awards program. These changes included: 1) On the Outstanding Conservation District entry, allow up to 30 slides to be used to tell the district story instead of the 20 slides allowed for other entries. The time limit for the story

remains at five minutes. 2) On the following entries, state that the nominee or family must be a district cooperator: Resident Conservation Rancher, Resident Conservation Farmer, Absentee Conservation Farmer/Rancher, Wildlife Conservationist, Conservation Homemaker and Forestry Conservationist. 3) State in the guidelines that each entry must meet all qualifications. Albert Evans moved to approve the recommendations as requested. Joe Antilley seconded. Motion carried.

John Millican discussed the NACD Public Land, Range and Pasture meeting to be held in San Antonio, Texas on June 24-26, 1990. Clyde Hale, President, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts is a member of this committee.

Fred Squyres discussed his attendance at the NACD Spring Board meeting held in Washington, D.C. on April 1-3, 1990. He discussed the position of Chief of the Soil Conservation Service and it was the consensus of the Board to write letters supporting Wilson Scaling as Chief of the SCS.

Clyde Gottschalk reported on the activities of the Public Information/Education Committee. He advised the Board he had conducted four Boy Scout of America Workshops so far this year involving over 500 scouts. He also said he projects working with over 500 teachers this summer in Project Learning Tree and Project Wild teacher workshops. He advised the Board that filming had begun on the Gulf Coast Shoreline Erosion documentary. The school textbook cover project is also well underway again this year and is going extremely well.

Chairman Squyres discussed the possibility of the Board paying

dues to the National Association of Conservation Districts. After some discussion no action was taken.

Bill Neiser provided the Board members an expenditure report for the first eight months of the fiscal year ending with April 30, 1990 and advised the Board that expenditures are running as expected and are within available funds in all appropriate items at this time.

Board member travel was discussed. All Board members plan to attend the NACD South Central Region Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on July 15-17, 1990. The NACD Leadership Conference for August 22, 23 and 24, 1990 was discussed. On motion of Harvey Davis, seconded by C. F. Schendel, the Chairman of the Board was authorized to attend the Leadership Conference.

Election of officers was then conducted. Harvey Davis nominated Joe Antilley to serve as chairman for the coming year. C. F. Schendel seconded and moved that nomination cease and that Mr. Antilley be elected. Motion carried. C. F. Schendel then nominated Harvey Davis to serve as vice chairman. Albert Evans seconded and moved that nominations cease and Mr. Davis be elected. Motion carried.

The next Board meeting date was changed from July 18, 1990 to August 1, 1990.

C. F. Schendel welcomed Albert Evans as the new Board member from State District Four replacing Judge Larry McCasland who has recently been elected County Judge in Camp County. On motion of C. F. Schendel, seconded by Harvey Davis, a resolution of appreciation for a job well done was approved to be sent to Judge

McCasland.

Harvey Davis expressed his appreciation for the fine job done by Fred Squyres as chairman of the Board for the past year. Mr. Squyres said it had been a great honor for him to have been chairman and he appreciated working with the other Board members.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Joe O'Hilly
Chairman
8-2-90
Date

Lain Cain
Secretary

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on May 16, 1990.

8-2-90
Date

Robert H. Buckley
Executive Director