

Minutes
Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board
July 31, 1991

The State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on Wednesday, July 31, 1991, at 8:00 a.m. in its Conference Room at 311 North Fifth Street, Temple, Texas.

Board members present were:

Harvey Davis, Chairman
C. F. "Dick" Schendel, Vice Chairman
Joe Antilley, Member
Albert Evans, Member
Paul Robertson, Member

Staff members present were:

Robert G. Buckley, Executive Director
John W. Millican, Assistant Executive Director
James Moore, Engineer
Mel Davis, Soil Conservationist
Leonard Pietzsch, Chief Accountant
Beade Northcut, Engineer
Janet Gonser, Planner
Stephen Deiss, Planner
Ramesh Chamala, Research Specialist
Lois Cain, Office Services Supervisor
Robert Gruner, Soil Conservationist
Rex Isom, Soil Conservationist
Johnny Oswald, Soil Conservationist
Joe Freeman, Soil Conservationist
Roy Freeman, Soil Conservationist
Andy Garza, Soil Conservationist
Joe McKay, Soil Conservationist
Dub Crumley, Soil Conservationist
Don Brandenberger, Soil Conservationist

Others present were:

Comer Tuck, Texas Water Development Board
Kenton Inglis, Soil Conservation Service
Dr. Clarence Richardson, Agricultural Research Service
Dr. Allen Jones, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station
Ray Abbott, Temple Economic Development Corp.
S. W. Dorrell, Association of Texas SWCDs
Dee Brune, Past President of Association of Texas SWCDs

Harvey Davis called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by C. F. "Dick" Schendel, the minutes of the May 15 and July 8, 1991 board meetings were approved as mailed.

Harvey Davis and Bob Buckley gave a report on the latest legislative activities of the 1st Called Session of the 72nd Legislature.

John Millican then presented District Director appointments for consideration. On motion of Albert Evans, seconded by Paul Robertson, the following District Directors appointments were approved:

Charles Ray Mason, Jr., Lynn County SWCD #119
Wm. T. (Bill) Kondo, Coastal SWCD #432
Larry Hearne, Young SWCD #539

John Millican discussed a request for subdivision boundary changes between zones four and five of the Coastal Soil and Water Conservation District #432. On motion of Albert Evans, seconded by Dick Schendel, the change in subdivision boundary was approved as presented.

Mel Davis reported on the Texas Conservation Awards Program. The field staff had requested two changes in the 1992 program entry: 1) to include a copy of the Annual Report with the District entry, and 2) to remove the word "approximately" in the description of the Poster entry. The Board all agreed that Mr. Buckley and the staff could make the decision.

Mr. Davis welcomed Dee Brune, a former president of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, to the meeting.

Mr. Buckley then discussed agency rules. He discussed

comments from districts relative to changing the \$6.50 per hour cap on salaries for district technicians. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Dick Schendel, action on this item was deferred until the September board meeting.

Mr. Buckley discussed reallocation of Technical Assistance funds and Subchapter H Technical Assistance funds that had been released by districts. On motion of Dick Schendel, seconded by Joe Antilley, the Board voted to follow the same procedure as in the past by reallocating money to the same area from which it was released.

A request from the Cherokee Soil and Water Conservation District #427 asking for a waiver from the rules on their Matching Funds request was considered. The request original apparently had been lost in the mail causing them to lose \$218.14 in the two-thirds allocation reduction on May 15th. After some discussion, on a motion by Albert Evans, seconded by Dick Schendel, the request for waiver of rules was approved and funds granted to the Cherokee Soil and Water Conservation District #427 pending availability of funds.

A letter from Hopkins-Rains Soil and Water Conservation District #445 was discussed requesting the State Board to waive existing rules concerning the matching fund program and reinstate \$2,000 of their allocation forfeited effective May 15, 1991. On motion of Dick Schendel, seconded by Paul Robertson, the Board denied the requested waiver and allowed the forfeiture to stand.

Allocation of Fiscal Year 1992 State Grant funds could not be discussed at this time since appropriations for Fiscal Years 92-

93 had not been approved by the State Legislature. A special meeting will be called in August after passage of an appropriation bill to set allocations for districts.

John Millican discussed the audit status report. All audits are now in but five still have minor adjustments to be made and the field staff is working to get these corrected.

The Annual State Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors to be held in Corpus Christi, Texas on October 21-23, 1991 was discussed.

James Moore discussed the Nonpoint Source Management Program and provided the Board with a status report on each area of activity. He then informed the Board that the staff would be obtaining information on Congressional efforts to reauthorize the Clean Water Act in 1992 and in state and federal activities relative to the Coastal Zone Management Nonpoint Source Programs to be developed pursuant to the Federal Coastal Zone Reauthorization Amendment of 1990.

When the Board members' discussion of reallocation of Fiscal Year 1991 funds had been completed with their field staff, on motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Dick Schendel, the reallocation of these funds were approved. (Copy attached)

The 1990 financial statement of Robert Buckley was reviewed. On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Dick Schendel, Mr. Buckley's financial statement was approved.

Dee Brune requested the help of the State Board and concerned people on the wetland rules issue.

Kenton Inglis gave the Soil Conservation Service report. He

said six soil surveys had recently been completed and five new ones were just getting started. He also offered the Knox City Plant Material Center facility for use by the Board or District Directors.

Ray Abbott said U. S. Senator Phil Gramm had been invited to Temple by the Temple Economic Development Corporation and asked the Board to participate with any questions or concerns that they might have.

Comer Tuck advised the Board that Sonny Kretzschmar had left the Texas Water Development Board on July 1st as the Executive Administrator and was replaced by Craig Pederson. He also said the Board of the Texas Water Development Board would meet on August 15 to consider grants. He said five of the seven grant requests were from soil and water conservation districts.

Dr. Clarence Richardson reported that Dr. Jan von Schilfgaarde had recently been named as Associate Deputy Administrator for Natural Resources and Systems, National Program Staff in Beltsville, Maryland.

Dr. Allen Jones advised the Board that the Board of Regents of Texas A&M University had approved the creation of the Temple Experiment Station Center as a center for technology and natural resource information. He also said the Board of Regents has narrowed the field to four for the position of Chancellor of Texas A&M University.

S. W. Dorrell said the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts wanted to express their appreciation to Harvey Davis and the other members of the State Board and staff on

behalf of the soil and water conservation districts for all the time and work they have done in Austin.

On motion of Joe Antilley, seconded by Albert Evans the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Harvey Davis
Chairman

Lois Cain
Secretary

8-26-91
Date

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on July 31, 1991.

8-26-91
Date

Robert A. Buckley
Executive Director