

Meeting Minutes
TEXAS STATE SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
July 21, 2010

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on July 21, 2010, at 2:07 p.m. at 4311 S. 31st Street, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present were:

José Dodier, Chairman
Aubrey Russell, Member
Marty Graham, Member
Jerry Nichols, Member
Larry Jacobs, Member
Joe Ward, Member

Staff members present were:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
Andy Garza, Regional Office Coordinator
Judy Albus, Program Supervisor
Carl Steffey, Program Supervisor
Steve Jones, Program Supervisor
Lawrence Brown, Program Supervisor
Bob Gruner, Program Specialist
Jack Foote, Program Specialist
Ben Wilde, Program Specialist
Adrian Perez, Program Specialist
Joel Clark, Program Specialist
Trey Watson, Program Specialist
Don Brandenberger, Program Specialist
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist
Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor
Tuffy Wood, Program Specialist
Kenny Zajicek, Fiscal Officer
Anita Mungia, Accountant
John Foster, Programs Officer
T. J. Helton, NPS Program Coordinator
Aaron Wendt, Watershed Planning Coordinator
Pam Casebolt, NPS Project Manager
Loren Henley, NPS Project Manager
Mitchell Conine, NPS Project Manager
Donna Long, Programs QA Officer
David Reeves, Database Administrator
George Gable, NPS Project Manager
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator
Meredith Whitley, Program Specialist
Lee Munz, Flood Control Programs Coordinator
Jared Bowen, Flood Control Specialist
Ben Bowers, Flood Control Specialist
Dawn Heitman, Human Resources Coordinator
Karen Preece, Accountant

A work session was conducted which covered all agenda items in detail. Questions were taken and answered.
Board went into Executive Session on agenda item #40 as authorized by Chapter 551 of the Government Code.
Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Chairman
September 16, 2010
Date

Secretary
September 16, 2010
Date

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board meeting held on July 21, 2010.

September 16, 2010
Date

Executive Director

Meeting Minutes
TEXAS STATE SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
July 22, 2010

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on July 22, 2010, at 8:05 a.m. at 1749 Scott Boulevard, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present were:

José Dodier, Chairman
Aubrey Russell, Member
Marty Graham, Member
Jerry Nichols, Member
Larry Jacobs, Member
Joe Ward, Member

Staff members present were:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
Andy Garza, Regional Office Coordinator
Judy Albus, Program Supervisor
Carl Steffey, Program Supervisor
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Kenny Zajicek, Fiscal Officer
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T. J. Helton, NPS Program Coordinator
Aaron Wendt, Statewide Watershed Planning Coordinator
Pam Casebolt, NPS Program Manager
Loren Henley, NPS Program Manager
Mitchell Conine, NPS Project Manager
Donna Long, Programs QA Officer
David Reeves, Database Administrator
George Gable, NPS Program Manager
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator
Meredith Whitley, Program Specialist
Lee Munz, Flood Control Programs Coordinator
Jared Bowen, Flood Control Specialist
Ben Bowers, Flood Control Specialist
Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist
Dawn Heitman, Human Resources Coordinator
Edna Etheredge, Executive Assistant
Karen Preece, Accountant

Others present were:

Tamara Daniel, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
George Noelke, Office of the Attorney General
Monica Harris, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Clyde Bohmfalk, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Dexter J. Svetlik, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Kevin Wagner, Texas Water Resources Institute
Daren Harmel, USDA - Agricultural Research Service
Nivra Kelley-Mackey, Texas Rural Mediation Services, Texas Dispute Resolution System, Lubbock
Jonathon Glueck, Legislative Assistant to Congressman Chet Edwards
Joe McFarland, Leon Bosque RC&D
Shane Harrington, Texas Forest Service

Chairman Dodier called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. and welcomed those present.

AGENDA ITEM 1: Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENDA ITEM 2: Comments from Federal, State and Local Governmental Entities

Ms. Monica Harris, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, addressed the Board and commented on major revision to Water Quality Standards, Nutrient Criteria, and Recreational Use.

Mr. Jonathon Glueck, Legislative Assistant to Congressman Chet Edwards, addressed the Board and offered the support of Congressman Edwards.

Mr. Kevin Wagner, Texas Water Resources Institute, addressed the Board, reviewed 2 handouts, and stated that they were working with the TSSWCB Invasive Species Committee.

Mr. Daren Harmel, USDA-Agricultural Research Service, addressed the Board, stated that he is the newly appointed Acting Research Leader, and that they will continue to be a strong supporter of the TSSWCB.

Mr. Dexter Svetlik, Natural Resources Conservation Service, addressed the Board and reviewed the NRCS Activity Report.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Comments from the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Ms. Tamara Daniel addressed the Board, stated that the Association Board has been in Washington, D.C., spoke about the Farm Bill Task Force, Technical Assistance, Financial Assistance, and that the Association Board is willing to go to Austin to request Flood Control funds if needed. Ms. Daniel also talked about the upcoming NACD South Central Regional Meeting, new regulations by EPA, and the impact on other agencies.

Mr. Isom requested that the NACD South Central Regional Meeting agenda be sent to all Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Ms. Daniel stated that it would be.

Ms. Daniel stated that the Association would like to hold an auction at the TSSWCB Annual State Meeting. There would be one item from each Association Board Member for the auction.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Minutes from the May 12-13, 2010 Board Meeting

Chairman Dodier called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12-13, 2010 Board Meeting. Mr. Graham moved that the minutes be accepted with the correction of Volney Hough's name be spelled correctly instead of Hughes as was listed. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: District Director Appointments

Ms. Preece presented district director appointments for the Board's consideration and verified they were in order and met all qualifications with the following exception: Mr. Gunter's Approval Request being a fax copy and his Personal Data Sheet is missing. Mr. Nichols moved the following appointments be approved contingent upon all original paperwork being received in the Temple office. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Brooks Gunter, Staked Plains #155, Zone 4, Replace Troy Conrad (**Fax Copy, Missing Appointee Personal Data Sheet**)

Tim Edwards, Toyah-Limpia #209, Zone 3, Replace Bill Cowden

Rankin C. D'Spain, Kendall #216, Zone 4, Replace Rosann Zwonetschek

Joseph Clifford Elder, High Point #230, Zone 1, Replace Jack Dees

Zack Davis, Las Moras-West Nueces #236, Zone 2, Replace Jim McDaniel

Ray Thaler, Jr., Washington #348, Zone 2, Replace J. D. Mueller

John Henry Holloway, III, Shelby #449, Zone 5, Replace T. G. Bellmyer

Ronny Hart, Fannin #520, Zone 2, Replace David Keene

John A. Smith, Fannin #520, Zone 4, Replace Leon Bowman

Joe F. Neal, Central Colorado #550, Zone 4, Replace Harold Phillips

AGENDA ITEM 6: Consider Five Percent Biennial Budget Reduction for Fiscal Year 2011

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Russell moved for the approval of the reduction as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Consider Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2011

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Nichols moved for the approval of the budget as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Dodier presented a 15 year service award to Ms. Edna Etheredge.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Consider Legislative Appropriations Request for the 2012-13 Biennium

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Nichols moved for the approval of the request as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2011 Cost Share Allocations for Water Quality Management Program

Mr. Garza reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Graham moved for the approval of the allocations as presented with the exception that Mustang County Soil and Water Conservation District receive priority. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Consider Approval of Waivers as per 31 TAC §523.6(E)(2)(B),(E)

Mr. Garza reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Russell moved for the approval of waivers as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Consider Approval to Designate Additional Priority Districts for Participation in the Water Quality Management Program

Mr. Garza reviewed the agenda information. Consideration tabled until the September Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Consider Statewide Water Quality Management Plan Cost Share Requests

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Nichols moved for the approval of the requests as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 13: Consider Adoption of Standardized Rates for In-Kind Contributions of Match Funding Related to Flood Control Operation and Maintenance Activity Reimbursement Requests

Mr. Munz stated that there were no requests at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 14: Flood Control Programs Status Report

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 15: Consider Flood Control Dam Rehabilitation Projects for Fiscal Year 2011

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Jacobs moved for the approval of the projects as presented. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 16: Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program Status Report

Mr. Wendt and Ms. Casebolt reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 17: Reallocation of Fiscal Year 2010 General Revenue Water Enhancement Funds

Mr. Wood reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Graham moved for the approval as presented. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 18: Consider Approval of Chapter 517.33

Mr. Wood stated that there is no action to take at this time. Consideration tabled until the September Board Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 19: Consider Approval of Water Supply Enhancement Program Form 005, Proposal for Water Supply Enhancement Project

Mr. Wood reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Graham moved for the approval of the form as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 20: Water Supply Enhancement Program Report

Mr. Wood reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 21: Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee Report

Mr. Oswald reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 22: Sunset Review Update

Sunset Review update was covered at Board Work Session.

AGENDA ITEM 23: National Association of Conservation Districts Report

Ms. Daniel covered agenda information under agenda item #3.

AGENDA ITEM 24: NACD South Central Regional Meeting: August 16-18, 2010, Lubbock, TX

Mr. Davis and Ms. Daniel reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 25: National Association of State Conservation Agencies Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Davis stated that they had met in Washington D.C., and that there is to be an annual meeting August 30-September 2, 2010 in Durango, CO.

AGENDA ITEM 26: Interagency Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 27: Revision of Cooperative Working Agreement between the USDA-NRCS, the TSSWCB and Individual SWCD's

Mr. Davis stated that there is no action to take at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 28: 2011 Texas Conservation Awards Program

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. It was suggested that the essay title be changed. Mr. Graham moved for the approval of the program as presented with the exception of a new essay title. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 29: Review Plans for 2010 Annual State Meeting

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Speaker candidates were named for Mr. Davis to contact. Association auction discussed. Tuesday afternoon meeting topics were discussed. Mr. Davis explained tour. Mr. Ward moved for the approval of the meeting as presented. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 30: Consider Future State Meeting Sites

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information for the 2012 site proposals. Mr. Ward moved for the approval to hold the 2012 Annual State Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 31: Consider Re-Adoption, Revision or Repeal of 31 TAC, Chapter 517, Subchapter A, Conservation Assistance (§§517.1-517.12)

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Jacobs moved for the approval as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 32: Consider Re-Adoption, Revision or Repeal of 31 TAC, Chapter 519, Subchapter A, Technical Assistance (§§519.1-519-12)

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Jacobs moved for the approval as presented. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 33: Consider Re-Adoption, Revision or Repeal of 31 TAC, Chapter 521, Subchapter A, Agricultural Water Conservation (§§521.1-521.13)

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Jacobs moved for the approval as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 34: Consider Adoption of Amendments to 31 TAC, §523.3, Water Quality Management Plan Certification Program

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Graham moved for the approval of the amendments as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 35: Consider Request from Dalworth SWCD #519 for Subdivision Boundary Change

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Nichols moved for the approval as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 36: Customer Service Survey

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Ward moved for the approval of the new survey form as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 37: Semi-Annual Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 38: Public Information/Education Report

Mr. Gottschalk reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 39: Human Resources Report

Ms. Heitman reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 40: Election of Officers

Mr. Nichols moved for the approval to maintain current Board of Director structure, keeping Mr. Dodier as Chairman and Mr. Mahler as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 41: Set a Date for the Next State Board Meeting

September 15-16, 2010 in Temple, Texas

Mr. Jacobs moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Chairman

Secretary

September 16, 2010

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