

TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
Board Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2015

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on September 16, 2015, at 3:03 p.m. at 4311 S 31st Street, Suite 125, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present:

Scott Buckles, Chairman
José Dodier, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Marty H. Graham, Member
Jerry Nichols, Member
Barry Mahler, Member
Larry Jacobs, Member
Joe Ward, Member

Staff Members present:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
Glenn Baker, Program Supervisor
Carl Steffey, Program Supervisor
Todd Oneth, Program Supervisor
Lawrence Brown, Program Supervisor
Judy Albus, Program Supervisor
Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor
Mark Cochran, Program Supervisor
Bob Gruner, Program Specialist
Jack Foote, Program Specialist
Ben Wilde, Program Specialist
Kendria Ray, Program Specialist
Adrian Perez, Program Specialist
Tony Franklin, Program Specialist
Joel Clark, Program Specialist
Trey Watson, Program Specialist
Don Brandenberger, Program Specialist
John Foster, Statewide Programs Officer
T. J. Helton, Nonpoint Source Programs Coordinator
Liza Parker, Nonpoint Source Project Manager
Steve Bednarz, Statewide Programs Engineer
Kenny Zajicek, Chief Fiscal Officer
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator
Aaron Wendt, Special Projects Advisor
Rusty Ray, Public Affairs Specialist
Lee Munz, Flood Control Program and Regional Office Coordinator
Tony Resendez, Flood Control Specialist
Karen Preece, Accountant

Others present:

Patrick McKnight, McKnight's Water Well Service

Chairman Buckles called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and welcomed those present.

A work session was conducted which covered agenda items in detail. Questions were taken and answered.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Temple Facilities Update

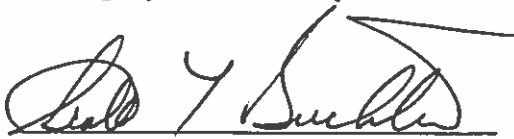
Mr. Isom to meet with the builder and Texas Facilities Commission on Wednesday, September 23.

AGENDA ITEM 22: Long Range Planning Status Report

Mr. Clark updated Board Members on the Long Range Plan, and the upcoming NASCA Meeting.

Mr. Graham requested an update on "Waters of the United States". Mr. Davis and Mr. Wendt will review at the Board Meeting with a handout.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.



Scott Buckles, Chairman

November 19, 2015

Date



Karen D. Preece, Secretary

November 19, 2015

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Rex Isom, Executive Director

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The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on September 17, 2015, at 8:02 a.m. at 5247 S. General Bruce Drive, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present:

Scott Buckles, Chairman
José Dodier, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Marty H. Graham, Member
Jerry Nichols, Member
Barry Mahler, Member
Larry Jacobs, Member
Joe Ward, Member

Staff Members present:

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Joel Clark, Program Specialist
Trey Watson, Program Specialist
Don Brandenberger, Program Specialist
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist
John Foster, Statewide Programs Officer
T. J. Helton, Nonpoint Source Programs Coordinator
Ashley Wendt, Nonpoint Source Project Manager
Liza Parker, Nonpoint Source Project Manager
Dave Morris, GIS Specialist
Steve Bednarz, Statewide Programs Engineer
Kenny Zajicek, Chief Fiscal Officer
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator
Aaron Wendt, Special Projects Advisor
Loren Warrick, Public Affairs Specialist
Rusty Ray, Public Affairs Specialist
Lee Munz, Flood Control Program and Regional Office Coordinator
Jared Bowen, Flood Control Specialist
Tony Resendez, Flood Control Specialist
Clyde Gottschalk, Program Specialist
Dawn Heitman, Human Resources Specialist

Amy Devereaux, Fiscal Services
Karen Preece, Accountant

Others present:

Andrew Lutostanski, Office of Attorney General
Tamara Daniel, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
John Mueller, Natural Resource Conservation Service
Kerry Niemann, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Cameron Turner, Texas Water Development Board

Chairman Buckles called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and welcomed those present.

AGENDA ITEM 1: Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

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

Mr. John Mueller, Natural Resource Conservation Service, addressed the Board. Mr. Mueller commented on funding, conservation award videos, conservation planning at the Gulf Coast, and receiving of FSA report.

Mr. Kerry Niemann, Texas Commission on Environment Quality, addressed the Board. Mr. Niemann commented on their Chairman, the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program, the Nonpoint Source (NPS) Program, the 2014 integrated report, water quality standards, and the Clean Rivers Program.

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

Ms. Tamara Daniel, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, addressed the Board. Ms. Daniel commented on the resolutions, the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) South Central Regional meeting, the sponsorship program, and federal cuts to conservation programs.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Consider Approval of Minutes from Previous State Board Meetings

Ms. Preece reviewed the agenda information. Chairman Buckles called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15-16, 2015 Board Meetings.

Mr. Dodier moved for the approval of the minutes as presented. Mr. Mahler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Consider Approval of Soil and Water Conservation District Director Appointments

Ms. Preece presented district director appointments for the Board's consideration and verified they were in order and met all qualifications.

Mr. Mahler moved for the approval of the following appointments as presented. Mr. Dodier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Terry Slaughter, Ochiltree #142, Subdivision 1, Replace Terry Symons
James A. "Tony" Watson, Bandera #229, Subdivision 5, Replace Paul Garrison
Bill C. McManus III, Middle Concho #234, Subdivision 5, Replace Bill Tullos
Johnie Reeves, San Saba #250, Subdivision 2, Replace Jim Spivey
Phillip J. Geissen, Lavaca #334, Subdivision 5, Replace Arnold Bohuslav

Michael W. McGill, Collin County #535, Subdivision 4, Replace Victor Dawson

AGENDA ITEM 6: Temple Facilities Update

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Isom to meet with builder and Texas Facilities Commission on September 23rd.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Technical Service Provider Allocations

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 8: External Funds

Mr. Foster reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Legislative Update

Mr. Foster stated that there is no information to present at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Flood Control Programs Status Report

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Consider Adoption of Standardized Rates for In-Kind Contributions of Match Funding Related to Flood Control Operations and Maintenance Activity Reimbursement Requests

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

Mr. Mahler moved for the approval of the rates as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Water Quality Management Plan Program Status Report

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 13: Consider Approval of Requests for Additional Cost-Share Incentive Funding for Water Quality Management Plans in Accordance with 31TAC §523.6(f)(2) Relating to Criteria for Waivers

Mr. Munz stated that there is no information to present at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 14: Consider Approval of Request for a Waiver in Accordance with 31TAC §523.6(h)(5)

Mr. Munz stated that there is no information to present at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 15: Consider Water Quality Management Plan Cost-Share Requests from the Allocation for Statewide Use

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

Mr. Dodier moved for the approval of the requests as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 16: Poultry Water Quality Management Plan Program Status Report

Mr. Cochran reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 17: Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program Status Report

Ms. Parker reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 18: Water Supply Enhancement Program Status Report

Mr. Wendt reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 19: Consider Approval of Brush Control Feasibility Studies for the Water Supply Enhancement Program

Mr. Wendt stated that there is no information to present at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 20: Consider Allocation of Fiscal Year 2016 Grant Funding for the Water Supply Enhancement Program

Mr. Wendt stated that there is no information to present at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 21: Rio Grande Carrizo Cane Eradication Program Status Report

Mr. Wendt reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 22: Long Range Planning Status Report

Mr. Clark reviewed the agenda information at the previous day's work session, and also commented on the Conservation Activity Program (CAP).

AGENDA ITEM 23: Consider Request from Gillespie County SWCD #220 for Subdivision Boundary Change

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Graham moved for the approval of the change as presented with the stipulation that the boundary as of September 17, 2015 city limits. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 24: Conservation Plans for the Lesser Prairie-Chicken

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 25: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant to Improve and Restore the Gulf of Mexico

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 26: Review Plans for 2015 Annual State Meeting

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 27: Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee Status Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 28: Interagency Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species Status Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 29: National Association of Conservation Districts Status Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 30: National Association of State Conservation Agencies Status Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 31: Public Information/Education Status Report

Mr. Gottschalk and Mr. Ray reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 32: Human Resources Status Report

Ms. Heitman reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 33: Set Date for Next State Board Meeting

November 18-19, 2015 in Austin.

Chairman Buckles presented service award plaques to the following staff:

Jack Foote – 10 years

Amy Devereaux – 15 years

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.



Scott Buckles, Chairman



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