

TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
Board Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2012

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on September 19, 2012, at 3:09 p.m. at 4311 South 31st Street, Suite 125, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present:

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

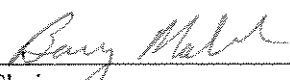
Staff Members present:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
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
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist
Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor
John Foster, Statewide Programs Officer
Lee Munz, Flood Control Program and Regional Office Coordinator
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator
Rusty Ray, Public Affairs Specialist
Clyde Gottschalk, Program Specialist
Karen Preece, Accountant


Others present:

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.



Chairman

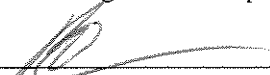


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Executive Director

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TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
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September 20, 2012

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on September 20, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. at 5247 S. General Bruce Drive, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present:

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

Staff Members present:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
Judy Albus, Program Supervisor
Carl Steffey, Program Supervisor
Todd Oneth, Program Supervisor
Lawrence Brown, Program Supervisor
Luis Pena, Program Supervisor
Bob Gruner, Program Specialist
Jack Foote, 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
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist
Johnny Oswald, Program Supervisor
Melissa Grote, Program Specialist
Mark Cochran, Program Supervisor
Teresa Reese, Natural Resources Specialist
Mark Cuba, Engineering Technician
John Foster, Statewide Programs Officer
T. J. Helton, Nonpoint Source Programs Coordinator
Pam Casebolt, Nonpoint Source Grants Coordinator
Mitchell Conine, Nonpoint Source Project Management Coordinator
Aaron Wendt, Watershed Planning Coordinator
Ashley Alexander, Nonpoint Source Project Manager
Jana Lloyd, Nonpoint Source Project Manager
Wesley Gibson, Nonpoint Source Project Manager
Kenny Zajicek, Fiscal Officer
Richard Egg, Statewide Programs Engineer
Lee Munz, Flood Control Program and Regional Office Coordinator
Jared Bowen, Flood Control Specialist
Ben Bowers, Flood Control Specialist
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator
Loren Warrick, Public Affairs Specialist
Rusty Ray, Public Affairs Specialist
Clyde Gottschalk, Program Specialist
Dawn Heitman, Human Resources Coordinator
Karen Preece, Accountant

Others present:

George Noelke, Office of the Attorney General
Tamara Daniel, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Jule Richmond, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Pat Hudson, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
William Thomas, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Volney Hough, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Ben Bono, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Monica Harris, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Arthur Talley, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Drenda Williams, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
Alfonso Leal, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
James Ward, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
Cameron Turner, Texas Water Development Board
Dr. Paul DeLaune, Texas AgriLife Research
Ken Horton, Texas Pork Producers Association
Chris Couch

Chairman Mahler called the meeting to order at 8:00 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. Ms. Harris gave an update on Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and Implementation Plans (I Plans). Ms. Harris commented on the approval of the Nonpoint Source Management Plan by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), requests for grant applications for Nonpoint Source, and outdoor water restrictions. Ms. Harris stated that she has been promoted to Superfund Section Manager.

Mr. Cameron Turner, Texas Water Development Board, addressed the Board. Mr. Turner reviewed the handout.

Mr. Alfonso Leal, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, addressed the Board. Mr. Leal reviewed the handout. Mr. Leal introduced Ms. Drenda Williams and Mr. James Ward. Mr. Ward presented the Board with a sample of Houston Black Soil along with a Fact Sheet and Resolution.

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

Mr. Jule Richmond, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, addressed the Board. Mr. Richmond commented on the NRCS Field Office of the Future (FOOF), the NACD Meeting in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and wanting feedback from the Area Association Meetings. It was stated that Mr. William Thomas was named the NACD Field Representative.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Nonpoint Source Project Highlight – Crediting Groundwater Nitrate toward Crop Nitrogen Needs

Dr. Paul DeLaune, Texas AgriLife Research, addressed the Board. Dr. DeLaune gave a power point presentation covering the agenda title.

AGENDA ITEM 6: State District V Report

TSSWCB employees gave a power point presentation on State District Area V. Mr. Brandenberger stated that Area V has 62 district employees and 1,500 Flood Control structures. Mr. Brandenberger commented on youth and adult conservation education, soil stewardship, Area Awards Program, district fundraisers, equipment rentals, district-owned buildings, Area Association Meeting, and tours. Mr. Upchurch commented on the lay of

the land, and the Water Supply Enhancement Program in Area V. Mr. Oneth introduced Mr. Mark Cuba, and commented on the S.B. 503 Program, waste storage ponds, waste disposal, fresh water ponds, planted pasture and grasses, fencing, and poultry operations.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Minutes from the July 25-26, 2012 Board Meetings

Chairman Mahler called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 25-26, 2012 Board Meetings. Mr. Ward moved for the approval of the minutes as presented. Mr. Dodier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8: 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. Graham moved for the approval of the following appointments. Mr. Buckles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mitchell Bezner, Dallam #131, Zone 2, Replace Bill Brewster
Mary Virginia Holekamp, Kerr County #217, Zone 1, Replace George Holekamp
Jesse Yell Womack, III, Victoria #346, Zone 3, Replace James R. 'Bob' McCan
Delbert Faske, Lee County #359, Zone 3, Replace Nick Hester
Larry Walden, Parker County #558, Zone 3, Replace Alan Schutts

AGENDA ITEM 9: Legislative Appropriation Request

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Consider Fiscal Year 2013 Operating Budget, Conservation Implementation Assistance, Matching Funds, and District Director Mileage and Per Diem Allocations

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

AGENDA ITEM 11: Sunset Legislation Implementation Status

Mr. Foster reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Legislative Update

Mr. Foster reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Foster commented on the budget process, Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR), Joint Budget Hearing of Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Office, Agriculture Livestock Hearing regarding the removal of cedar, and that the House Appropriation Committee and Senate Finance Committee have yet to meet.

AGENDA ITEM 13: Consider Approval of S. B. 503 Committee Recommendations

Mr. Gruner reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved for the approval of the recommendations as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 14: Water Quality Management Plan Program Report

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 15: Consider Approval of Requests for Waivers as per 31 TAC §523.6(E)(2)(A) thru (F)

Mr. Munz stated that there are no requests to consider at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 16: Consider Statewide Water Quality Management Plan Cost Share Requests

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

AGENDA ITEM 17: Flood Control Programs Status Report

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 18: Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program Report

Ms. Casebolt and Ms. Lloyd reviewed the agenda information.

Chairman Mahler awarded Mr. Conine and Ms. Reese with their 5 year service awards, and Mr. Brown with his 10 year service award.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Texas Pork Producers Association

Mr. Ken Horton stated that the Texas Pork Producers Association was established in 1889 as the Texas Swine Breeders Association before it changed to its current name. Mr. Horton stated that there are nearly 500 producers statewide, had 1.4 million pigs last year, and that there are no waste management problems with swine CAFO farms in Texas, but there are some AFO farms that need to be addressed. Mr. Horton commented on an upcoming Field Day at one swine farm that is a TSSWCB project.

AGENDA ITEM 19: Poultry Water Quality Management Program Status Report

Mr. Cochran reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 20: Water Supply Enhancement Program Report

Mr. Oswald reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 21: Consider Request from Willacy SWCD #349 for Subdivision Boundary Changes

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Dodier moved for the approval of the changes as presented including correction of the legal description in the northwest corner. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 22: Review Plans for 2012 Annual State Meeting

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 23: Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 24: Interagency Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 25: National Association of Conservation Districts Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 26: National Association of State Conservation Agencies Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 27: Conservation Outreach Report

Ms. Warrick reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 28: Texas Conservation Awards Program

Mr. Gottschalk reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Buckles moved for the recommendations as presented. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 29: Public Information/Education Report

Mr. Gottschalk reviewed the agenda information.

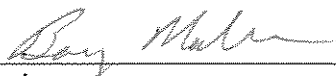
AGENDA ITEM 30: Human Resources Report

Ms. Heitman reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 31: Set Date for Next State Board Meeting

November 14-15, 2012, to be held in Temple.

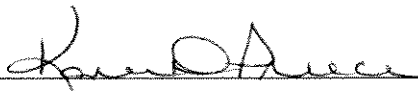
Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.



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