

Meeting Minutes
TEXAS STATE SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
November 9, 2010

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on November 9, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. at 4311 S. 31st Street, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present were:

José Dodier, Chairman
Barry Mahler, Vice-Chairman
Aubrey Russell, Member
Marty H. 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
Jeff Cerny, Natural Resources Specialist
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
Mark Cochran, Program Supervisor
Kenny Zajicek, Fiscal Officer
Richard Egg, Engineer
John Foster, Programs Officer
T. J. Helton, NPS Program Coordinator
Aaron Wendt, Watershed Planning Coordinator
Pam Casebolt, NPS Project Manager
Nathan Smith, Information Specialist
Mel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator
Meredith Whitley, Program Specialist
Jared Bowen, Flood Control Specialist
Ben Bowers, Flood Control Specialist
Dawn Heitman, Human Resources Coordinator
Karen Preece, Accountant

Others present were:

Scott Buckles, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

January 27, 2011

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Executive Director

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Meeting Minutes
TEXAS STATE SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
November 10, 2010

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board met on November 10, 2010, at 1:13 p.m. at 720 East Blackland Road, Temple, Texas.

Board Members present were:

José Dodier, Chairman
Aubrey Russell, Member
Marty H. 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
Bob Gruner, Program Specialist
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T. J. Helton, NPS Program Coordinator
Aaron Wendt, Watershed Planning Coordinator
Pam Casebolt, NPS Project Manager
Mitchell Conine, NPS Project Manager
David Reeves, Database Administrator
Nathan Smith, Information Specialist
Brian Koch, Regional Watershed Coordinator
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
Jeff Cerny, Natural Resource Specialist
Karen Preece, Accountant

Others present were:

Tamara Daniel, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Scott Buckles, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
William Thomas, Jr., Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Jule Richmond, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Monica Harris, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Clyde Bohmfalk, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Salvador Salinas, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Kevin Wagner, Texas Water Resources Institute
Dr. Bill Harris, Texas Water Resources Institute
Daren Harmel, USDA - Agricultural Research Service
Dr. Dan Upchurch, USDA - Agricultural Research Service
Cameron Turner, Texas Water Development Board
Shane Harrington, Texas Forest Service
Richard Oyster, Texas Department of Agriculture

Chairman Dodier called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.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 Galveston Bay Estuary, TMDL's, Nonpoint Source, and 319 Annual Reports.

Mr. Cameron Turner, Texas Water Development Board, addressed the Board and commented on their Texas Rain Catcher Award, Water Application Grants, and their November 16 Public Meeting.

Mr. Daren Harmel, USDA - Agricultural Research Service, introduced Dr. Dan Upchurch.

Dr. Dan Upchurch, USDA – Agricultural Research Service addressed the Board and commented that they currently employ 220 PhD Scientists and 850 employees. He also commented on the budget for the Southern Plain Region, erosion of scientific capacity due to a flat budget, and leadership program changes.

Mr. Scott Buckles, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, addressed the Board and thanked the Board Members, Field Staff, and Temple Staff for the State Meeting. Mr. Buckles commented on the Houston Black Soil, the Legislative Session in the spring, future surveys for more resources for the Association, and the State Meeting auction.

Mr. Salvador Salinas, Natural Resources Conservation Service, addressed the Board and commented on the State Meeting. Mr. Salinas commented on Financial Assistance Programs funding, Agriculture Water Enhancement Program funding, Technical Assistance funding, and asked Field Staff for help promoting NRCS programs.

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

Comments covered under Agenda Item 2.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Minutes from the September 15-16, 2010 Board Meeting

Chairman Dodier called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15-16, 2010 Board Meeting. Mr. Russell moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Mr. Nichols 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. Mr. Nichols moved the following appointments be approved. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Floyd Franklin, Hartley County #152, Zone 5, Replace Kenneth Stanley
Carol Lathem, Hartley County #152, Zone 3, Replace Floyd Franklin
Matthew R Gubbels, Coastal Plains #317, Zone 3, Replace Fletcher Morgan, Jr.
Francis Corrigan, Winter Garden #326, Zone 3, Replace Kevin Temperton
Fernando Munoz, Jr, Zapata #335, Zone 5, Replace Javier J. Munoz
Bobby Robertson, Rusk #447, Zone 3, Replace Albert H. Evans, Jr.
John Tate, Lower Clear Fork of the Brazos #551, Zone 5, Replace Henry Green

AGENDA ITEM 6: Fiscal Report

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Consider Approval of Waivers as per 31 TAC §523.6(E)(2)(B), (E)

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

AGENDA ITEM 8: Consider Approval of Revised Water Quality Management Program Forms

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

AGENDA ITEM 9: Consider Statewide Water Quality Management Plan Cost Share Request

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 10: 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 are no requests at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Flood Control Programs Status Report

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program Status Report

Ms. Casebolt reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 13: Poultry Water Quality Management Program Status Report

Mr. Cochran reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 14: Water Supply Enhancement Program Report

Mr. Oswald reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 15: Consider Adoption of Amendment to 31 TAC, Chapter 517, Subchapter 517, Subchapter B, §517.33, Contracts for Cost Share

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

AGENDA ITEM 16: Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 17: Interagency Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 18: 2010 Annual State Meeting

Mr. Davis reviewed agenda information. Senate Bill 503 Program Eligibility to be placed on January 2011 Work Session Agenda for discussion. CEU's Offered at the State Meeting to be discussed further when discussing 2011 State Meeting. Designating Houston Black Clay as the State Soil of Texas to be placed on the January Board Meeting Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 19: National Association of Conservation Districts Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 20: National Association of State Conservation Agencies Report

Mr. Davis reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 21: Consider Re-Adoption, Revision or Repeal of 31 TAC, Chapter 518, Subchapter A, Employee Training Rules (§§518.1-518.2)

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

AGENDA ITEM 22: Consider Re-Adoption, Revision or Repeal of 31 TAC, Chapter 523, Agricultural and Silvicultural Water Quality Management (§§523.1-523.8)

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 23: Consider Re-Adoption, Revision or Repeal of 31 TAC, Chapter 525, Subchapter A, Audit Requirements for Soil and Water Conservation Districts (§§525.1-525.9)

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 24: Public Information/Education Report

Mr. Smith reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 25: Human Resources Report

Ms. Heitman reviewed the agenda information.

Chairman Dodier presented service award plaques to:

Brian Koch – 5 years

Charlie Upchurch – 10 years

Jack Foote – 5 years

AGENDA ITEM 26: Set a Date for the Next State Board Meeting

January 26-27, 2011 in Temple, Texas. Mr. Isom suggested that the meetings be moved to coincide with the District Director/Employee Workshop.

Mr. Nichols moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

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