Meeting Minutes
TEXAS STATE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
March 22, 2005
Park Plaza Hotel, Austin

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Board members present were:

Aubrey Russell, Vice Chairman
Reed Stewart, Member
Guillermo (Memo) Benavides, Member
Jerry Nichols, Member
W. T. (Dub) Crumley, Chairman

Staff members present were:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
Kevin Wagner, NPS Team Leader
John Foster, Natural Resources Specialist
Kenny Zajicek, Fiscal Officer
Richard Egg, Engineer
Andy Garza, Program Administrator
Lee Munz, 319 Project Manager
T. J. Helton, Planner
Chris Higgins, Planner
Johnny Oswald, Program Administrator
Tuffy Wood, Program Specialist
Ben Brooks, Planner
John O'Connor, Program Administrator
Max Berry, Engineer
Mark Cochran, Program Specialist
Mel Davis, Program Specialist
Bob Gruner, Program Specialist
Ben Wilde, Program Specialist
Joe Freeman, Program Specialist
Kendria Ray, Program Specialist
Adrian Perez, Program Specialist
David Powell, Program Specialist
Joel Clark, Program Specialist
Don Brandenberger, Program Specialist
Charlie Upchurch, Program Specialist
Dawn Heitman, Program Specialist
Amy Varner, Purchaser

Others present were:

Denise Gentsch, BASF Corporation

Dayton Elam, Chairman, Gaines County SWCD #166

Chairman Crumley called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and welcomed those present.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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Vicki Davis, Administrative Coordinator

Others present were:

Clyde Bohmfalk, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
George Noelke, Office of the Attorney General
Scott Buckles, Sherman County SWCD #159
Woody Anderson, Mitchell SWCD #207
Cliff Caldwell, North Concho River SWCD #252
Bobby Waddle, Dalworth SWCD #519
Amanda DePree, Pedernales SWCD #218
Fred Teagarden, UCRA
Scott McWilliams, UCRA
Vic Baseman

Chairman Crumley called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. and welcomed those present.

AGENDA ITEM 1. Reports from Agencies and Guests

Clyde Bohmfalk, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality discussed: lawsuit against EPA concerning CAFO's, Water Policy Meeting in Washington and emphasized the importance of the State Board and TCEQ working together.

Woody Anderson, Mitchell SWCD discussed: good working relationship between district/Board/Brush Program, asked the board to consider Champion Creek's inclusion in a 319 project and asked why all districts were not included in the 503 program. The board requested that Kevin Wagner look into the 319 issue and send the Mitchell District a written response.

Bobby Waddle, Dalworth SWCD shared ways their local board works with municipalities to help educate them as to the concerns and capabilities of districts.

Johnny Oswald introduced Amanda Dupree as a new employee of the Pedernales District.

AGENDA ITEM 2. Minutes from the January 26-27, 2005 Board Meeting

Chairman Crumley called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26-27, 2005 meeting as mailed. Mr. Nichols moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3. District Director Appointments

Ms. Davis presented district director appointments for the Board's consideration and verified they were in order and met all qualifications. Mr. Russell moved the appointments be approved. Mr. Benavides seconded and the following appointments were unanimously approved:

Larry Young, Terry #151, Zone 3, Replace Steve Furlow
John Paul Dauer, McClellan Creek #156, Zone 2, Replace Mark McKiernan
Mark McKiernan, McClellan Creek #156, Zone 3, Replace John Paul Dauer
John Schlemmer, Limestone-Falls #501, Zone 3, Replace Harold Hayes
Harvey Siems, McLennan #512, Zone 5, Director for new Zone 5

AGENDA ITEM 15. Monitoring Report by Upper Colorado River Authority

Fred Teagarden and Scott McWilliams gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the North Concho River Watershed Restoration Project and took questions from the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 4. Flood Control Dam Rehabilitation Projects

Mr. Egg reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Nichols moved that FRS No. 104 of the Aquilla Hackberry Creek Watershed be approved. Mr. Stewart seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5. Subdivision Boundary Change for Maverick SWCD #228

Mr. Freeman reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Stewart moved the Board approve the subdivision boundary change for Maverick SWCD #228 as presented. Mr. Russell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6. Approval of Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program

Mr. Wagner reviewed the agenda information and stated the plan will be posted in the Texas Register in April and the final document will be submitted at the May board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7. Approval of Statewide Water Quality Management Plan Cost Share Requests

Mr. Munz reviewed the agenda information. Mr. Benavides moved the Board approve the three statewide allocation requests as presented. Mr. Nichols seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8. Adoption of Rule to Allow Cost Share Assistance More than Once on the Same Water Quality Management Plan

Mr. Garza reviewed the agenda information and took questions from the Board. Mr. Nichols moved that the change to §523.6 (e) as presented be adopted as final and that a committee be set up under Mr. Isom's direction to evaluate the 503 program in its entirety. Mr. Russell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 9. Reallocation of GR 05 and Bond 05 Brush Funds

Mr. Oswald reviewed the agenda information with input from Mr. Zajicek and took questions from the Board.

Mr. Benavides moved the board approve reallocation of existing General Revenue 05 funds from Lake Ballenger, Oak Creek, Pedernales and Twin Buttes to the North Concho River for cost-share and Upper Colorado River authority for monitoring as follows: Lake Ballinger-$13,000; Oak Creek-$16,860; Pedernales-$25,000; Twin Buttes-$107,000. Mr. Stewart seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stewart moved the board include funding for Salt Cedar contracts on the Upper Colorado Salt Cedar Project in the Upper Colorado Basin to match EQIP contracts from existing funds in the Pecos Salt Cedar Project. Mr. Russell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nichols moved the board reallocate $53,830.96 Bond 05 from Spring and Dove and $34,654.72 Bond 05 of unallocated money to the Twin Buttes Project. Mr. Benavides seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 10. State Board Member Elections

No presentation was made on this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 11. Coastal Coordination Council Report

Mr. Benavides stated there would be a meeting of the Coastal Coordination Council on April 7th in Austin. Mr. Egg stated no business had been covered at the executive committee meeting which affected our programs.

AGENDA ITEM 12. Water Quality Management Program Status Report

Mr. Garza reviewed the agenda information and stated that fund balances will be reobligated at the May board meeting. He took questions from the board with input from Mr. Miska and Ms. Albus.

AGENDA ITEM 13. Legislative Update

Chairman Crumley and Mr. Isom presented a brief legislative update.

AGENDA ITEM 14. General Status Report on Brush Program

Mr. Oswald reviewed the agenda information and took questions from the board.

AGENDA ITEM 16. 319 Report on Upper Colorado Salt Cedar

Mr. Brooks reviewed the agenda information and took questions from the board. Per the board's request, Mr. Brooks stated that updates on the Lake Champion Project will be given at future board meetings.

AGENDA ITEM 17. Poultry Water Quality Management Plan Program Update

Mr. Foster reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 18. Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan Program Update

Mr. Foster reviewed the agenda information and took questions from the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 19. Dairy Manure Export Support Program Update

Mr. Foster reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 20. Water Quality Management Plan Complaints

Mr. Foster stated there would be no presentation on this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 21. Human Resources Report

Ms. Heitman reviewed the agenda information and took questions from the board.

AGENDA ITEM 22. Public Information/Education Report

Ms. Heitman reviewed the agenda information. The board suggested that school districts be notified the Texas Ecoregion maps will be available soon. The board asked that this notification come from districts.

AGENDA ITEM 23. NACD Report

Mr. Benavides discussed: NACD Annual Meeting to be held in Atlanta in February '06, new president is Billy Wilson from Oklahoma, Farm Bill, Spring Legislative Conference, South Central Meeting in Louisiana in July, Executive Board Meeting in St. Louis and the League City building has not sold.

AGENDA ITEM 24. Poultry Program Status Report

Mr. Cochran reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 25. Clean Water Act, §319(h) NPS Grant Program Status Report

Mr. Wagner reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 26. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program Status Report

Mr. Wagner reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 27. Water Conservation Task Force Agricultural BMP Manual

Mr. Egg reviewed the agenda information.

AGENDA ITEM 28. Fiscal Report

Mr. Zajicek reviewed the agenda information and took questions from the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 29. Set Date of Next Board Meeting

Mr. Stewart moved that the date of the next Board meeting be set as May 19th with a work session to be held May 18, 2005. Mr. Nichols seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Crumley stated that Mr. Benavides would not be running in the May election and expressed the board's appreciation for his involvement and commitment. Mr. Benavides thanked the board for the opportunity to serve with them.

Chairman Crumley declared the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

William J. Crumley
Chairman

Secretary

5/19/05
Date

Secretary

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board meeting held on March 22 & 23, 2005.

5/19/05
Date

Executive Director