

## **TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**

**1497 Country View Lane, Temple TX**

The Board met at the above-stated time to consider and take appropriate action on the items listed below.

This meeting was held by videoconference pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.127. The presiding officer was physically present at the location of the meeting listed above and presided over the meeting at that location. The meeting was accessible to the public at the physical location listed above. Members of the public may also have participated in this meeting by videoconference call, using the following URL: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_d7ggp66uR5yVbGb8xSn1gQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_d7ggp66uR5yVbGb8xSn1gQ). An audio or audio-video recording of the meeting is available on our website at <https://www.tsswcb.texas.gov>.

Board Members present:

David Basinger, Chairman

Board Members via Zoom:

Scott Buckles, Vice Chairman

Jose Dodier, Jr., Member

Barry Mahler, Member

Tina Buford, Member

Staff Members present:

T. J. Helton, Program Administrator

Karen Preece, Accountant

Staff Members present via Zoom:

Rex Isom, Executive Director

Trey Watson, Field Representative

Glenn Baker, Program Supervisor

Kim Gamez, Program Supervisor

Dakota Massey, Project Manager

Anysa Devers, Project Manager

Steve Bednarz, Program Administrator & Engineer

David Hentzen, Flood Control Specialist

Cary Williams, Engineer Reviewer

Molly Christensen, Communications & Outreach Coordinator

Clay Wright, Information Resources Manager

Others Present via Zoom:

Austin Havens, Office of the Attorney General  
Wesley Gibson, National Association of Conservation Districts  
David Villarreal  
Marla Hegar

**AGENDA ITEM 1:** Webinar Information

Chairman Basinger reviewed the agenda information.

**AGENDA ITEM 2:** Call to Order, Roll Call, and Excuse Any Absent Board Members

Chairman Basinger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and called roll of the Board Members. Mr. Graham was absent.

Mr. Mahler moved for the approval to excuse Mr. Graham. Mr. Buckles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 3:** Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:** Minutes from February 7, 2024 State Board Meeting

Chairman Basinger reviewed the agenda item and stated that Ms. Preece had previously emailed a copy of the minutes to Board Members for their review.

Chairman Basinger called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024 State Board Meeting as presented.

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

**AGENDA ITEM 5:** Soil and Water Conservation District Director Appointments:

Chairman Basinger reviewed the agenda item and stated that Ms. Preece had previously emailed a list of the appointments to Board Members for their review. All paperwork has been received and is in order with the exception of Cassandra Roberson's approval being contingent upon receiving Mr. Hampton's signed resignation letter.

Chairman Basinger called for a motion to approve the appointments as presented.

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

**AGENDA ITEM 6:** Flood Control Program Federal Agreement Lower East Fork Laterals 10


Mr. Bednarz reviewed the agenda information.

Discussion ensued. Causes of increase were stated as the inflation of labor, fuel, concrete, and steel at approximately 18%.

**AGENDA ITEM 7:** Adjourn Meeting

Chairman Basinger called for the meeting to be adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Mr. Mahler moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Buckles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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David Basinger, Chairman

March 27, 2024

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Date



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Karen D. Preece, Secretary

March 27, 2024

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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 March 6, 2024.



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Rex Isom, Executive Director

March 27, 2024

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Date