

TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
1497 Country View Lane
Temple, TX 76504

Board Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

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 this location. This meeting was accessible to the public at the physical location listed above. Members of the public could participate in this meeting by videoconference call, using the following URL: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-w9yn4oWTvCmFut66ZoWNg.

This meeting of the TSSWCB has been properly posted with the Secretary of State's Office according to the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The members may discuss and/or take action on any of the items listed in the agenda. The Board may go into executive session on any agenda item, if appropriate and authorized by the Open Meetings.

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

Board Members present:

Marty H. Graham, Chairman – Presiding Officer in-person
Via phone: David Basinger, Vice Chairman
Via phone: Scott Buckles, Member
Via phone: Jose Dodier, Jr., Member
Via phone: Barry Mahler, Member
Via phone: Tina Y. Buford, Governor Appointee
Via phone: Carl Ray Polk, Jr., Governor Appointee

Staff Members present:

Rex Isom, Executive Director
Ricky Johnson, Field Representative
Ben Wilde,
Kendria Ray,
Adrian Perez,
Tony Franklin,
Trey Watson,
Glenn Baker, Program Supervisor
Todd Oneth, Program Supervisor
Judy Albus, Program Supervisor
John Foster, Policy Advisor & Intergovernmental Affairs
Steven Bednarz, Program Administrator & Engineer
Allen Nash, Engineer
T. J. Helton, Program Administrator
Molly Christensen, Communications & Outreach Coordinator
Amy Devereaux, Fiscal Services
Clay Wright, Information Resources Manager
Karen Preece, Accountant

General Counsel:

Assistant Attorney General Jerry Bergman, Office of the Attorney General

Others Present:

Tamara Daniel, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts
J. C. Essler, Texas Poultry Federation

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Graham called the meeting to order at 9:00 and called roll of the Board Members. All members present.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Excuse Any Absent Board Members

There were no absences.

Chairman Graham introduced Assistant Attorney General Jerry Bergman, Office of the Attorney General to the Board and staff.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comment

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Minutes from October 24, 2022 State Board Meeting

Ms. Preece previously emailed a copy of the minutes to Board Members for their review.

Chairman Graham called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2022 Board Meeting.

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

AGENDA ITEM 5: Soil and Water Conservation District Director Appointments, including: Branham, Melton

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

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

Russel Knute Boldt, Alamo #330, Subdivision 1, Replace Vacancy
Tom Benton, Jr., Colorado County #333, Subdivision 5, Replace Holly Waligura
R. Alan Branham, Upshur-Gregg #417, Subdivision 3, Replace Harold Stone
Randy Griffith, Rusk #447, Subdivision 3, Replace Bobby Robertson
Benny Melton, Navarro #514, Subdivision 1, Replace Clifford Williams

AGENDA ITEM 6: Agency Historically Underutilized Business' Goals

Ms. Devereaux reviewed the agenda information.

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

AGENDA ITEM 7: Policy to Clearly Separate the Respective Responsibilities of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Staff of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board

Mr. Foster reviewed the agenda information.

Ms. Buford moved for the approval to approve the amended policy as presented. Mr. Mahler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Williams Creek Site 1 Dam Upgrade, Amendment 1 to Add Funding

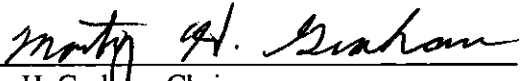
Mr. Bednarz reviewed the agenda information. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Buford moved for the approval of the amendment as presented. Mr. Basinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Set Date for Next State Board Meeting

January 19, 2023, at Temple Headquarters.

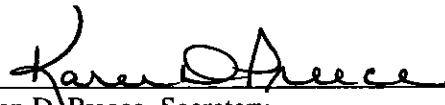
Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.



Marty H. Graham, Chairman

January 19, 2023

Date

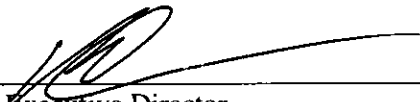


Karen D. Preece, Secretary

January 19, 2023

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 December 15, 2022.



Rex Isom, Executive Director

January 19, 2023

Date