

**South Texas
Association
Of
Soil and Water Conservation Districts**

**Bass Pro Shop
Uncle's Bucks Grill
Harlingen, Texas
February 28, 2019**

Minutes

The South Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts was held at the Bass Pro Shop's Uncle Bucks Grill in Harlingen, Texas on February 28, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Association President, Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326. Ovi Atkinson, Southmost SWCD 319, Chairman welcomed the group.

The group then traveled to the Valley Cottonseed Oil Mill for a tour of the facility.

After lunch the business meeting was held. Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep., read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the financial report the balance as of January 31, 2019 was \$10,162.41 A motion by Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, to approve the minutes as read and the financial report as presented, seconded by Israel Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 349. Motion Carried.

No Old Business was presented.

The following reports were given:

Jose Dodier, TSSWCB Chairman Zapata
Tina Y. Buford, TSSWCB Member, Governor Appointee
Rick Schilling, Area III ATSWCD Director
Charles Goeke, TCAWS Director, Area III
Tomas Dominquez, Assist State for Field Operations
Corpus Christi, Texas

A motion by Leroy Wolfe, Live Oak SWCD 323, and seconded by David Escobar, Loma Blanca SWCD 328, to Donate \$500.00 to the Area III Regional Wildlife Contest. Motion carried.

A motion by Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, and seconded by Israel Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 349, to table the annual Plant Material Center Donation until a report was presented to the group on PMC activities.

The dues report was presented.

A motion by Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, and seconded by David Escobar, Loma Blanca SWCD 328, to reimburse Winter Garden SWCD 326 \$1,293.60 or \$417.48 depending if the ATSWCD reimbursed 75% of the expenses or not. Motion Carried.

The following bills were presented for payment:

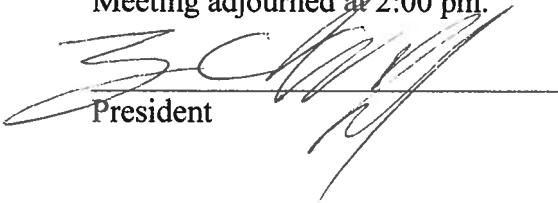
1188	Ricardo Chapa	\$ 11.82
1189	Uncle Buck's Grill	\$ 943.68
1190	Wildlife Alliance Youth	\$ 500.00
1191	Winter Garden SWCD 326	\$ 417.48

Total Payments \$1,872.98


A motion by David Escobar, Loma Blanca SWCD 328, and second by Israel Salazar, Willacy SWCD 349, to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried.

A motion by David Escobar, Loma Blanca SWCD 328, and second by Leroy Wolfe, Live Oak SWCD 323, to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.



President



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**Chaparrosa Ranch
La Paloma Lodge
La Pryor, Texas
September 12, 2018**

Minutes

The South Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts meeting was held at the Chaparroasa Ranch, La Paloma Lodge in La Pryor, Texas on September 12, 2018.

A welcome was given by Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, Chairman. Then the group heard presentation by Alex Holzmeier and Clay Howell. They discussed the hunting and ranching operation on the Chaparroasa Ranch.

The business meeting was called to order at 11:33am by Association President Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326.

Arturo Gaitan, Bee SWCD 344, read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Israel Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 321. Motion Carried.

Arturo Gaitan, Bee SWCD 344, read the financial statement. As of July 31, 2018, the balance was \$8,512.83. A motion by Michael Korus, Atascosa SWCD 307, to approve the financial balance and seconded by Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD #335. Motion Carried

No Old Business was presented.

Under new business a motion was made by Israel Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 349, and seconded by Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 326, to allow Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep. to purchase \$300.00 worth of items from the King Ranch Saddle Shop for door prizes for state convention. Motion Carried.

The following reports were given:

Jose Dodier, TSSWCB Chairman, Zapata
Rick Schilling, ATSWCD,
Samantha Salinas, NRCS RTL, San Antonio, Texas
Flavio Garza, NRCS RTL, Laredo, Texas

The following bills were presented for payment:

1181	Adrian Perez Supplies	\$ void
1182	Poor Man's BBQ	\$ 400.00
1183	King Ranch Saddle Shop	\$ void
1184	Adrian Perez	\$ 53.92
1185	ATSWCD (Luncheon)	\$ 80.00
1186	Israel Salazar, Jr. (Door Prizes)	\$ 216.50
1187	Winter Garden SWCD (Door Prizes)	\$ 40.00

Total Payments \$ 790.42

A motion by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, and second by Leroy Wolfe, Live Oak SWCD 321, to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried.


Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, was appointed to run the officer's election. Mr. Dodier opened the floor nominations for president. Israel Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 349, nominated Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 349 for president. Mr. Dodier called for nominations three times. Israel Hinojosa, Monte Mucho SWCD 321, made a motion to cease nominations and Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded by Leroy Wolff, Live Oak SWCD 323. Motion carried.

Mr. Dodier opened the floor nominations for vice president. Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 323, nominated Leroy Wolff, Live Oak SWCD 323, for vice president and Mr. Dodier called for nominations three times. Michael Korus, Atascosa SWCD 307, made a motion to cease nominations and Leroy Wolff, Live Oak SWCD 323, be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded by Israel Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 349. Motion Carried.

With no further business a motion was made by Israel Hinojosa, Monte Mucho SWCD 331, and seconded by Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.



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**Roosevelt Park
San Antonio, Texas
March 27, 2018**

Minutes

The South Texas, South Central, and Gulf Coast Associations of Soil and Water Conservation Districts meeting was held at the Roosevelt Park Clubhouse in San Antonio, Texas on March 27, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am by South Central Association President Gary ✓ Schott, Alamo SWCD 330.

South Central Association President Gary Schott, Alamo SWCD 330 welcomed the group to San Antonio.

✓ Rex Isom, Executive Director TSSWCB, Temple, addressed the group

The group then boarded buses and head to the inlet of the San Antonio River where representatives from San Antonio River Authority and City of San Antonio gave the group a guided tour. Then the group boarded river boats for a guided tour of the San Antonio Riverwalk.

After lunch the group heard a speaker on cover crops and soil health.

After the speaker the business meeting continued.

The following reports were given:

Rick Schilling, Area III ATSWCD Director
Jose Dodier, TSSWCB Chairman Zapata
Salvador Salinas, NRCS State Conservationist, Temple
Tomas Dominguez, NRCS Asst. State for Field Operations, Corpus Christi

After the reports each association broke up into groups to take care of their association business.

Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep., read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by Leroy Wolfe, Live Oak SWCD 323, to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Michael Korus, Atascosa SWCD 307. Motion Carried.

Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep., read the financial statement. As of December 31, 2016 the balance was \$7,066.86. Motion to approve the financial statement by Ruperto Escobar, Starr County SWCD 332, and seconded by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321. Motion carried.

No Old Business was presented.

Report on the NACD Meeting. The meeting was going on at that present time.

Under new business a motion was made by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, and seconded by Israel Hinojosa, Monte Mucho SWCD 331 to donation \$500.00 to the Area III Regional Wildlife Contest. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Leonel Ramirez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, and seconded by ✓Ruperto Escobar, Starr County SWCD 332, to donation \$1,000.00 to the Kika de la Garza Plant Material Center. Motion Carried.

South Texas Dues report was given by Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep. All 22 SWCD's had paid their dues.

The following bills were presented for payment:

1178	W. A. Y.	\$ 500.00
1179	Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD (PMC)	\$ 1,000.00
1180	South Central Assoc. of SWCD's	\$ 1,500.00

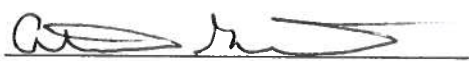
Total Bills: \$ 3000.00

A motion by Omar Garza, Starr County SWCD 332, and second by Tina Clyburn, Atascosa SWCD 307, to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Israel Hinojosa, Monte Mucho SWCD 331, and seconded by Michael Korus, Atascosa SWCD 307, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.



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**Berclair Mansion and Musuem
Berclair, Texas
September 27, 2017**

Minutes

The South Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts meeting was held at the Berclair Mansion and Musuem in Berclair, Texas on September 27, 2017.

The group started at Terrell Hall, a welcome was given by Arturo Gaitan, Bee SWCD 344 Chairman. Then the group toured the Berclair Mansion. A short video of the Berclair Mansion and of the family history was shown.

The business meeting was called to order at 1:23pm by Association President Israel Salazar Jr., Willacy SWCD 349.

Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep., read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion by Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321. Motion Carried.

Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep., read the financial statement. As of August 31, 2017, the balance was \$8,186.86. A motion by Lindsey Keoing, Jim Wells SWCD 355, to approve the financial balance and seconded by Tina Clyburn, Atascosa SWCD #307. Motion Carried

No Old Business was presented.

Under new business a motion was made by Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, and seconded by Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, to allow Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep. to purchase \$300.00 worth of items from the King Ranch Saddle Shop for door prizes for state convention. Motion Carried.

The following reports were given:

J. Pete Laney, TCAWS, Austin
Charles Goeke, TCAWS,
Vicki Riser, Area III ATSWCD Director, George West

Jose Dodier, TSSWCB Chairman, Zapata
Tina Y. Buford, TSSWCB Member, Harlingen
Sony Vela, NRCS Program Manager, Corpus Christi, Texas
John Lloyd-Reilley, Kika de la Garza PMC, Kingsville, Texas

The following bills were presented for payment:

1175	King Ranch Saddle Shop	\$ 289.03
1176	Bee Art Association (Beclair Mansion)	\$1,485.00
1177	ATSWCD (Officer Breakfast)	\$ 120.00
Total Payments		\$ 1,894.03

A motion by Lindsey Keoing, Jim Wells SWCD 355, and second by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried.

Harvey Buehring, Nueces SWCD 357 was appointed by run the officer's election. Mr. Buehring opened the floor nominations for president. David Escobar, Loma Blanca SWCD 3328, nominated Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 349 for president. Mr. Buehring called for nominations three times. Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, made to motion to cease nonimations and Israel Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 349, be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded by Jose O. Dodier, Zapata SWCD 337. Motion carried.

Mr. Buehring opened the floor nominations for vice president. Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 323, nominated Leroy Wolff, Live Oak SWCD 323, for vice president and Mr. Beuhring called for nominations three times. Tina Clyburn, Atascosa SWCD 307, made to motion to cease nonimations and Leroy Wolff, Live oak SWCD 323, be eected by acclamation. Motion seconded by Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326. Motion Carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned by President, Israel Salazar, Jr. at 2:26 pm.



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**L & F Distributors
Laredo, Texas**

January 31, 2017

Minutes

The South Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts was held at the L & F Distributors in Laredo, Texas on January 31, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by Association President Israel Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 349.

Andy Ramos, Webb SWCD 337 welcomed the group to Laredo.

The group then toured the L & F Distributors warehouse.

Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep., read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Leroy Wolfe, Live Oak SWCD 323. Motion Carried.

Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep., read the financial statement. As of December 31, 2016 the balance was \$7,066.86. Motion to approve the financial statement by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, and seconded by Jose O. Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335. Motion carried.

No Old Business was presented.

Report on the NACD Meeting. The meeting was going on at that present time.

Under new business a motion was made by Jose O. Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, and seconded by Carroll Summers, Webb SWCD 337 to donation \$500.00 to the Area III Regional Wildlife Contest. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Leroy Wolfe, Live Oak SWCD 323, and seconded by Billy Smith, Live Oak SWCD 323, to donation \$1,000.00 to the Kika de la Garza Plant Material Center. Motion Carried.

South Texas Dues report was given by Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep..

The following reports were given:

Vicki Riser, Area III ATSWCD Director
Jose Dodier, TSSWCB Chairman Zapata
John Lloyd-Reilly, Kika de la Garza PMC, Kingsville, Texas
Ricardo Chapa, TSSWCB Regional Office, Harlingen, Texas
Aaron Wendt, TSSWCB, Temple, Texas (Arundo Cane Project)

The following bills were presented for payment:

1172	W. A. Y.	\$ 500.00
1173	Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD (PMC)	\$ 1,000.00
1174	Buckaroo Inn Catering	\$ 515.00

Total Bills: \$ 2,015.00

A motion by Omar Garza, Starr County SWCD 332, and second by Pauline Word, Live Oak SWCD 323, to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am by Association President Israel Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 349.

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**La Parra Ranch Beach House
Sarita, Texas
September 27, 2016**

Minutes

The South Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts meeting was held at La Parra Ranch Beach House in Sarita, Texas on September 27, 2016.

The group started at the Kenedy Ranch Museum's Carriage House for a welcome and a short video of the Vaquero history and lifestyle. Then the group boarded a bus for a guided tour of the Kenedy Foundation La Parra Ranch. The group arrived at La Parra Ranch Beach House on Baffin Bay. Where the business meeting was conducted.

The meeting was called to order at 11:13 am by Association President Israel Salazar Jr., Willacy SWCD 349.

Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep., read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion by Lindsey Keoing, Jim Wells SWCD 355, to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321. Motion Carried.

Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep., read the financial statement. As of September 27, 2016 the balance was \$7,038.55. A motion by Jose O. Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, to approve the financial balance and seconded by Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326. Motion Carried

No Old Business was presented.

Under new business a motion was made by Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, and seconded by Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, to allow Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep. to purchase \$300.00 worth of items from the King Ranch Saddle Shop for door prizes for state convention. Motion Carried.

Leroy Wolfe, Live Oak SWCD 323, discussed the resolution submitted by Live Oak SWCD 323 regarding EQIP Waivers. Carroll Summers, Webb SWCD 337, discussed the resolution submitted by Webb SWCD 337 pertaining to the Carrizo Cane Project. Adrian Peres, TSSWCB Field Rep, discussed the resolution submitted by Willacy SWCD 349 concerning the SAMS and DUNS numbers.

The following reports were given:

Vicki Riser, Area III ATSWCD Director, George West
Jose Dodier, TSSWCB, Zapata
Tomas Dominques, Assist State for Field Operations, Corpus Christi, Texas
John Lloyd-Reilley, Kika de la Garza PMC, Kingsville, Texas
Dr. Shad Nelson, Acting Dean of Agriculture at Texas A&M Kingsville

The following bills were presented for payment:

1165	Distance Brothers Trans.	\$ 297.00
1166	Distance Brothers Trans	\$ 297.00
1167	Marty's Catering	\$ 760.00
1168	ATSWCD Postage	\$ 223.19
1169	King Ranch Saddle Shop	\$ 315.00
1170	Adrian Perez (supplies)	\$ 49.50

Total Payments \$ 1,941.69

A motion by Chuck Burns, Willacy SWCD 349, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, and second by Jose O. Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried.

Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335 was appointed by run the officer's election. Mr. Dodier opened the floor nominations for president. Nelda Garcia, Jim Wells SWCD 355, nominated Israel Salazar, Jr, Willacy SWCD 349 for president. Mr. Dodier called for nominations three times. Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, made to motion to cease nonimations and Israel Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 349, be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded by Carroll Summers, Webb SWCD 337. Motion Carried

Mr. Dodier opened the floor nominations for vice president. Carroll Summers, Webb SWCD 337, nominated Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, for vice president and Mr. Dodier called for nominations three times. Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, made to motion to cease nonimations and Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded by Carroll Summers, Webb SWCD 337. Motion Carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned by President, Israel Salazar, Jr. at 12:20 pm.

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**Willacy County Historical Museum
Raymondville, Texas**

February 17, 2016

Minutes

The South Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts was held at the Willacy County Historical Museum in Raymondville, Texas on February 17, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by Association President Israel Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 349.

Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep., read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Leroy Wolfe, Live Oak SWCD 323. Motion Carried.

Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep., read the financial statement. As of January 31, 2016 the balance was \$8,664.00. Motion to approve the financial statement by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, and seconded by Jose O. Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335. Motion carried.

No Old Business was presented.

Under new business a motion was made by Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, and seconded by David Escobar, Loma Blanca SWCD 326 to donation \$500.00 to the Area III Regional Wildlife Contest. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, and seconded by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, to donation \$1,000.00 to the Kika de la Garza Plant Material Center. Motion Carried.

South Texas Dues report was given by Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep., 20 out of 22 swcd's had paid the dues of February 17, 2016.

The following reports were given:

Vicki Riser, Area III ATSWCD Director
Jose Dodier, TSSWCB Chairman Zapata
Robbie Davis, NRCS Program Manager, Victoria, Texas
John Lloyd-Reilly, Kika de la Garza PMC, Kingsville, Texas
Ricardo Chapa, TSSWCB Regional Office, Harlingen, Texas
Ronnie Ramirez, TSSWCB 319 Planner, Harlingen, Texas
Aaron Wendt, TSSWCB, Temple, Texas (Arundo Cane Project)

The following bills were presented for payment:

1157	Boot Co. Bar & Grill	\$ 385.00
1158	Willacy County Historical Museum	\$ 300.00
1159	Willacy County Historical Museum	\$ 81.00
1160	W.A.Y. (Area III Wildlife Contest)	\$ 500.00
1163	Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD 356 (PMC)	\$ 1,000.00
1164	Adrian Perez	\$ 37.44

Total Bills: \$ 2,303.44

A motion by Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, and second by Jose O. Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried.

With no further business a motion was made by Leroy Wolfe, Live Oak SWCD 323, to adjourn and seconded by David Escobar, Loma Blanca SWCD 328. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 1:12 pm.

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**American Legion Hall
Jourdanton, Texas**

September 30, 2015

Minutes

The South Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts was held at the American Legion hall in Jourdanton, Texas on September 30, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Association President Israel Salazar Jr., Willacy SWCD 349.

The Texas Association of Water and Soil consultants J Pete Laney and Todd Kercheval addressed the group.

Dr. Rob Reed with Kemin Industries made a power point presentation on the operation of Kemin Industries and Schwartz Farms.

Vice-President, Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion by Lindsey Keoing, Jim Wells SWCD 355, to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321. Motion Carried.

Vice-President Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, read the financial statement. As of September 30, 2015 the balance was \$6,984.03

No Old Business was presented.

Under new business a motion was made by Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, and seconded by Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, to allow Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep. to purchase \$200.00 worth of items from the King Ranch Saddle Shop for door prizes for state convention. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by David Escobar, Loma Blanca SWCD 328, and seconded by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321 to pay for the officers to attend the State Association Presidents Invitational luncheon at the state convention. Motion Carried.

The following reports were given:

Vicki Riser, Area III ATSWCD Director, George West
Jose Dodier, TSSWCB, Zapata
Sony Vela, Program Specialist for Field Operations
Corpus Christi, Texas
Shelly Maher, Kika de la Garza PMC, Kingsville, Texas
Rusty Ray, Information Specialist, TSSWCB, Temple

The following bills were presented for payment:

1151	Atascosa SWCD 307(Hall fee)	\$ 150.00
1152	McBee's Bar-b-q	\$ 562.50
1153	Adrian Perez (Supplies)	\$ 66.00
1154	ATSWCD Postage	\$ 82.01
1155	ATSWCD Presidents Luncheon	\$ 70.00
1156	King Ranch Saddle Shop	\$ 214.34

Total Payments \$ 1,144.85

A motion by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, and second by Ruperto Escobar, Starr County SWCD 332, to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried.

Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335 was appointed by run the officer's election. Mr. Dodier opened the floor nominations for president. Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 3323, nominated Israel Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 349. Mr. Dodier called for nominations three times. Ruperto Escobar, Starr County SWCD 332, made to motion to cease nonimations and Israel Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 349, be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded by Lindsey Keoing, Jim Wells SWCD 355. Motion Carried

Mr. Dodier opened the floor nominations for vice president. Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 323, nominated Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, and Mr. Dodier called for nominations three times. Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, made to motion to cease nonimations and Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded by Ruperto Escobar, Starr County SWCD 332. Motion Carried.

With no further business a motion was made by David Escobar, Loma Blanca SWCD 328, to adjourn and seconded by Ruperto Escobar, Starr County SWCD 332, and Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.


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**Hilltop Gardens
Lyford, Texas**

February 18, 2015

Minutes

The South Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts was held at the Hilltop Gardens in Lyford, Texas on February 18, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 am by Association President Israel Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 349.

Mario Escobar, Vice President, read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by Lindsey Koenig, Jim Wells SWCD 355, to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Robert Elizondo, Agua Poquita SWCD 321. Motion Carried.

Mario Escobar, Vice President, read the financial statement. As of February 6, 2015 the balance was \$7,694.54. Motion to approve the financial statement by Leroy Wolff, Live Oak SWCD 323 and seconded by Pauline Word, Live Oak SWCD 323. Motion carried.

No Old Business was presented.

Under new business a motion was made by Ruperto Escobar, Starr County SWCD 332, and seconded by Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326 to donation \$500.00 to the Area III Regional Wildlife Contest. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, and seconded by Nelda Garcia, Jim Wells SWCD 355, to donation \$1,000.00 to the Kika de la Garza Plant Material Center. Motion Carried.

South Texas Dues report was given by Israel Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 349, 20 out of 22 swcd's had paid the dues of February 18, 2015.

The following reports were given:

Vicki Riser, Area III ATSWCD Director
Jose Dodier, TSSWCB Chairman Zapata
Tomas Dominquez, Assist State for Field Operations, Corpus Christi, Texas
John Lloyd-Reilly, Kika de la Garza PMC, Kingsville, Texas
Ricardo Chapa, TSSWCB Regional Office, Harlingen, Texas
Ronnie Ramirez, TSSWCB 319 Planner, Harlingen, Texas
Nelda Garcia, ATSWCD Soil Stewardship Committee

The following bills were presented for payment:


1144	Adrian Perez (Supplies)	\$ 33.30
1146	Hilltop Gardens	\$ 296.00
1147	Neto Rodriquez (cater)	\$ 450.00
1148	W.A.Y. (Area III Wildlife Contest)	\$ 500.00
1149	Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD 356 (PMC)	\$ 1,000.00
1150	ATSWCD (Postage)	\$ 145.44
Total Bills:		\$ 2,424.74

A motion by Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, and second by Pauline Word, Live Oak SWCD 323, to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried.

With no further business a motion was made by Ruperto Escobar, Starr County SWCD 332, to adjourn and seconded by Nelda Garcia, Jim Wells SWCD 355. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.



President



Secretary V.P.

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**Texas A&M University Kingsville
John E Connor Museum
Founder Room
Kingsville, Texas**

September 26, 2014

Minutes

The South Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts was held at the Founder Room at Texas A&M University Kingsville in Kingsville, Texas on September 26, 2014.

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Association President Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 323.

President Vicki Riser read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion by Lindsey Koenig, Jim Wells SWCD 355, to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Richard Lee, Live Oak SWCD 323. Motion Carried.

President Vicki Riser read the financial statement. As of September 26, 2014 the balance was \$7,694.54. Motion to approve the financial statement by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321 and seconded by Pauline Word, Live Oak SWCD 323. Motion carried.

No Old Business was presented.

Under new business a motion was made by Ovi Atkinson, Southmost SWCD 319, and seconded by Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335 to donate \$500.00 to the Area III Regional Wildlife Contest. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Nelda Garcia, Jim Wells SWCD 355, and seconded by J. D. McGill, Copano Bay SWCD 329 to donate \$1,000.00 to the Kika de la Garza Plant Material Center. Motion Carried.

The following reports were given:

TCAWS Consultant Todd Kercheval
Vicki Riser, Area III ATSWCD Director
Jose Dodier, TSSWCB Chairman Zapata
Tomas Dominquez, Assist State for Field Operations
Corpus Christi, Texas
John Lloyd-Reilly, Kika de la Garza PMC, Kingsville, Texas

The following bills were presented for payment:

1135	W. A. Y.	\$ 500.00
1136	Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD (PMC)	\$ 1000.00
1137	Javelina Dinning	\$ 925.54
1138	John E. Conner Museum (Donation)	\$ 150.00

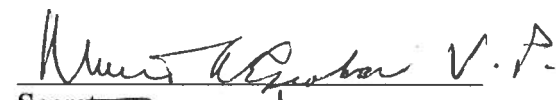
A motion by Ovi Atkinson, Southmost SWCD 319, and second by Pauline Word, Live Oak SWCD 323, to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried.

Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335 was appointed by run the officer's election. Mr. Dodier opened the floor nominations for president. Nelda Garcia, Jim Wells SWCD 355 nominated Isreal Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 349. Mr. Dodier called for nominations three times. Lindsey Koenig, Jim Wells SWCD 355, made to motion to cease nonimations and Isreal Salazar, Jr. be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321. Motion Carried

Mr. Dodier opened the floor nominations for vice president. Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 323, nominated Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, and Mr. Dodier called for nominations three times. Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, made to motion to cease nonimations and ~~Israel Salazar, Jr.~~ ^(By: W. Escobar) be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded by Jerry Nock, Jim Wells SWCD 355. Motion Carried.

With no further business a motion was made by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, to adjourn and seconded by Pauline Word, Live Oak SWCD 323, Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.


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**J. M. Alaniz Fairgrounds
Brooks County Annex Courtroom
Falfurrias, Texas**

September 25, 2013

Minutes

The South Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts was held at the Brooks County Annex Courtroom in Falfurrias, Texas on September 25, 2013.

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by Association President Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 323.

President Vicki Riser read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion by Nelda Garcia, Jim Wells SWCD 355, to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Carroll Summers, Webb SWCD 337. Motion Carried.

President Vicki Riser read the financial statement. As of September 25, 2013 the balance was \$5,729.55.

No Old Business was presented.

Under new business a motion was made by Memo Benavides, Webb SWCD 337, and seconded by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321 to allow Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep. to purchase \$200.00 worth of items from the King Ranch Saddle Shop for door prizes for state convention. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Memo Benavides, Webb SWCD 337, and seconded by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321 to pay for the officers to attend the State Association Presidents Invitational luncheon at the state convention. Motion Carried.

Israel Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 349, discussed the resolution pertaining to WQMP one time cost-share rule. Area III State Association Director, Ben Bono, Coastal Plains SWCD 317, reviewed the resolution pertaining to doing away with the position of Immediate Past President on the State Association Board. Asked the group to vote this resolution down.

The following reports were given:

Ben Bono, Area III ATSWCD Director
Brooks County Judge Raul Ramirez,
Jose Dodier, TSSWCB Chairman Zapata
Tomas Dominquez, Assist State for Field Operations
Corpus Christi, Texas
Shelly Maher, Kika de la Garza PMC, Kingsville, Texas
Dr Alan Rasmusson, Dean of Agriculture, Texas A&M Kingsville

The following bills were presented for payment:

1127	Museum Donation	\$ 150.00
1128	King Ranch Saddler Shop	\$ 218.67
1129	ATSWCD (Postage)	\$ 146.87
1130	Void	
1131	Void	
1132	ATSWCD Presidents Luncheon	\$
1133	Loma Blanca SWCD 328 (Lunch)	\$ 240.00

Total Payments \$

A motion by Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326, and second by Ovi Atkinson, Southmost SWCD 319, to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried.


Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335 was appointed by run the officer's election. Mr. Dodier opened the floor nominations for president. Nelda Garcia, Jim Wells SWCD 355 nominated Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 323. Mr. Dodier called for nominations three times. Lindsey Koenig, Jim Wells SWCD 355, made to motion to cease nonimations and Vicki Riser be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded by Memo Benavides, Webb SWCD 337. Motion Carried

Mr. Dodier opened the floor nominations for vice president. Nelda Garcia, Jim Wells SWCD 355, nominated Israel Salazar, Jr., Willacy SWCD 349, and Mr. Dodier called for nominations three times. Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, made to motion to cease nonimations and Israel Salazar, Jr., be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded by Memo Benavides, Webb SWCD 337. Motion Carried.

With no further business a motion was made by Lindsey Koenig, Jim Wells SWCD 335, to adjourn and seconded by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321, and Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.

The group toured The Heritage Museum of Falfurrias.

Following the lunch a Water Quality Management Program Training was presented.



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**Tire Recycling & Processing, LLC
February 26, 2013**

Minutes

The South Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts was held at the Tire & Processing, LLC located in Harlingen, Texas on Tuesday, February 26, 2013.

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 am by Association President Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 323. Marta A. Martinez, Vice President, of Tire Recycling & Processing, LLC gave a short power point presentation and video of the recycling and processing of used tires. Then the group took a walking tour of the recycling and processing plant.

After the tour the business meeting was held. President Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 323 read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion by Linsey Keonig, Jim Wells SWCD 355, to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321. Motion Carried.

President Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 323, read the financial statement. As of February 26, 2012 the balance was \$7,694.54. A motion by Pauline Word, Live Oak SWCD 323 to accept the financial report as read and Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335. Motion Carried.

No Old Business was presented.

President Vicki Riser gave her report on the NACD National meeting held in San Antonio, Texas.

A motion was by Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, to donate \$500.00 to the Area III Regional Wildlife Contest and seconded by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321. Motion Carried.

A motion was by Memo Benavides, Webb SWCD 337, to donate \$1000.00 to the Kika de la Garza Plant Material Center and seconded by Mario Escobar, Winter Garden SWCD 326. Motion Carried.

The following reports were given:

Jose Dodier, TSSWCB Chairman Zapata
Tomas Dominquez, Assist State for Field Operations
Corpus Christi, Texas
John Lloyd-Reilly, Mgr. PMC Kingsville, Texas

The following bills were presented for payment:

1123	Adrian Perez (Supplies	\$ 124.99
1124	Don Beto's Catering	\$ 340.00
1125	Wildlife Alliance for Youth	\$ 500.00
1126	Keberg-Kenedy SWCD 356 (PMC)	\$ 1000.00

Total Payments \$ 1,964.99

A motion by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321 and second by Mario Escobar SWCD 326, to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried.

With no further business a motion by Pauline Word, Live Oak SWCD 323, and seconded by Arnold Trejo, Jim Wells SWCD 355. Motion Carried.



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**Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard
Elmendorf, Texas**

September 26, 2012

Minutes

The South Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts was held at the Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard in Elmendorf, Texas on September 26, 2012.

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm by Association Secretary, Isreal Salazar Jr., Willacy SWCD 349. A moment of silence was observed for fallen swcd director Clifton "Bub" Wheeler, McMullen SWCD 353.

After lunch the business meeting was held. Secretary Isreal Salazar read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion by Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Lindsey Koenig, Jim Wells SWCD 355. Motion Carried.

Secretary Isreal Salazar read the financial statement. As of September 26, 2012 the balance was 6,639.64.

No Old Business was presented.

Under new business a motion was made by Nelda Garcia, Jim Wells SWCD 355, and seconded by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 32 to allow Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep. to purchase \$200.00 worth of items from the King Ranch Saddle Shop for door prizes for state convention. Motion Carried.

Ben Bono, ATSWCD Director reviewed the resolutions.

The following reports were given:

Ben Bono, Area III ATSWCD Director
Jose Dodier, TSSWCB Chairman Zapata
Tomas Dominquez, Assist State for Field Operations
Corpus Christi, Texas
John Lloyd-Reilly, Mgr. PMC Kingsville, Texas

The following bills were presented for payment:

1115	Wildlife Alliance Youth	\$ 500.00
1116	Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard	\$ 625.00
1117	ATSWCD (State Mtg Luncheon)	\$ 90.00
1118	ATSWCD (Postage)	\$ 143.92
1119	NACD Registration	\$ 595.00
1120	NACD Mtg Expenses	\$ 952.03
1121	King Ranch Saddle Shop	\$
1122	Sand Oaks Olive Orchard	\$ 752.00

Total Payments \$

A motion by Lindsey Koenig, Jim Wells SWCD 355, and second by Joe Wheeler, McMullen SWCD 353, to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried.

A motion by Memo Benavides, Webb SWCD 337, and seconded by Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, to keep the same slate of officer as the previous year. Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 323, as President and Eddie Guerra, Hidalgo SWCD 350, as Vice President. Motion Carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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**Women's Building
Jim Wells County Fairgrounds
Alice, Texas**

February 28, 2012

Minutes

The South Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts was held at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds Women's Building in Alice, Texas on February 28, 2012.

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by Association President, Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 323. After the welcome a moment of silence was observed for fallen swcd director Chris Hinojosa, LaSalle County SWCD 354, and retired NRCS Area Conservationist Pete Wright.

A presentation from Mark Massey and David Grew with BIOMASS ENERGY RESOURCES was presented to the group. Mr. Massey discussed the harvest of South Texas brush for the use of biomass energy. Mr. Grew explained the benefits to wildlife.

After the presentations the group enjoyed a lunch prepared by Jim Wells County 4-H Club.

After lunch the business meeting was held. President Vicki Riser read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion by Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Romualdo Herrera, Loma Blanca SWCD 328. Motion Carried.

President Vicki Riser read the financial statement. As of February 28th, the balance was 6,639.64.

No Old Business was presented.

Under new business a motion was made by Nelda Garcia, Jim Wells SWCD 355, and seconded by Pauline Word, Live Oak SWCD 323 to give the Kika de la Garza Plant Material Center a \$1,000.00 donation. Motion Carried.

The following reports were given:

Ben Bono, Area III ATSWCD Director
Jose Dodier, TSSWCB Chairman Zapata
Tomas Dominquez, Assist State for Field Operations
Corpus Christi, Texas
John Lloyd-Reilly, Mgr. PMC Kingsville, Texas

The following bills were presented for payment:

1113	Jim Wells County 4-H	\$ 360.00
1114	PMC	\$1000.00
1115	Wildlife Alliance Youth	<u>\$ 500.00</u>

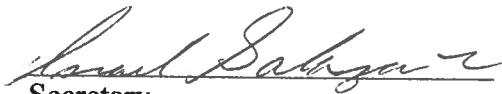
Total Payments \$1860.00

A motion by Lindsey Koenig, Jim Wells SWCD 355, and second by Romualdo Herrera, Loma Blanca SWCD 328, to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried.

Nelda Garcia, Jim Wells SWCD 355, discussed the future of the Rio Bravo RC&D.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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The South Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation District met on September 28, 2011 at the Museum of South Texas History in Edinburg, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by President Romualdo Herrera, Loma Blanca SWCD 328.

Mr. Herrera called on association secretary, Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 323, to read the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made by Robert Elizondo, Agua Poquita 321, to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Eddie Guerra, Hidalgo SWCD 350. Motion Carried. Mrs. Riser gave the financial report as of September 28, 2011 the balance was \$3,337.55. A motion was made by Eddie Guerra, Hidalgo SWCD 350 to approve the financial report as presented and seconded by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321. Motion Carried.

The door prizes for the Annual state meeting were discussed. A motion was made by Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, to purchase door prizes from the King Ranch Saddle Shop and allow Adrian Perez, TSSWCB Field Rep., to send around \$200.00. The motion was seconded by Jose L. Martinez, Agua Poquita SWCD 321. Motion Carried.

The ATSWCD Luncheon at the annual state meeting was discussed. A motion was made by Eddie Guerra, Hidalgo SWCD 350, to pay for the luncheon for any of the officers who would be attending the annual state meeting and seconded by Robert Elizondo, Agua Poquita SWCD 321. Motion Carried

The following reports were presented:

Jose Dodier, TSSWCB Chairman, Zapata
Tomas Dominquez, USDA-NRCS, ASFO, Corpus Christi

The following bills were presented for payment:

<u>Check</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1108	All Affairs and Occasions	\$468.05
1109	ATSWCD (Postage)	\$208.78
1110	King Ranch Saddle Shop	\$224.08
1111	ATSWCD Luncheon	\$ 90.00
1112	Museum of South Texas History	\$300.00

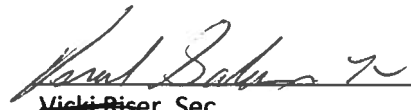
A motion was made by Eddie Guerra, Hidalgo SWCD 350 to pay the bills as presented and seconded by David Escobar, Loma Blanca SWCD 328. Motion carried.

The election of officers was discussed. Romualdo Herrera, Loma Blanca SWCD 328, Appointed Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 3335 to act as election chairperson. Jose Dodier called for a moment of silence for Gene Riser, husband of district directors, Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 323. Jose Dodier, Zapata SWCD 335, opened the floor for president. Romualdo Herrera, Loma Blanca SWCD 328 nominated Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 323. Jose Dodier called for nominations three times. Jose L. Martinez mad to motion that nomination cease and Mrs. Vicki Riser be elected by acclamation and seconded by Eddie Guerra, Hidalgo SWCD 350. Motion carried.

Jose Dodier opened the floor for vice-president. Vicki Riser, Live Oak SWCD 323, nominated Eddie Guerra, Hidalgo SWCD 350. Jose Dodier called for nominations three times. Jose L. Martinez mad to motion that nomination cease and Mrs. Viser be elected by acclamation and seconded by Robert Elizondo, Agua Poquita SWCD 321. Motion carried.

With the no further business, Romualdo Herrera, Loma Blanca SWCD 328, called the meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.


Vicki Riser, President


~~Vicki Riser, Sec.~~
Israel Salazar, Jr