

Carter Creek Watershed

Carter Creek Watershed Plan To Be Discussed ^{Aug. 1, 1962}

The Davis County Soil Conservation Commission has called a meeting to discuss the watershed program and the possibilities of forming a watershed organization for the Carter Creek area.

The meeting has been set for the Davis County Savings Bank Tuesday night at 8 p.m. All land owners and other interested people in the area are invited to attend.

The soil commissioners — Clay Barnett, Harold Baughman, and Dale Blackwell — will discuss the problems to be ironed out for the 25,000 acre area. The possibilities of drawing up a petition and electing temporary directors for a watershed organization will also be discussed.

Should a large enough percentage of land owners of the Carter Creek area, which extends from Appanoose county through the southern part of Davis county, be interested in starting the program, a petition will be drawn up.

This petition will state the characteristics of the land as it now is and state the improvements that are thought to be needed.

The petition will be submitted to the State Soil Conservation Commission for approval. If approved, it will then have to await the decision to go ahead with planning the area.

The local commission will be notified to start planning and the land owners will have to subsequently approve the entire project. After approval, the program will be sent to Washington where it must be approved by various agencies and also by both houses of Congress.

Vote To Request Watershed Aid ^{August 8, 1962}

Farmers from the Carter Creek watershed area voted Tuesday evening to petition for federal assistance in a watershed program.

Elected directors at the meeting were Tom Hardy, Truman Aleshire, G. D. Lunsford, Stanley White, Lem Jarvis, Austin Davis, and Gerald McMains. They will meet later to select their chairman.

Verle Arnold, work unit conservationist for the Soil Conservation District here, said the next step will be to prepare a formal application, which will go to the State Soil Conservation committee sometime this year.

Approval at that point would pave the way for authorization to develop a specific work plan.

Watershed activity in Davis county is reaching a peak and there are developments in two other areas, including:

North Wyacondah watershed, where farmers organized last week and agreed to petition for federal assistance. However, this project hinges on cooperation with Van Buren county in Iowa and two Missouri counties. The Missouri counties have already petitioned the Missouri governor and were given the go-ahead.

Big Wyacondah watershed, which is now before congress awaiting authorization of funds which would permit construction to begin. If authorization comes in this session, it's likely contracts will be let next spring. The project would involve \$300,000 in federal money.

Lunsford Heads Watershed Group ^{October 12, 1962}

G. D. Lunsford was elected as chairman of the Carter Creek Watershed organization at a meeting Tuesday between watershed directors and local Soil Conservation District commissioners.

Also selected as officers were S. M. White, vice-chairman, and Tom Hardy, secretary.

The group is making plans to submit a petition to the State Soil Conservation Committee in November as the organization's first step in attempting to obtain watershed planning assistance.

Directors present at the meeting, in addition to those elected as officers, were Truman Aleshire, Austin Davis, and Gerald McMains. Lem Jarvis, another director, was not present.

Others at the meeting were Commissioners Clay Barnett, Dale Blackwell, and Harold Baughman; Junior Botts, assistant commissioner; Verle Arnold and Eugene Francis of the SCS; and William Byers, county extension director.