

*A. P. Spencer*  
*advises. Soil Conservation Districts.*

A certified copy of a resolution adopted by the State Soil Conservation Board April 10, 1944, entitled:

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING AND DECLARING THAT THE OPERATION OF THE PEACE RIVER SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS ADMINISTRATIVELY PRACTICABLE AND FEASIBLE, AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING ITS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES TO PROCEED WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF THE DISTRICT AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 582.14 OF THE STATE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ACT, CHAPTER 582, LAWS OF FLORIDA, ACTS OF 1939.

WHEREAS, the State Soil Conservation Board, through its duly authorized representatives, did receive a petition, signed by 25 or more owners of land, asking that a Soil Conservation District be authorized to function in the territory described in the petition, which petition set forth the proposed name of the district; that there is need for the district; a description of the territory to be organized as a district; a request that the State Soil Conservation Board duly define the boundaries for such district; that a referendum be held on the question of the creation of a Soil Conservation District; and that the Board determine that the district be created, and

WHEREAS, the State Soil Conservation Board did, within thirty days after such petition had been filed with said Board, cause due notice to be given of a proposed hearing upon the question of the desirability and necessity in the interest of public health, safety and welfare, of the creation of such district, upon the question of the appropriate boundaries to be assigned to such district, upon the propriety of the petition and other proceedings and upon all questions relevant to such inquiries and did hold such hearing, and

WHEREAS, after such hearing the Board did determine that there is need, in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare, for a soil conservation district to function in the territory considered at the hearing and did determine that the territory to be included in such district is comprised of all lands lying within the boundaries of DeSoto County, Florida, and did determine that the name of said district shall be "Peace River Soil Conservation District", and

WHEREAS, the State Soil Conservation Board, to assist it in determining the administrative practicability and feasibility of the said proposed Peace River Soil Conservation District, did cause a referendum to be held within the proposed district upon the proposition of the creation of the district, the result of such referendum showing a substantial majority of votes cast for the creation of the district, and

WHEREAS, in view of the above related actions and happenings as provided by and in accordance with the Soil Conservation Districts Act, Chapter 582, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1939, Sections 582.10, 582.11, 582.12 and 582.13, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD IN SESSION THIS THE TENTH DAY OF APRIL, A. D., 1944:

That the State Soil Conservation Board does hereby determine and declare that the operation of the Peace River Soil Conservation District (approximately 414,720 acres), is administratively practicable and feasible and does hereby authorize and instruct its designated representatives to proceed with the organization of the district as provided for in Section 582.14 of the afore-said State Soil Conservation Districts Act.

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CERTIFICATE OF BOARD'S SECRETARY

I, J. T. Diamond, the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary, State Soil Conservation Board of Florida, do hereby certify that the above is a true, correct and compared copy of a resolution adopted by the State Soil Conservation Board at a meeting held April 10, 1944, authorizing the establishing of the Peace River Soil Conservation District as it is now recorded in the official records of the State Soil Conservation Board in its office, in Tallahassee, Florida.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Board this the 10th April 1944

  
Secretary, State Soil Conservation Board

(SEAL)

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS, S. W. SMITH and H. L. BURTON and W. A. SMITH and H. H. PARKER and R. H. MORGAN, land owners in a proposed soil conservation district, who signed the petition to the State Soil Conservation Board requesting the creation of a soil conservation district, have presented to this office an application, in the form required by law, for a certificate of organization of the Peace River Soil Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, the said application was accompanied by a statement, from the State Soil Conservation Board, in the form required by law; and

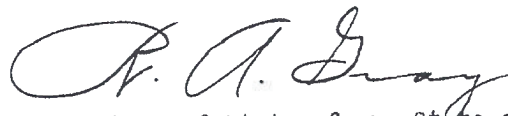
WHEREAS, the name proposed for the said district is not identical with that of any other soil conservation district of this State, or so nearly similar as to lead to confusion or uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, the said application and statement have been made, filed and recorded in this office as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby certified that the Peace River Soil Conservation District has been duly organized as a governmental subdivision of this State and a public body corporate and politic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these presents have been attested with the seal and signed by the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the twenty-seventh day of April, A. D., 1944.



  
Secretary of State of the State of  
Florida.

Honorable R. A. Gray  
Secretary of State  
Florida

The undersigned being land owners in a proposed soil conservation district and having signed the petition submitted to the State Soil Conservation Board requesting the creation of a soil conservation district hereby petition you, as the Honorable Secretary of State of the State of Florida, to approve the name proposed for said soil conservation district more particularly described below, to issue a certificate of organization of the district and to make official record in your office of the issuance of such certificate, all as provided for in Section 57 of Chapter 13144, Acts of 1937, as amended by Chapter 19473, Acts of 1939 (latest compiled statutes Chapter 582, Section 522.15).

Your petitioners represent:

1. That a petition for the creation of a soil conservation district was filed with the State Soil Conservation Board, that proceedings required by the Act referred to have been taken to this date, pursuant to such petition and that this application is now being filed to complete the organization of the district;
2. The name proposed for said soil Conservation District is: "Peace River Soil Conservation District", the boundaries of which are described as follows:

All lands lying within the boundaries of DeSoto County, Florida.

3. The location of the principal office of the supervisors of said Peace River Soil Conservation District shall be in the city of Arcadia, in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida.

(Signed) J. M. Smith  
 (Signed) H. L. Burton  
 (Signed) W. A. Smith  
 (Signed) H. H. Parker  
 (Signed) R. E. Morgan

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF ~~FLORIDA~~  
                  DE SOTO

Before me a Notary Public in and for said County and State aforesaid appeared

~~S. H. Smith, H. L. Burton, W. A. Smith,  
H. H. Parker and R. E. Morgan~~

\_\_\_\_\_, to me well and personally known, who by me first being duly sworn depose and state that they have subscribed to the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

R. E. Morgan  
Notary Public

(My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_)



R. A. GRAY  
SECRETARY OF STATE

Office of the  
**Secretary of State**  
State of Florida

Tallahassee

April 27th  
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Mr. W. L. Woods  
County Agent  
Arcadia, Florida

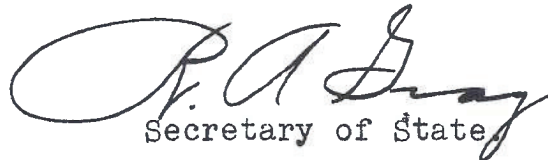
Dear Mr. Woods:

I have recorded application for the creation of a Soil Conservation District under the name of PEACE RIVER SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT which application was transmitted to this office by you.

I have attached certificate showing recordation in this office as contemplated in Paragraph F of Section 5 of Chapter 19473, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1939 and return same herewith.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Secretary of State

T/T  
Enc.