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KOHLLEPPEL RESIGNS FROM GROUNDWATER DISTRICT

The Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District announced that Paul Kohlleppel has resigned his position on the District board due to the fact that he and his wife will be moving out of Fayette County. The board received this resignation with deep regret, as Mr. Kohlleppel has been most instrumental in the establishment and direction of the groundwater efforts in the County, starting officially in 1999. It was then that the Commissioner's Court established a special committee to investigate the groundwater management needs of the County for the next 50 years. Mr. Kohlleppel was selected to lead this committee. Their conclusion was to follow the State's preferred method, which is to establish a District to be run by the citizens.

After the County agreed and voted to establish a Groundwater Conservation District, Mr. Kohlleppel was again asked to take the leadership in the position of President. His leadership and dedication to this effort has been unsurpassed, and after literally hundreds of dedicated hours, has established the District that is noted by the Texas Water Development Board and other Districts as being far beyond other Districts in effort and activities.

The support from the citizens has been excellent, as the concern for this valuable resource is of importance to all. During Mr. Kohlleppel's tenure, he had to start from ground zero to establish the rules and management plans to work towards the assurance that Fayette County will continue to be able to supply its water needs for at least the next 50 years. The well registration program that he oversaw was overwhelmingly supported by the citizens and with this information, plus other data generated by the District, invaluable future conditions can be worked towards. Mr. Kohlleppel reminds everyone that nothing can happen without our citizens' support, and in Fayette County the citizens are very special. Mr. Kohlleppel will be sorely missed by the District Board members and without doubt, will be missed for his leadership capabilities that have been so beneficial to this effort.

Mr. Kohlleppel represented Precinct 4, and his term was to expire this coming December. Even though the term left is so short, the Board is considering a replacement and has asked for candidates to be considered at their next meeting on May 1, 2006. If qualified citizens from Precinct 4 are interested, they need to indicate their interest by submitting their resume to the Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District, P.O. Box 625, La Grange, TX 78945 or email FCGCD@cvtv.net no later than April 27, 2006.

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