

# Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

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## MINUTES of the February 1, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting

**Directors Present:** L.J. Calley, Charles Richter, Robert Leer, Leo Kainer, Leo Wick, Sr.  
**Directors Absent:** None  
**Others Present:** David Van Dresar, General Manager; Monique Norman, Legal Counsel;  
Wendi Pyle, Administrative Assistant; Stefan Schuster, DBS&A; Andy  
Donnelly, DBS&A

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The meeting was called to order by President Calley at 8:38 a.m., immediately following the public hearing, on February 1, 2010, at the Fayette County Agricultural Building Conference Room 104 located at 255 Svoboda Lane, in La Grange, Texas. A quorum to conduct business was declared to be present.

President Calley asked for any public comments. There were no public comments.

Mr. Stefan Schuster made a presentation to the Board on the progress of the geodatabase and hydro-geologic modeling which DBS&A are producing for the District. Mr. Schuster stated that over 300 data points were used to develop the new mapping model. Preliminary saturated sand data was also presented but Mr. Schuster advised the board that the data needs to be refined more. Mr. Schuster stated that the project is approximately 85% with an anticipated completion of the project by the March 2010 meeting.

The Board considered action on revising the proposed Desired Future Conditions for GMA 12. Mr. Donnelly presented the board with the results of a drawdown model run performed by the hydrology consultants to GMA 12. The predicted aquifer drawdown results for Fayette County in the year 2060 are: 58.7 feet in the Queen City aquifer, 57.1 feet in the Sparta aquifer, and 56.9 feet in the Carrizo aquifer. Current desired future conditions for these aquifers are: 50 feet of drawdown in both the Queen City and Sparta aquifers and 150 feet of drawdown in the Carrizo aquifer. Based on the predicted results Mr. Donnelly and Mr. Van Dresar recommended that the Board revise the proposed desired future conditions for the Carrizo, Queen City, and Sparta aquifers to 60 feet of drawdown in each aquifer. Mr. Donnelly also recommended not setting a desired future condition on the Wilcox aquifer at this time as there is no use in that aquifer in Fayette County and no means of monitoring for the conditions at this time. Mr. Richter made the motion to revise the proposed desired future conditions to 60 feet of drawdown in the Carrizo, Queen City, and the Sparta aquifers based on the preliminary model run from GMA 12. Mr. Wick seconded the motion and it was approved. Mr. Kainer made the motion to delegate the general manager to appropriately act on the desired future conditions for the Wilcox aquifer in Fayette County, which is currently undeveloped, as part of the GMA 12 desired future conditions planning process. Mr. Richter seconded the motion and it was approved.

Minutes from the January 4, 2010, meeting of the Board of Directors were presented. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes were approved as presented.

The January financial statement and all outstanding bills to be paid were presented. Mr. Richter made the motion to accept the financial statement and to pay the bills presented. Mr. Wick seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Van Dresar gave the District Manager s'report to the board. Van Dresar stated that two complaints were received at the district office in the month on January. The first complaint being of water bubbling up from the ground near the railroad tracks in West Point. Upon investigation it was found to be a leaking gas main owned by DCP that was bubbling up through standing water. The complaint was turned over to the Railroad Commission. The second complaint regarded a possible illegal well on Bibee Road in Round Top. Mr. Van Dresar stated that the complaint was still under investigation. Van Dresar advised the board of two Region K Water Planning Group meetings he attended in January. He stated that both meetings focused on finalizing information for inclusion in the Region K Initially Prepared Plan that should be out for public review and comment in February. Mr. Van Dresar informed the board of his attendance at the Pumping Limits for Texas Aquifers: Desired Future Conditions Process Conference that was held in Austin on January 20. Van Dresar stated that the conference was informative and those in attendance were able to watch a GMA 9 petition hearing conducted by the TWDB. Mr. Van Dresar, Mr. Calley, Mrs. Norman, and Mr. Donnelly attended a Carrizo Wilcox Aquifer Study stakeholders meeting in Austin on January 28. Mr. Van Dresar updated the board on the scope of the meeting and reviewed two surveys that the Bureau of Economic Geology has requested the district complete. One survey is for interested parties and the other survey is specific to groundwater conservation districts. Upcoming meetings and seminars were presented.

The Board considered action on rescheduling the July 2010 Board of Directors meeting. Ms. Pyle advised the Board that July 5<sup>th</sup> was a county holiday and recommended July 7<sup>th</sup> as an alternate meeting date. Mr. Richter made the motion to reschedule the meeting for July 7, 2010. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The Board considered action on authorizing and providing funding for the district s'attorney to compile and complete the Carrizo Wilcox Study survey. After a brief discussion Mr. Kainer made the motion to authorize the district s'attorney to complete the Carrizo Wilcox Study survey and that the total costs of the project not exceed \$3000.00. Mr. Wick seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board considered action on director s'compensation. The board discussed the various forms of compensation that are allowable under the law. After extensive discussion, Mr. Leer made the motion to postpone the item for later discussion. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion. Leer, Kainer, and Wick voted aye. Richter voted nay. The motion was approved.

Mr. Van Dresar advised the board that on January 28, 2010, he approved a permit amendment application submitted by the Lee County Water Supply Corporation. Mr. Van Dresar stated that the amendment was to increase the permitted production from the aggregate wells by 10% or from 26.086 acre feet of water per year to 28.694 acre feet of water per year. Van Dresar informed the board that the district rules authorize the general manager to approve permit amendment up to 10% in any five year period. He stated that for the remainder of the five year permit cycle, any permit amendments regarding increasing of production made by the Lee County WSC, would be considered a major permit amendment and would need board approval.

Mr. Van Dresar updated the Board on the District Goals and Management Objectives.

Items were identified for the next meeting s'agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 1, 2010 in Room 104 of the Fayette County Agricultural Building located at 255 Svoboda Lane, La Grange, Texas 78945.

There being no further business, President Calley adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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L.J. Calley, President

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Leo Wick, Secretary-Treasurer