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MINUTES of the June 1, 2009 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;
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ripper

The meeting was called to order by President Calley at 8:30 a.m. on June 1, 2009 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 public comments. Mr. Bernard Ripper requested a copy of the minutes of the meeting regarding changing the rules on ponds. Mr. Ripper stated that the motor on the well pump at the 2S Ranch was running on Thursday and Friday. He also stated that he sent a letter to the district office on May 25, 2009. Mr. Van Dresar responded that any activities on the 2S Ranch were covered by the well owners permit and that the office did not receive a letter from Mr. Ripper. Mr. Ripper asked if the district was receiving mail at P.O. Box 625, to which Mr. Van Dresar stated that mail is not received there any longer. Mr. Ripper stated that when the well on the 2S Ranch was in operation his well produced mud. Mr. Ripper presented a bag of mud to the board which he stated came from the bottom of the cattle trough. Mr. Wick stated that the mud in the well could be caused by the screens in the well failing, as the well was over 90 years old. Mr. Wick also recommended solutions regarding wells that produce sand or mud. Mr. Leer asked Mr. Van Dresar if the 2S Ranch had a meter on their well. Mr. Van Dresar stated that all permitted wells were required to measure the volume of flow produced from the wells and report those production numbers to the district annually. Van Dresar stated that the permit specifically states how much water can be produced by a permitted well. Mr. Leer asked if the pond was overflowing on the 2S Ranch. Mr. Ripper stated that it had not overflowed recently, but you could see the water. Mr. Ripper stated that it was not right to not conserve the water. Mr. Calley and Ms. Norman explained that the district rules were revised to insure compliance with the State law. Mr. Ripper asked for several pieces of information including a copy of the district rules and the contact information for the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Minutes from the May 4, 2009, meeting of the Board of Directors were presented. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Wick made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

Minutes from the May 4, 2009, 9:00 a.m. Public Hearing were presented. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Leer made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

Minutes from the May 4, 2009, 8:30 a.m. rule making Public Hearing were presented. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Wick made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Leer seconded the motion and it was approved.

The May financial statement and all outstanding bills to be paid were presented. Mr. Kainer 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. Mr. Van Dresar advised the board that the district was continuing work on a complaint received regarding operation of an irrigation well without a permit. Van Dresar stated that notification letters were sent to both the well owner s'local and Houston addresses. Both letters were received back at the district office. After consultation with the district s'attorney, the notification letter was sent to the well owner s'place of business in an attempt to give written notice of the violation. Van Dresar advised the Board the he had spoken with the well owner on the telephone and in person at the district s'office. He stated that the well owner did, in fact, pick up an application for an operating permit but, to date, the District has not received anything back. Ms. Norman updated the Board on activities occurring at the 81st Legislative Session. Mr. Van Dresar updated the board on a meeting of the Region K Water Planning Group which took place on May 5, 2009. Van Dresar stated that the meeting was held to approve revised population and water demand figures developed by the Region s'contract engineering firm. Mr. Van Dresar presented news releases from the LCRA and SAWS regarding the ongoing legal issues following the preliminary findings of the LCRA/SAWS water project. Mr. Van Dresar then reported to the board the activities of the GMA 15 meeting held on May 27, 2009 in Victoria. Van Dresar advised the board that draft DFC s'were submitted by each of the GCDs in the GMA and the TWBD had commented on the draft conditions. Having received the comments, the GMA asked the TWBD to run a draft model of the conditions. This model will be available sometime near the end of September to the first of October. Van Dresar also stated that he will be working with the TWBD on data regarding the Yegua Jackson aquifer. Mr. Van Dresar informed the Board that he made a public presentation during an information seminar held at the Agricultural Building on May 21. The seminar was attended by approximately 12 members of the Chamber of Commerce and included information from the GCD, FSA, NRCS, and Texas AgriLife on their roles in agriculture. Upcoming meetings and seminars were reviewed.

Mr. Van Dresar reported that he approved one Application for Exception to District Rule 6.3 Minimum Tract Size submitted by Charlie and Joan Supak for 2.9 acres of land subdivided prior to 1995. Van Dresar also reported that he approved one minor permit amendment submitted by Charles McMahan for adding livestock and recreation use to his existing permit.

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, July 6, 2009 in Room 104 of the Fayette County Agricultural Building located at 255 Svoboda Lane, La Grange, Texas 78945.

There being no further business, Mr. Kainer made the motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Mr. Richter seconded the motion and Mr. Calley adjourned the meeting at 09:45 a.m.

L.J. Calley, President

Leo Wick, Secretary-Treasurer