

Fayette County

Groundwater Conservation District

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MINUTES

of the May 1, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting

Directors Present: Eddie Schneider, Carl Wendler, Lloyd Brunner, L.J. Calley

Directors Absent: None

Others Present: District General Manager Rodney Willis, Assistant County Attorney Harold Streicher, Administrative Assistant Lori Hefner, Terry Hays, Ken McCarty, Judge Ed Janecka, Leo Kainer

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Schneider at 8:30 a.m. on May 1, 2006 in Room 303 Commissioner s'Courtroom, Fayette County Courthouse Building, 151 North Washington Street, La Grange, Texas. A quorum to conduct business was declared to be present.

Four members of the public were in attendance.

Minutes from the previous meetings of March 6 and April 3, 2006 were presented. Mr. Wendler moved to accept the minutes, Mr. Brunner seconded the motion and they were approved.

Two applicants, Mr. Kainer and Mr. Hays, were considered for the Precinct 4 Director s' position. Judge Janecka gave a recommendation for Mr. Kainer. Mr. Hays withdrew his application. Mr. Wendler moved that the nomination for Mr. Hays be removed, Mr. Calley seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Brunner moved that Mr. Leo Kainer be appointed to the vacant Precinct 4 Director s' position, Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved.

Judge Ed Janecka swore in Mr. Kainer. Mr. Kainer took his position on the board.

Mr. Wendler moved that Mr. Schneider be appointed President of the Board, Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Wendler moved that Mr. Brunner be appointed Vice President of the Board, Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

The financial statement was distributed, and all outstanding bills were listed to be paid. Mr. Brunner moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills that were presented. Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Streicher made a request to move ahead to agenda item 7, the water well permit application for Multisources dba Stemco. Mr. Streicher stated that a hearing would need to be held to consider this permit and it must be posted 10 calendar days prior to the scheduled hearing date. The hearing was scheduled for Friday, May 12, 2006 at 8:30 at the offices of the Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District.

Mr. Willis told the board of a person who was wanting to start a turf farm and who would need a permit from the District for groundwater because his irrigation needs are going to be greater than 200 acre feet. Mr. Willis had instructed the person that the application for a permit will require a hydrological study.

One exception to the District spacing rules was presented to the Board for their approval; however, because this exception was not stated and posted as an action item on the agenda for this meeting, it could not be voted upon. It was stated that this item would be placed on the agenda for the May 12, 2006 meeting and hearing.

The Board received a letter from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), which stated the Thornhill report is not in line with the TWDB's determination of groundwater sustainability as stated in the State's regional water plan as adopted by Region K.

The Board received maps of the 31 wells Thornhill used to study the geology of the strata. Mr. Pickens has identified 170 wells that could be used to yield more complete and accurate data.

Mr. Willis reported on his visit with Barry Miller in Gonzales County. He reported that they have two artesian wells in the Carizzo. The Gonzales Groundwater District is in the process of re-writing their water plan and are including a maximum 100 feet of drawdown.

Mr. Willis and Mr. Pickens attended the GMA 12 meeting on April 27, 2006. Mr. Willis reported that other GMA 12 members are more interested in the Wilcox Aquifer than we are because the depth of the aquifer is approximately 1500 feet at the Lee County line and gets deeper as it moves into our county. The next GMA 12 meeting is set for August 30, 2006 and they are asking for a copy of our future plan.

A draft of the Summer issue of the quarterly newsletter was presented to the Board for their review and will be up for approval at the June meeting.

Mr. Willis reported that according to the Palmer Index, the county is just below a severe drought stage.

The Board received a survey from Texas State University. TSU is trying to develop some training classes which would benefit groundwater districts. They are asking that each Director and the General Manager complete the survey and return by May 31, 2006.

Mr. Willis reported that the time frame for getting the monitoring wells program up and going would be October-November 2006 at the earliest. It was suggested that 10 wells in each aquifer would be needed, for a total of 70 wells. These wells would need to be checked a minimum of 2-3 times a year. It would be a full time job to locate the wells on paper, get permission, find the physical location of the wells and then monitor them. It was stated by the Board that there would be an item on June's Agenda for discussion and appropriate action regarding the monitoring wells program.

The Board considered a Resolution allowing GMA 15 and GMA 16 to redefine their boundaries. Mr. Calley moved to accept the Resolution, Mr. Brunner seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board discussed the purchase of Major Rivers educational materials, which the District provided to all fifth graders in the county last year. The cost for this program is \$430. Mr. Wendler moved to accept the purchase of the Major Rivers educational materials, Mr. Calley seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board also discussed the purchase of local newspaper subscriptions for the district office. Mr. Wendler moved to approve the purchase of newspaper subscriptions, Mr. Brunner seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board reviewed four bids for unsold property from the Appraisal District. Mr. Wendler moved to accept the bids for all four unsold properties, Mr. Calley seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board considered a tax exemption request from the SPJST Lodge #1 in Fayetteville. Mr. Brunner moved to approve the granting of a tax exemption for the SPJST Lodge #1, Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Willis asked the Board for permission to change the office furniture configuration. Mr. Brunner moved to let Mr. Willis do what he needed to do with regards to the office layout, Mr. Calley seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board discussed the changing of signatories on the bank account. Mr. Brunner moved to accept adding Mr. Schneider and Mr. Calley as signatories on the bank account, Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved.

It was decided that a review of the District Goals would be set on the Agenda for the May 12, 2006 meeting and hearing.

Mr. Willis turned in his resignation as District General Manager to the Board of Directors. A Board of Directors meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. at the Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District to accept and take appropriate action regarding Mr. Willis' resignation.

At 11:00 a.m. Mr. Wendler moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Schneider and the meeting was adjourned.

Eddie L. Schneider, President

Carl Wendler, Secretary-Treasurer