

Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

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MINUTES of the September 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; Stefan Schuster, DBS&A; Allan Standen, DBS&A; Michael Nese, Fayette Water Supply Corporation

The meeting was called to order by President Calley following adjournment of the 8:30 a.m. Public Hearing on September 1, 2009 at the Fayette County Agricultural Building Conference Room 107 located at 255 Svoboda Lane, in La Grange, Texas. A quorum to conduct business was declared to be present.

There were no public comments.

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The August financial statement and all outstanding bills to be paid were presented. Mr. Wick made the motion to accept the financial statement and to pay the bills presented. Mr. Kainer 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 of a complaint regarding a man irrigating without a permit. Van Dresar stated that this investigation is still underway. Mr. Van Dresar informed the board that he investigated a complaint on 08/17 regarding water being wasted on Middle Creek Road. Van Dresar stated that no violation of the district's rules was found during the investigation and that the well owner has an irrigation permit issued by the district. Van Dresar then advised the board on a complaint on Hackemack Road regarding an irrigation system being installed. The investigation found no well evident on the property and it appeared that the system was to be fed from a pond structure on the property. A letter to the property owner was being drafted. Mr. Van Dresar then advised the board of the ongoing drought and information received during the August meeting of the Drought Preparedness Council. Van Dresar stated that the Pacific Ocean is in an El Nino state at this time and these conditions normally mean above average rainfall in central and southern Texas. Direct losses caused by the drought have been estimated at 3.6 billion dollars in Texas. Van Dresar advised the board that the San Antonio Water System filed a lawsuit against the LCRA for breach of contract in August. Van Dresar stated that on 08/12 he made a presentation to the Scottish Rite in La Grange. Topics covered during the presentation included the background of the district, the aquifers within the district, drought, and conservation tips. Approximately 20 people attended the presentation. Upcoming meetings and seminars were reviewed.

The Board considered action on re-adoption of the district's investment policy. Mr. Richter made the motion to table this item to give the board time to review the policy. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board considered action on negotiating hydrogeologic services. After reviewing a cost sheet provided by Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Mr. Schuster and Mr. Standen gave a presentation of services offered by their company. After the presentation, the Board asked questions on services provided to GCDs and a cost proposal was requested. The Board took no action on this item and it was tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Van Dresar reported that he approved one Application for Exception to District Rule 6.3 Minimum Tract Size which was submitted by Harold Pieratt for 2.1 acres of land subdivided in 1983. Mr. Kainer made a motion to approve the information presented. Mr. Leer seconded the motion and it was approved.

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, October 5, 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. Wick seconded the motion and President Calley adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

L.J. Calley, President

Leo Wick, Secretary-Treasurer