

MINUTES of the November 2, 2009, 8:30 A.M., Public Hearing Concerning an Application for One Operating Permit Submitted by Fayette Water Supply Corporation

Directors Present: L.J. Calley, Charles Richter, Robert Leer, Leo Kainer, Leo Wick, Sr.
Directors Absent: None
Others Present: David A. Van Dresar, General Manager; Wendi Pyle, Administrative Assistant; Don Peck, FWSC; Michael Neese, FWSC; Gene Kruppa, BEFCO; Kenneth Ladd, FWSC; Scott Willey, Texas AgriLife Extension Service

The public hearing was called to order by President Calley at 8:30 a.m. on November 2, 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. Items to be considered during the public hearing:

A-P-2009-007 Fayette Water Supply Corporation 184.82 acre feet/year

President Calley asked for any public comments. Mr. Van Dresar stated that no comments were received, either verbally or in writing, regarding the permit application, prior to the hearing. Mr. Van Dresar gave the staff recommendation to the Board. Van Dresar stated that, based on the information received, the well will be completed in the Queen City aquifer. Mr. Van Dresar stated that district records indicate that water is available for permitting in the Queen City.

Mr. Kruppa, the engineer assisting the Fayette Water Supply Corporation (FWSC), made a brief presentation regarding the proposed location of the well. Mr. Kruppa stated that the plans for the well have been approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. He also stated that funding for the well will be coming from the USDA who has not approved of the plans as of yet. Mr. Kruppa stated that it can take approximately one month to get USDA approval.

Mr. Leer asked a question regarding well flushing and use of water. Mr. Kruppa stated that well flushing would be necessary, as needed, but that the amount would be small at the well. Line flushing in the system would and does occur to keep the water fresh in the main lines. Mr. Van Dresar stated that all water produced from the wells would be metered and counted as production.

A question was asked as to the status of the other FWSC wells. Mr. Neese stated that other wells dipped a bit in the summer, but when it rained things bounced back.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Kainer made the motion to grant the permit to Fayette Water Supply Corporation. Mr. Wick seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

There being no further items on the agenda, President Calley adjourned the Public Hearing at 8:43 a.m.

L.J. Calley, President

Leo Wick, Sr., Secretary-Treasurer