

Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

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MINUTES of the November 2, 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;
Wendi Pyle, Administrative Assistant; Kenneth Ladd, FWSC; Michael
Neese, FWSC; Scott Willey, Texas AgriLife Extension Service

The meeting was called to order by President Calley at 8:43 a.m. on October 5, 2009, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. public hearing, 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.

Minutes from the October 5, 2009, meeting of the Board of Directors were presented. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes were approved as read.

The October financial statement and all outstanding bills to be paid were presented. Ms. Pyle stated that a typographical error was present, the line item TWDB is to be labeled Walraven. Mr. Richter made the motion to accept, with the correction noted, 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 informed the Board of two possible water well contamination complaints that were received by the district. Mr. Van Dresar stated that on October 8, 2009 a notice was received from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regarding Molybdenum being detected in a monitoring well at the Fayette Power Plant. Van Dresar stated that the district is cooperating with the TCEQ and has requested that the district remain in the loop regarding compliance measures and any meetings that are to take place. Van Dresar stated that as required by law the TCEQ is required to notify all well owners within one quarter mile of the contaminated site and said that information in the district's database was extremely helpful in identifying those well owners. He stated that this instance is a prime example of the need to register all wells with the district. Van Dresar stated that, unrelated to the TCEQ case, a well owner contacted the office regarding a heavy metals positive test which he performed on his water well. During that conversation Van Dresar stated that he was advised of a possible contamination problem and possible toxicity approximately two miles away. Additional information regarding metals testing results have been requested from the two well owners before verifying any possible well contamination at these two sites. Van Dresar did state that arsenic was a metal naturally occurring in the Gulf Coast aquifer system. He stated that TCEQ and Texas AgriLife have been contacted to help coordinate efforts in this ongoing investigation. Van Dresar updated the board on the district cooperating with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service on a county wide well water collection day held on October

19, 2009. Approximately 50 samples were submitted for analysis. On October 14, the Region K Water Planning Group held a meeting in Bastrop. Van Dresar stated that topics discussed included review of proposed water management strategies to be considered for the 2011 Regional Water Plan. Van Dresar informed the Board that strategies affecting Fayette County included additional surface water purchases to meet the Fayette Power Plant's demand in 2040, increased conservation efforts in Schulenburg to meet possible demands in 2010, and expansion of the Yegua-Jackson supply in Schulenburg to meet demands in 2040. Draft chapters 3 and 6 were also distributed for review. Van Dresar updated the board on meetings of GMA 12 and GMA 15. Van Dresar informed the Board that GMA 12 consultants held a meeting on October 1 in Milano and discussed pumpage and drawdown numbers. Also those in attendance heard a presentation by Dr. Bill Hutchinson of the TWDB regarding the status of groundwater planning and modeling. GMA 15 held a meeting on October 19 in Victoria where Dr. Hutchinson presented a proposed method to DFC planning. The member districts asked to look at the pumpage numbers again and those numbers were received by GMA 15 on October 21. Comments regarding the pumpage numbers is due the GMA 15 representative in early November so that a model run using the propose DFC planning tool can be run. Upcoming meetings and seminars were reviewed.

The Board considered action on purchase of a District vehicle. Mr. Van Dresar presented the Board with a bid tabulation and his recommendation regarding purchase of a vehicle. Mr. Van Dresar requested Board approval to award the purchase of a 2010 Ford Escape to La Grange Ford in the amount of \$18,528.75. After a brief discussion, Mr. Kainer made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Richter seconded the motion. The motion approved. Mr. Leer voted nay.

The Board considered action on the purchase of water conservation kit materials. An estimate of material costs was present to the Board. Mr. Van Dresar stated that the materials are part of the water education sponsorship program and are delivered to the county fifth graders along with the educational materials. Mr. Wick made the motion to purchase the material in the amount of \$150.50. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board considered action on entering into a fiscal year end 2008-2009 financial audit contract with Stephenson & Trlicek, P.C. Mr. Van Dresar presented a service agreement letter from Stephenson & Trlicek, P.C. in the amount of \$3,200.00 to perform the annual audit for the district, an increase over last year's estimate. Mr. Van Dresar stated that this company has performed the district's audit for several years and that the cost increase would be covered by the budget. Mr. Leer made the motion to enter into the contract. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board considered action on the 2010 holiday schedule. Mr. Leer made the motion to added one half day off on December 23 and approved the other holidays as presented. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board considered action on the 2010 Board of Directors meeting schedule. January's meeting date was corrected from the 5th to the 4th and the meeting in September will be scheduled for Tuesday, September 7. Mr. Richter made motion to approve the meeting schedule with noted corrections. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board considered action on the 2009-2010 healthcare benefits for district employees. Ms. Pyle stated that there are no changes to the benefits package or the premiums paid by the district of the upcoming year. No action was taken on this item.

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, December 7, 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 10:07 a.m.

L.J. Calley, President

Leo Wick, Secretary-Treasurer