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MINUTES
of the March 3, 2009, 8:30 A.M., Public Hearing Concerning an Application for One Operating Permit Submitted by Mr. Craig Koehl

Directors Present:	L.J. Calley, Charles Richter, Robert Leer, Leo Kainer
Directors Absent:	Leo Wick, Sr.
Others Present:	David A. Van Dresar, General Manager; Monique Norman, Legal Counsel; Wendi Pyle, Administrative Assistant; Kenneth Ladd

The public hearing was called to order by President Calley at 8:30 a.m. on March 3, 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-2009-001	Craig Koehl	25.0 acre feet/year

President Calley asked for any public comments regarding the application being considered. 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 he strongly recommends that the well be completed in the confined Yegua Jackson aquifer and not the unconfined Jasper aquifer.

Mr. Leer asked what type of irrigation system was to be used. Mr. Van Dresar stated that he was not certain but stated that water conservation information will be submitted to the permit applicant with any permit granted by the Board. There was a discussion on lowering the maximum allowable production limit. Mr. Richter asked about the production fees for agricultural use. Mr. Van Dresar stated that the production fee was 20 cents per acre foot for irrigation. Mr. Ladd stated that if a Board set lower production limits, those limits must be accompanied with merit based in statute. What is available must be set first, before limitations are imposed. No other public comments were given. Mr. Leer made the motion to grant the permit to Mr. Koehl. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

There being no further items on the agenda, President Calley adjourned the Public Hearing at 8:54 a.m.

L.J. Calley, President

Leo Wick, Sr., Secretary-Treasurer