

# Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

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## MINUTES of the March 5, 2007 9:15 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting

**Directors Present:** Eddie Schneider, Leo Kainer, Leo Wick, L.J. Calley  
**Directors Absent:** Lloyd Brunner  
**Others Present:** General Manager David Van Dresar,

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The meeting was called to order by President Schneider at 9:15 a.m. a.m. on March 5, 2007 at the City of La Grange Council Chambers at 155 E. Colorado Street in La Grange, Texas. A quorum to conduct business was declared to be present.

Mr. Schneider made a brief report on a meeting which he attended on March 1, presented by the Fayette County Appraisal District. Mr. Schneider advised the Board of the tax collection activities of the Appraisal District and stated that Fayette County had collection percentage of approximately 97 percent as of the date of the meeting.

Minutes from the February 5, 2007 Board of Directors meeting were presented. Mr. Calley made the motion to accept the minutes of the board meeting with Mr. Kainer seconding the motion. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

The financial statement was distributed, and all outstanding bills were listed to be paid. Mr. Calley made the motion to approve the financial statement and to pay the bills that were presented. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved. The Board requested Mr. Van Dresar to contact the Fayette County Appraisal District and find out the percentage of taxes collected for the FCGCD.

Mr. Van Dresar gave the District Manager s'report to the Board. He presented the progress of complaints investigated in February. A total of 2 notices of violation were sent out in February. A total of four applications Existing and Historic Use Permits were submitted during the month of February. One of the EHUP applications is administratively complete, one application is awaiting additional information from the well owner, and two applications are in the review process. Van Dresar gave a short report on the ongoing LCRA-SAWS water project. He updated the Board on the Major Rivers water education program. Van Dresar then updated the Board on Texas Legislature activities, to date, which involve water resources. Van Dresar then updated the Board on the progress of the well monitoring program. He stated that two wells had currently been evaluated for participation in the monitoring program and that there was almost no response to the participation letters sent out in January. Ongoing public education efforts will continue in the anticipation of generating more interest in the program. Mr. Van Dresar then advised the Board of efforts to find a color copier for the District office to aid in producing the quarterly newsletters and other color copies. Upcoming training events and meetings were also presented.

Mr. Van Dresar gave a report concerning the Groundwater Management Area (GMA) 12 meeting which was held on March 1, 2007. He stated that work on establishing the desired future conditions of the shared aquifers within GMA 12 were ongoing.

Progress concerning the search for legal counsel was discussed. Mr. Van Dresar advised the Board that he was awaiting information from one of the attorneys that he contacted in February. No action was taken on this item.

The Board then discussed the method for keeping minutes of the meetings and hearings held by the District.

Mr. Van Dresar presented a request from the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts for a monetary pledge in support of amicus briefs to be filed in support of the Rolling Plains GCD and the Kinney County GCD. Mr. Calley made the motion to pledge \$500.00 in support of the Rolling Plains GCD amicus brief. Mr. Wick seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Van Dresar presented the Board his recommendation to approve the Existing and Historic Use Permit Application of Mr. Leroy Kriskhke for 7.07 acre feet of water per year for irrigation of his hay pasture. Mr. Kainer made the motion to approve publishing the required public notice in the local newspapers and Mr. Wick seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Two bids were received for FCAD unsold property, being City of Schulenburg Block 71 Lot FRC 2 and 3 located in Schulenburg, Texas, one from Karl and Marilyn Williams in the amount of \$1000.00 and one from Randall Patterson in the amount of \$2687.00. Mr. Calley made the motion to accept the bid from Randall Patterson in the amount of \$2687.00 and to reject the low bid. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

One bid was received from FCAD unsold property, being Clear Lake Pines, Section 2, Lots 112 and 113, from Barbara Kay Lockwood in the amount of \$1350.00. Mr. Wick made the motion to accept the bid from Barbara Kay Lockwood in the amount of \$1350.00. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Van Dresar updated the Board on the District Goals and Management Objectives. He stressed the need to contact the public water suppliers within the District and urge them to submit Existing and Historic Use Permit applications for their wells. Ongoing efforts to obtain participants for the aquifer monitoring program were also discussed.

Items were identified for the next meeting's agenda. The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. at the District office.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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Eddie L. Schneider, President

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L.J. Calley, Secretary-Treasurer