

Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

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MINUTES of the May 5, 2008, 8:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting

Directors Present: Eddie Schneider, Leo Wick, Sr., Leo Kainer
Directors Absent: Lloyd Brunner, L.J. Calley
Others Present: David Van Dresar, General Manager; Monique Norman, Legal Counsel

The meeting was called to order by President Schneider at 8:30 a.m. on May 5, 2008 at the Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District office located at 254 N. Jefferson, Room 600 in La Grange, Texas. A quorum to conduct business was declared to be present.

There were no public comments.

Minutes from the April 7, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors were presented. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, they were approved as read.

The April financial statement and all outstanding bills to be paid were presented. Mr. Kainer made the motion to approve the financial report and to pay the bills presented. Mr. Wick seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Van Dresar gave the District Manager's report to the Board. He advised of five complaints that were worked on during the month of April, each regarding the pumping of groundwater into ponds. Van Dresar also stated that two violation letters were sent out to two permit holders for failure to submit production reports for 2007 and 31 violation letters were sent out to new well owners for failure to register their wells. The Board was informed of the daily activities of the District and of two public speaking presentations conducted during April; one to the Sons of Hermann in Schulenburg and one during a public forum for the Lavaca County GCD in Weid. Van Dresar informed the Board of the activities at the Region K Water Planning Group meeting held April 9, the GMA 15 meeting held April 15, and the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts meeting held April 29 and 30. Van Dresar then advised the Board that the District office was scheduled to be closed from May 15 to May 20 for the move to the new agricultural building. The Board was updated on GCD activities around the state along with upcoming training events and meetings.

The Board considered forming a rules review committee. This item was deferred until the next Board meeting.

The Board considered granting the General Manager approval to spend not more than \$3000.00 in moving related expenses. Mr. Wick made the motion to approve the spending and to take the money out of the Districts Miscellaneous Expenses line item. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board considered taking action on plugging an abandoned well on River Bend Road. After considerable deliberation no action was taken on this item as the required amount of time for the well owner to comply had not been reached.

The Board considered spending \$280.00 to continue the District's sponsorship of the Major Rivers program for the schools within the county. Mr. Kainer made the motion to continue sponsoring the program. Mr. Wick seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board considered granting and issuing two Existing and Historic Use Permits. Mr. Van Dresar presented the Board his recommendations to issue the following Existing and Historic Use Permits:

1. HUP-2007-0178 to Mr. Stewart Chuber for the maximum annual production of 3.1 acre feet, to be used to irrigate 10 acres of hay on property owned by Mr. Chuber located at 4020 Seidel Road, Schulenburg, Texas 78956.
2. HUP-2007-0186 to ADMV Partners, L.P. for the maximum annual production of 6 acre feet, to be used to irrigate 3 acres of hay on property owned by ADMV Partners, L.P. located at 6812 FM 954, Fayetteville, Texas 78940

No public comments or requests for hearing were received regarding either permit application during the 90 day comment period. Mr. Kainer made the motion to approve the applications and to grant and issue both EHU permits. Mr. Wick seconded the motion. The motion 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 was scheduled for June 2, 2008 immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Public Hearing in the conference room of the County Agricultural Building located at 255 Svoboda Lane, La Grange, Texas 78945.

Mr. Wick made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Kainer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Eddie Schneider-President

L.J. Calley, Secretary-Treasurer