

MINUTES

of the April 6, 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 Kurtz, Administrative Assistant; Steve Box, Environmental Stewardship

The meeting was called to order by President Calley immediately following adjournment of the 8:30 a.m. Public Hearing on April 6, 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.

Mr. Calley asked for public comments. Mr. Steve Box with Environmental Stewardship addressed the Board. Mr. Box stated that his organization is interested in water issues in the Colorado River Basin and in protecting the river through the GMA 12 and Region K planning processes. Mr. Box stated that the river gained water from the groundwater and asked the Board to consider river base flows when participating in the DFC planning process in GMA 12. Mr. Box encouraged the Board to be in conversation with Environmental Stewardship through the planning process. There were no other public comments.

Minutes from the March 3, 2009, Public Hearing were presented. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Kainer made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Richter seconded the motion and it was approved.

Minutes from the March 3, 2009, meeting of the Board of Directors were presented. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Kainer made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Richter seconded the motion and it was approved.

The March financial statement and all outstanding bills to be paid were presented. Mr. Wick made the motion to accept 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 advised the Board that three complaints concerning groundwater being pumped into ponds had been received in March and that they were under investigation. Mr. Van Dresar and Ms. Norman then updated the Board on activities and key bills being introduced in the 81st Legislative Session. Mr. Van Dresar informed the Board that Mr. Calley made a public presentation on March 26 to the La Grange Noon Lions Club. Upcoming meetings and seminars were reviewed.

The Board considered action on complaint reporting. Mr. Van Dresar presented the Board with proposed revisions to the current complaint policy. These revisions further defined how complaints were to be taken and actions to be taken regarding complaints. Mr. Van Dresar advised the Board that this was a policy only and not a revision of the rules. After a lengthy discussion Mr. Leer made the motion to approve the revisions to the complaint policy. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion. The motion was approved three yeas to one nay.

Mr. Van Dresar reviewed the latest Groundwater Availability Model 08-56 from the Texas Water Development Board. Van Dresar stated that the model was for the Gulf Coast aquifer and was run for GMA 15. The water budget for Fayette County was reviewed for both the Evangeline and the Jasper aquifers. Van Dresar stated that the model indicated an average decline of 13.4 feet in the Evangeline over the 50 year model run and an average decline of 45.4 feet in the Jasper over the 50 years model run. Both of which correspond with the aquifer study performed in 2005.

The Board considered action on draft desired future conditions for the Yegua-Jackson, Jasper, and Evangeline aquifers for inclusion in a draft groundwater availability model run. Mr. Van Dresar presented the Board with letter to GMA 15 listing draft desired future conditions for the Yegua-Jackson, Jasper, and Evangeline aquifers. Van Dresar stated that all of the members of GMA 15 were to submit draft DFCs by May 1, 2009 for inclusion in a draft final GAM run. Proposed DFCs for inclusion in the draft model run are: Yegua-Jackson, an average drawdown of 50 feet in the confined portion (downdip) and an average drawdown of 5 feet in the recharge area (outcrop); Jasper, an average drawdown of 50 feet downdip and an average drawdown of 5 feet in the outcrop; Evangeline, an average drawdown of 30 feet. After discussion, Mr. Richter made the motion to approve the draft desired future conditions for inclusion in the draft model run. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board considered action on an application for exception to the District Rules. One Application for Primarily Charitable Organization Property Tax Exemption was submitted by the Ruterville Sons of Herman Lodge # 152. The Board delegated to Mr. Van Dresar the task of issuing a tax exemption approval letter to the applicant. Mr. Van Dresar was instructed to find out what letter the County issued.

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, May 4, 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 Mr. Calley adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

L.J. Calley, President

Leo Wick, Secretary-Treasurer