

Fayette County

Groundwater Conservation District

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MINUTES

of the February 7, 2005 Board of Directors Meeting

Directors Present: William P. Kohlleppe, Rodney Willis, Carl Wendler, Lloyd Brunner, Eddie Schneider
Directors Absent: none
Others Present: District Manager Linda Streicher, Assistant County Attorney Harold Streicher

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Willis at 8:30 a.m. on February 7, 2005 at the District Office in Room 600 of the Fayette County Agricultural Building at 254 N. Jefferson in La Grange, Texas. A quorum to conduct business was declared to be present. Mr. Kohlleppe arrived shortly thereafter, following a speaking engagement in Schulenburg on behalf of the District.

Two members of the public were present: Ben Fleck and Richard Schilling.

Minutes from the previous meeting of January 24, 2005, which were mailed out to the directors in advance of the meeting, were approved with no corrections.

The financial statement was distributed for review, and all outstanding bills were listed to be paid. Mr. Brunner moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills that were presented, Mr. Schneider seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mrs. Streicher updated the Board on the progress of data acquisition. The Board asked for a project timeline and cost update at the next meeting. Streicher also distributed a draft of a letter to be sent to all area well drillers reminding them of the District's rules and regulations. Mr. Schneider moved to approve the letter as written. Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mrs. Streicher presented the Board with the District's first Annual Report, for 2004, as required by the District's management plan. She also reported that letters have been sent out to local accounting firms requesting them to submit bids for the District's 2004 financial audit, with the deadline of March 4th.

The Texas Water Development Board recently issued a press release that appeared in local newspapers and generated a number of phone calls. The article seemed to imply that the State would be looking at all water wells in the county. The District wants to clarify that there are only 23 wells in Fayette County that are involved in the State's monitoring program, all with prior agreement of the property owner.

The Board then discussed the meeting the District intends to hold with all local water suppliers. Initial plans were made, and will be finalized at the next meeting.

For the next two hours, the Board continued their review of the proposed rules amendments. The Board agreed to define aquifer sustainability as "balancing groundwater withdrawals with natural recharge and replenishment to maintain long-term stability in regional or local groundwater supplies ."The remainder of the proposed rules amendments were deferred until the next meeting.

Applications for exceptions to the District Rule concerning minimum tract size were received from Emil Kainer and Adrienne Hunsucker for properties in Schulenburg. After review, Mr. Wendler moved to approve the exception, Mr. Willis seconded the motion and it was approved.

The proposals for the aquifer study which were received thus far were distributed to all board members, for review and discussion at the next meeting.

Items were identified for the next meeting s'agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 600 of the Fayette County Agricultural Building.

Mr. Willis made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Schneider and approved.

Wm. Paul Kohlleppel, Jr., President

Carl Wendler, Secretary-Treasurer