

Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

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MINUTES of the March 7, 2005 Board of Directors Meeting

Directors Present: William P. Kohlleppel, Carl Wendler, Lloyd Brunner, Eddie Schneider
Directors Absent: Rodney Willis
Others Present: District Manager Linda Streicher

The meeting was called to order by President Kohlleppel at 8:30 a.m. on March 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.

No members of the public were present.

Minutes from the previous meeting of February 21, 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. Schneider moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills that were presented, Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved. Mr. Brunner moved to authorize the District manager to purchase a brochure display rack and two used file cabinets. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mrs. Streicher updated the Board on the progress of data acquisition. She also reported that letters have been sent to all licensed well drillers and pump installers in Fayette and surrounding counties, reminding them of the applicability of the District Rules. Mrs. Streicher updated the Board on recently filed legislation, including House Bill 1794 which prohibits the capture of groundwater below the Trans-Texas Corridor for exportation from the county in which it is captured.

The Board reviewed bids which were received for the District's annual financial audit. The Board discussed the possibility of changing the District's fiscal year, which currently ends with the calendar year. This will be placed on the next agenda for a vote, after which the Board will select one of the bids for the financial audit.

Ron Neighbors, manager of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District, has offered the District a pilot program to train the La Grange ISD 5th grade science teachers in a Water Wise water conservation education program. If successful, the program could be expanded to other Fayette County school districts next year. Each student in the program would be given an activity kit to be taken home. The

kits cost \$32.50 each. Mr. Schneider moved that the District sponsor 25% of the cost, and find other sponsors to cover the remainder of the cost. Mr. Brunner seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board reviewed revisions to the rules enforcement policy. Mr. Brunner moved to approve the revisions. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion and it was approved. The Board completed their review of the proposed rules amendments. A new draft will be distributed, containing all the suggestions and corrections, for review at the next meeting.

Applications for exceptions to the District Rule concerning minimum tract size were received from Evelyn Endris for a property in Schulenburg and Jacquelyn Ditsler for a property near Warrenton. After review, Mr. Brunner moved to approve the exceptions, Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved.

In other business, the Board approved the draft of the Spring newsletter for distribution. The Board also corrected a discrepancy in the application fees for water well permits. Mr. Schneider moved that the District manager send a letter regarding the pollution prevention plan for the 5B Poultry Farms to engineer Steve Winton. Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved. The Board authorized the placement of an advertisement for the part-time office assistant position. The Board also reviewed outstanding water usage complaints. Mrs. Streicher was directed to proceed with setting up a meeting between the District and all county water suppliers. Mr. Schneider reported that Larry Nickel, the County Extension Agent, has scheduled a well plugging demonstration for April 7th at a farm near Winchester.

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

Mr. Wendler made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Brunner and approved.

Wm. Paul Kohlleppe, Jr., President

Carl Wendler, Secretary-Treasurer