

Fayette County

Groundwater Conservation District

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MINUTES of the July 7, 2008, Board of Directors Meeting

Directors Present: Eddie Schneider, Leo Wick, Sr., L.J. Calley, Lloyd Brunner, Leo Kainer
Directors Absent: None
Others Present: David Van Dresar, General Manager; Monique Norman, Legal Counsel;
Gary Brentlinger; Julie Karstedt; Bernard Okruhlik; Kip Brunner

The meeting was called to order by President Schneider immediately following the 8:30 a.m. public hearing on July 7, 2008 at the Fayette County Agricultural Building Conference Room located at 255 Svoboda Lane, in La Grange, Texas. A quorum to conduct business was declared to be present.

Minutes from the June 2, 2008 Public Hearing were presented. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, they were approved as read.

Minutes from the June 2, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors were presented. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, they were approved as read.

The Board considered an Application for Exception to the District Rules regarding spacing of wells from the property line submitted by Julie Karstedt. The Board asked Mrs. Karstedt questions regarding the location of the well. Mrs. Karstedt stated that the application for exception was submitted because she is in need of drilling a well because someone is buying the property where her existing well is located. She stated that the power supply for the well is located in the back of the house, but so is the septic system. To maintain the distance from the septic system the well would be near the property line. A motion was made, by Mr. Kainer, that the application be approved on condition that a letter form the neighboring property owner be obtained acknowledging that Mrs. Karstedt s'well would be closer than 50 feet from the property line and that no well will be completed closer than 50 feet from Mrs. Karstedt s'well. Also a written acknowledgement that the well be completed in accordance with all TDLR rules. Mr. Wick seconded the motion and it was approved.

President Schneider asked for any comments from the public. Mr. Kip Brunner stated that the Fayette Water Supply Corporation had to implement Stage 1 of their Drought Contingency Plan due to production at the 609 and the West Point wells triggering the implementation of the plan. There were no other public comments.

The June financial statement and all outstanding bills to be paid were presented. Mr. Brunner made the motion to approve the financial report 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. He advised the Board that a complaint was made to the District office regarding a well owner pumping large volumes of water into a pond. Mr. Van Dresar stated that he contacted the ranch manager and advised him of the complaint and, that if the well was being used to fill a pond, to cease immediately. A notification letter is being sent to the well owner. Mr. Van Dresar advised the Board of another complaint regarding irrigation without a permit. He state that this complaint is still under investigation. Van Dresar stated that on June 12, he approved an application for exception to the District Rules

regarding tract size. He advised the Board of a report submitted to the Drought Preparedness Council regarding that status of groundwater conservation districts for the month of June. Mr. Van Dresar stated that a contract from the County Clerk s'office would not be available for review until after July 14, but that the estimated cost to conduct this year s'election was approximately \$3000. A set of procedures developed by Dr. Robert Mace of the Texas Water Development Board was discussed. Van Dresar stated that the procedures were being implemented to facilitate and prioritize the growing number of requests for groundwater modeling information from the TWDB. The Board was updated on GCD activities around the state along with upcoming training events and meetings.

The Board of Directors conducted a workshop on the 2008-2009 fiscal year budget.

The Board considered action on signing a booth rental agreement with the Fayette County Fair Association. Mr. Van Dresar stated that the District was going to be in the same booth it had last year. Mr. Calley made the motion to approve the agreement. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board considered action on a proposal from Employee Substitute Staffing. This proposal would lock in a cost per hour of any temporary staff that the District would need to fill in at the office. Mr. Calley made the motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it 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 is scheduled for August 4, 2008 in the conference room of the Fayette County Agricultural Building located at 255 Svoboda Lane, La Grange, Texas 78945.

Mr. Brunner made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Wick seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Eddie Schneider-President

L.J. Calley, Secretary-Treasurer