

# Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

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## MINUTES of the March 7, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting

**Directors Present:** Robert Leer, Leo Wick, Sr., Harvey Hayek, Charles Richter  
**Directors Absent:** Terry Hays  
**Others Present:** David Van Dresar, General Manager; Wendi Denton, Administrative Assistant; Monique Norman, General Counsel; Cindy Rodibaugh

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The meeting was called to order by President Wick at 8:30 a.m. on March 7, 2011, 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.

President Wick asked for public comments; there were none.

Minutes from the February 14, 2011, board of directors meeting were presented. Mr. Richter made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Hayek seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

The February financial statement and all outstanding bills to be paid were presented. Mr. Leer made the motion to accept the financial statement and to pay the bills presented. Mr. Hayek seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Van Dresar gave the District Manager's report to the board. Mr. Van Dresar stated presentations were given to the La Grange Noon Lions Club and the Fayette County Republican Women covering water resources in Texas and the districts, planning challenges, conservation, and ownership questions. Van Dresar stated that the district had a booth at the ICA meeting on February 19. Mr. Van Dresar advised the board that he had received two complaints from Mr. Bill Durst, Fayette County Inspector, during the month of February. The first complaint being groundwater used to fill a pond and the pond overflowed into a creek at 3333 Frank Road. The second complaint being the alleged discharge of wastewater into an abandoned hand dug well on property located on Mensik Road. Mr. Van Dresar then discussed:

- Update on the current drought conditions. Mr. Van Dresar stated that the county was under severe to extreme drought conditions. Rainfall totals for the month of February were only .55 inches.

- Draft GAM Run 10-28. Mr. Van Dresar stated that the draft GAM Run was received on February 16, 2011 from Mr. Neil Hudgins. The information contained in the report was submitted to DBS&A and Monique for review and comment. Van Dresar noted that, after reviewing the run, Andy Donnelly, DBS&A, found that Table 6 of the report showed an eight fold decrease in exempt use over the planning period in Fayette County. Van Dresar advised the board that the figures for the FCGCD in the GAM Run disagree with the information contained in the district s' management plan. More information from the TWDB is anticipated in March.
- Update on Potential Uranium Mining. Mr. Van Dresar advised the board that on February 28 the office received a call from a resident on Boulter Creek Road stating that she was informed that uranium mining activities were to begin in her area April 1, 2011. Van Dresar stated that the Texas Railroad Commission was contacted immediately to find out about any permit applications that might have been filed with the Commission. According to the RRC no applications have been received for activities in Fayette County to date. Subsequent contact to the TCEQ received the same response. Van Dresar stated that he contacted DBS&A to get them on board regarding the activities. Mr. Van Dresar advised the board that any mining activities, should they occur, would not begin for two to three years, as that is the length of time it takes to get a permit from the TCEQ. However, preparations are being made now for background water analysis and rules review. A handout was received from DBS&A and reviewed.

Mrs. Norman and Mr. Van Dresar updated the board on bills filed during the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative session. General items of interest and news articles were included in Mr. Van Dresar s' report for the board to read. Mr. Van Dresar discussed a letter received from the Central Texas GCD regarding their board approving a resolution in July 2010 in support of landowners' ownership interest in groundwater. Upcoming meetings and seminars were presented.

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, April 4, 2011 in Room 104 of the Fayette County Agricultural Building located at 255 Svoboda Lane, La Grange, Texas 78945.

There being no further business, Mr. Leer made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hayek seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Leo Wick, Sr., President

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Harvey Hayek, Secretary-Treasurer