

Fayette County

Groundwater Conservation District

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MINUTES

of the September 8, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting

Directors Present: William P. Kohlleppel, Martin Manuel, Rodney Willis, Carl Wendler
Directors Absent: Clay Rightmer
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 September 8, 2004 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.

Four members of the public were present: Teddy Hart, Katrina Packard, Ed Schneider, and Mike Walker. They were given time to address the Board with any comments and concerns.

Minutes from the previous meetings of August 13th and 25th, 2004, 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. Manuel moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills that were presented, Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board approved the draft of the Fall newsletter for immediate distribution. The Board also finalized the well registration reminder that will be placed as an insert into the tax statements to be mailed out by the Fayette County Appraisal District.

Mrs. Streicher updated the Board on the upcoming November general election. Two people have filed as candidates for the position of Director of Precinct One: Ed Schneider and Mike Walker. Lloyd Brunner has filed as a candidate for the position of Director of Precinct Three.

Mrs. Streicher reported that the District was asked about the requirements for plugging abandoned wells. It is a violation of State law as well as District Rules to have an open, abandoned well. These wells must either be capped or plugged. The District has publications available describing how to properly plug a well. The Board approved a draft of a newspaper article discussing this issue, for immediate release. The Board asked Mrs. Streicher to draft a policy for consideration by the Board at the next meeting, outlining how the District will handle any reports of abandoned wells.

In other business, the Board authorized Mrs. Streicher to obtain a temporary office worker, beginning September 27th, to keep the office open while she is out after surgery.

The Board held a general discussion concerning the handling of groundwater waste complaints, and asked that an item on this subject be included on the next agenda.

The Board reviewed three applications for an exception to the District rule concerning minimum tract size, which were received from Justin Graves, Robert and Bethellie Hataway, and Leonard Svrcek. Mr. Wendler moved to grant the exceptions, Mr. Manuel seconded the motion and it was approved.

Items were identified for the next meeting s'agenda. The next meeting is set for Monday, October 11, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 600 of the Fayette County Agricultural Building. Mr. Manuel made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Wendler and approved.

Wm. Paul Kohlleppel, Jr., President

Martin Manuel, Secretary-Treasurer