

# Fayette County

## Groundwater Conservation District

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## MINUTES

### of the January 9, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting

**Directors Present:** Paul Kohlleppel, Carl Wendler, Lloyd Brunner, Eddie Schneider  
**Directors Absent:** none  
**Others Present:** District manager Rodney Willis, Linda Streicher, Assistant County Attorney Harold Streicher

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The meeting was called to order by President Kohlleppel at 8:30 a.m. on January 9, 2006 at the District Office in Room 600 of the Fayette County Agricultural Building at 254 N. Jefferson Street in La Grange, Texas. A quorum to conduct business was declared to be present.

One member of the public was present: Mr. L. J. Calley of Fayetteville.

Minutes from the previous meeting of December 6, 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. Wendler moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills that were presented. Mr. Brunner seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board reviewed the status of the two remaining water usage complaints currently under investigation by the District, and recommended further actions to be taken.

Mr. Willis and Mrs. Streicher reported on the status and process of joint planning through Groundwater Management Areas. This District must set desired future conditions (DFCs) for each aquifer within its boundaries. The recently completed aquifer study will provide valuable input into the determination of those DFCs.

Streicher also reported that the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts filed a brief in the Kinney County lawsuit, and suggested that the District approve some financial support for the brief. Mr. Schneider moved to approve \$200 to be paid to the Alliance toward the cost of the brief. Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved. Last week, the judge in that case ruled in favor of the plaintiffs and against the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District on all counts. This could have ramifications for all groundwater districts.

The Board reviewed the quote received for water conservation bookcovers for Fayette County school districts. Mr. Wendler moved to approve the bookcovers, of which there would be two different versions for different age groups. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board reviewed the District's Deposit and Fee Schedule. Mr. Schneider moved to adopt the 2006 Deposit and Fee Schedule with the changes discussed. Mr. Brunner seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Schneider moved to accept Rodney Willis' letter of resignation from the Board, effective December 31, 2005. Mr. Brunner seconded the motion and it was approved. Mr. Wendler then moved to appoint Mr. L. J. Calley as a director to fill the unexpired term for Precinct 2, replacing Willis. Mr. Calley was the only person to express interest in the position. Mr. Brunner seconded the motion and it was approved. At this point, Fayette County Judge Ed Janecka joined the meeting. He thanked the Board for their service, stressing how critical water management is, given the severe drought the county and most of Texas is currently experiencing. Judge Janecka then swore in Mr. Calley as a new director and Board member. Mr. Wendler nominated Mr. Schneider to fill the position of Vice-President on the Board. Mr. Brunner seconded the motion and it was approved.

Some discussion was held as to the best approach for incorporating the findings of the aquifer study into the District's Rules. Mr. Kohlleppel appointed a committee consisting of Eddie Schneider, L. J. Calley, Rodney Willis and Linda Streicher to consider this issue and make recommendations to the Board at the February meeting.

The Board discussed its management direction for the coming year. Mr. Schneider commented on the need to shift the District's focus to existing high volume wells. The Board feels that domestic wells have been sufficiently addressed and protected by the District. Next, the District needs to develop rules and criteria for granting historic use permits to the large, existing wells. Mr. Wendler reiterated that he would like to see the county's rural water suppliers work toward having a county-wide system.

Items were identified for the next meeting's agenda. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 600 of the Fayette County Agricultural Building.

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

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Wm. Paul Kohlleppel, Jr., President

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Carl Wendler, Secretary-Treasurer