

Fayette County

Groundwater Conservation District

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MINUTES

of the October 11, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting

Directors Present: William P. Kohlleppele, Rodney Willis, Carl Wendler
Directors Absent: Martin Manuel, Clay Rightmer
Others Present: District Manager Linda Streicher, Assistant County Attorney Harold Streicher

The meeting was called to order by President Kohlleppele at 8:30 a.m. on October 11, 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.

Members of the public present were Lloyd Brunner, Victoria Collins, and Mike Walker.

Minutes from the previous meetings of September 8, 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. Willis moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills that were presented, Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Kohlleppele summarized the recent meeting the District had with representatives from a consulting firm studying a potential groundwater export project involving Fayette County. The Board agreed that it was important to have information on the future plans and needs of all county water suppliers. To that end, Mr. Kohlleppele and Mrs. Streicher will begin meeting with each and every water supplier in Fayette County as soon as possible.

Mrs. Streicher reported that the High Plains groundwater district has a new software system, developed for them by Texas Tech. The infrastructure of this system is very similar to what our District is planning to build. Texas Tech has offered to work with the District in building the software system. Mrs. Streicher has applied for a grant for the GIS software that is needed, and work has already started on inputting the well logs into an Access database. The Board discussed hiring a temporary contractor to assist with the data input. Victoria Collins will provide the Board with an estimate of how much time will be required.

The Texas Water Development Board has made available groundwater models for the northern and central Gulf Coast aquifer. Mrs. Streicher reported that, for Fayette County, the primary source of data

was a study done in 1967. Therefore, the models don't appear to contain any new data relevant to Fayette County which was not already used in the District's management plan.

The Board reviewed an application for an exception to the minimum tract size rule submitted by Gerald Berger. Mr. Wendler moved to approve the exception, Mr. Willis seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board then discussed that a committee could study the proposed policy on abandoned wells and proposed rules amendments, make any changes needed, and present their recommendations at the next Board meeting. This committee will consist of Mr. Kohlleppel, Mr. Willis and Mrs. Streicher.

Mr. Kohlleppel reported that he and Mrs. Streicher will be speaking to the Swiss Alp Farm Bureau on Tuesday, October 19th.

Mr. Wendler requested that all appointments with District constituents be scheduled by and through the District office.

Items were identified for the next meeting's agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2004 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. Willis and approved.

Wm. Paul Kohlleppel, Jr., President

Martin Manuel, Secretary-Treasurer