

# Fayette County

## Groundwater Conservation District

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## MINUTES

### of the September 11, 2006 Board of Directors Public Hearing

**Directors Present:** Eddie Schneider, Lloyd Brunner, Carl Wendler, L.J. Calley, Leo Kainer

**Directors Absent:** none

**Others Present:** District General Manager Linda Streicher

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The meeting was called to order by President Schneider at 9:00 a.m. on September 11, 2006 in the Council Chambers, La Grange City Hall, located at 155 E. Colorado Street, La Grange, Texas. A quorum to conduct business was declared to be present.

Members of the public in attendance were Bill Couch, Kenneth Ladd, Dick Macaulay, Bob Pickens, Luke Rizzo, and Leo Wick. Also in attendance were Leah Manning, Program Manager for the LCRA-SAWS Water Project, Steve Young, URS Corporation, consultant for LCRA on the LCRA-SAWS project, and Marian Balke, LCRA Public Affairs representative.

Minutes from the previous meeting of August 7, 2006 were presented. Mr. Wendler moved to accept the minutes as distributed, Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and they were approved.

The Board then heard a presentation from Leah Manning and Steve Young regarding the LCRA-SAWS Water Project and its potential impact on Fayette County aquifers. The presentation was followed by questions from the Board. Mr. Schneider thanked them for their presentation and requested an update next year. The Board will also be interested in seeing their mitigation plan when it is ready for review.

The financial statement was distributed, and all outstanding bills were listed to be paid. September 30th is the end of the District's fiscal year, and the District is on target with its budget. Mr. Brunner moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills that were presented. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mrs. Streicher gave the District Manager's report to the Board. She reported on the progress made at recent GMA joint planning meetings. Mrs. Streicher also reviewed the results of a groundwater availability model for Fayette County, which was just completed. The model shows that all aquifers in the county will experience water level declines over the next fifty years, and that the District's goal of zero decline, or sustainability, in the aquifers does not appear to be possible. Mrs. Streicher discussed the status of several investigations concerning water waste complaints.

In other business, the Board approved the Fall newsletter for distribution. Mr. Wendler moved to allow the District's administrative assistant, Lori Hefner, to attend an Election Law seminar for Cities, Schools, and Other Political Subdivisions in Austin November 29th through December 1st. Mr. Calley seconded the motion and it was approved. Mr. Wendler moved to pay mileage and registration for a District

representative to attend an upcoming seminar on uranium mining effects on groundwater, to be held in Goliad. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

The District has six applicants for the position of General Manager. The Board agreed to interview all applicants. The interviews will be conducted in closed, executive session as allowed by Section 551.074 of the Open Meetings Act, regarding Personnel Matters.

The Board then reviewed the rules revisions drafted by its committee and mailed to the Board members in advance of the meeting. The Board voted to approve the rules revisions, pending legal counsel s`review and recommendations. A public hearing on the revised rules should be scheduled in October.

At this time, the Board recessed the regular meeting and convened into a Public Hearing to hear and review the applications for two water well permits submitted by Mr. Bobby Kanz, which were uncontested. The proposed wells are to be used for cattle and irrigation at the property on FM 153 near Winchester. The general manager summarized the major points of the applications, and the Board asked questions for clarification. After further discussion, Mr. Calley moved to grant the permits. Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board adjourned the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular Board meeting.

Mr. Brunner moved to adopt a resolution appointing election judges and associate judges for each voting precinct and for the central counting station, and appointing the counting station manager and tabulation supervisor for elections for 2006-2007, as required by law. Mr. Kainer seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mrs. Streicher then presented to the Board her proposal for the District s`aquifer monitoring network. She asked for the Board s`feedback, and will present maps identifying the ideal well locations for each aquifer at the next board meeting. Mr. Wendler suggested that well drillers might be willing to send us water level readings when they work on wells.

An application for an exception to the District rule concerning minimum tract size was received from Lisa Hatfield for a 3.261 acre tract on FM 956. Mr. Brunner moved to table this item until the next meeting, pending advice from legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kainer and approved.

Items were identified for the next meeting s`agenda. The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. at the District office.

Mr. Wendler moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mr. Brunner, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.

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Eddie L. Schneider, President

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Carl Wendler, Secretary-Treasurer