

# Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

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## MINUTES Of the July 12, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting

**Directors Present:** Robert Leer, Leo Wick, Sr., Harvey Hayek, Charles Richter, Terry Hays  
**Directors Absent:** None  
**Others Present:** David Van Dresar, General Manager; Wendi Denton, Administrative Assistant; Monique Norman, Legal Council; Paul Kirby, DBS&A; Stefan Schuster, DBS&A; Cindy Rodibaugh

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The meeting was called to order by President Wick at 8:41 a.m. on July 12, 2011, at the Fayette County Agricultural Building Conference Room 104 located at 255 Svoboda Lane, in La Grange, Texas, immediately following the public hearing. A quorum to conduct business was declared to be present.

President Wick asked for public comments; there were none.

Minutes from the June 13, 2011, public hearing and board of directors meeting were presented. Mr. Leer made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Hayek seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

The June financial statement and all outstanding bills to be paid were presented. Mr. Hays 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 that the following presentations were made during the month of June:

June 1, I spoke at a meeting of the Schulenburg Noon Lion's Club as a follow up to my presentation on May 25. Topics discussed during the presentation included planning for future demands, and issues we face in management and planning. The meeting was attended by approximately 20 people.

On June 8, I attended a meeting of the Fayette Power Plant Citizen's Advisory Committee. The LCRA representatives discussed the closing of the ash pond answered questions regarding renewal of TCEQ permits for the facility.

On June 21, Mr. Hays and I attended a meeting of the Swiss Alp Farm Bureau. I made a presentation covering water resources in the state and in the district, planning challenges facing the district, new legislation that will affect the district, and questions regarding the current oil and gas activity in the county. Approximately 20 people were in attendance and the information was well received.

On June 24, I made a presentation at Blinn College in Schulenburg. The presentation was part of the summer Kids College. Topics discussed included a slide show on water conservation, a demonstration on making a water barrel, and constructing a model aquifer using ice cream, soda, and candies. Approximately 40 children and adults were present

Mr. Van Dresar informed the Board that the district office continues to receive calls regarding oil and gas activities within the county and what affect it will have on water resources.

Mr. Van Dresar then discussed:

- Update on GMA 12 Meeting. Members of GMA 12 met in Milano on June 30 at 10:00 a.m. Stefan Schuster, Andy Donnelly and Mr. Van Dresar were in attendance. Revisions to the Yegua Jackson desired future conditions were discussed at a public hearing conducted during the meeting. Mid East Texas GCD was the only district to make corrections to their DFC. The member districts voted unanimously to accept the changes presented. Exempt water well estimates were discussed during the meeting. Van Dresar stated that he advised the GMA that Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District was not in agreement with the exempt numbers and stated that our district would make written comments to the TWDB regarding our position. Each district was asked to briefly speak on their any management plan updates, district rule revisions, and compliance activities associated with the desired future conditions and managed available groundwater numbers. Mr. Van Dresar advised the board that a petition from Environmental Stewardship was presented to the members of the GMA by Mr. Steve Box.
- Update on Well Monitoring. Mr. Van Dresar informed the board that well monitoring was limited during the month of June and that he will continue well monitoring through July.
- Update on Drought Conditions. Mr. Van Dresar presented the board with a drought map issued by the National Drought Monitor and a spreadsheet of current rainfall totals in the district. Van Dresar stated that Fayette County average rainfall for the month of June, based on the six LCRA gauges in the county, was 2.82 inches. Rainfall appeared to be consistent across the district. He added that the area is still in extreme drought with little relief expected over the next month.
- Update Legislative and News Article Update. Mr. Van Dresar presented the board with a legislative wrap up document presented by the Executive Director of TAGD during the quarterly meeting held on June 28.

Upcoming meetings and seminars were presented.

The board considered action on a letter to the TWDB regarding exempt use in Fayette County for GMA 12. Mr. Van Dresar, using a letter which was submitted to the TWDB for GMA 15 as an example, requested approval from the board to compose a similar letter to the TWDB for GMA 12 if it was deemed necessary. The letter describes the district s position regarding exempt use in Fayette County as it pertains to the desired future conditions/managed available groundwater process. Mr. Hayek made the

motion to approved composing the letter if it was necessary. Mr. Hays seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

The board considered action on approving a budget amendment for additional water sampling expenses. Mr. Van Dresar presented a request to the board to amend the fiscal year 2010-2011 budget for a proposed sampling program by DBS&A. The sampling program would create a baseline quality analysis of the groundwater near a proposed uranium mining lease. Mr. Schuster discussed the necessity of getting baseline data and how the sampling plan would work. Mr. Schuster stated that half of the costs for the project would be for sample analysis. Mr. Van Dresar stated that budget amendment would be in the amount of \$34,000 and would be taken from the professional services reserve fund and placed in the hydrologist line item in the budget. After a brief discussion, Mr. Hayek made the motion to approve the budget amendment for DBS&A to implement the sampling plan. Mr. Hays seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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, August 1, 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. Hays made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Leer seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 09:30 a.m.

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Leo Wick, Sr., President

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Harvey Hayek, Secretary-Treasurer