

Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

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MINUTES Of the September 12, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting

Directors Present: Robert Leer, Leo Wick, Sr., Harvey Hayek
Directors Absent: Charles Richter; Terry Hays
Others Present: David Van Dresar, General Manager; Wendi Denton, Administrative Assistant; Monique Norman, Legal Council; Paul Kirby, DBS&A; Bud Shirley, DBS&A; Cindy Rodibaugh; Mary A. Butler; Lane Gosnay; Ielisa Henderson Rentfro; Wayne Rentfro;

The meeting was called to order by President Wick at 8:46 a.m. on September 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 August 1, 2011, public hearing and board of directors meeting were presented. Mr. Hayek made the motion to accept both sets of minutes as presented. Mr. Leer seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

The August financial statement and all outstanding bills to be paid were presented. Mr. Leer 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:

On September 1-4, the district had a booth in the exhibitor's hall during the Fayette County Fair. Attendance at the booth was moderate for the entire event with questions centering on petroleum exploration and uranium mining activities in the county.

Mr. Van Dresar informed the Board of the following complaints investigated in August:

- Cottonwood at Hwy 159. An impact sprinkler was observed irrigating a portion of a large pasture.

- 832 Hackemack Road. Several acres of trees are being irrigated with what appears to be drip irrigation in addition to several acres of potted plants.
- Hills Road. Two small impact sprinklers were observed irrigating a small pasture. The pasture appeared to be less than two acres.

Mr. Van Dresar then discussed:

- Update on GMA 12 Petitions
 - The Texas Water Development Board has received the petitions filed by Environmental Stewardship and End Op L.P.
 - Respectively, the TWDB received the petitions on August 5 and August 11.
 - On August 12, Monique Norman filed a 60 day extension on behalf of the Brazos Valley GCD.
 - The TWDB granted the extension on August 12.
- Update on Uranium mining and Oil & Gas Sampling
 - On August 15, Paul Kirby, Mr. Wick, and I collected baseline water samples for the proposed uranium mining activity in the FM 609 area.
 - A total of seven samples were collected spanning an area north east of the uranium lease area and circling to the south of the lease area.
 - Analytical results were submitted to the district on September 8, 2011.

Mr. Kirby made a presentation on the uranium sampling locations and answered questions from the board regarding future sampling events.

Mr. Van Dresar continued his report:

- Approximately 180 sampling kits were distributed to well owners for the county wide hydrocarbon testing.
- On August 30, approximately 150 samples were submitted to the district s'office and delivered to DHL Analytical in Round Rock.
- We are awaiting results; however, the district was contacted regarding one sample collected at the end of Saint James Road in Plum which indicated Benzene levels that exceeded the EPA standard.
- Update on Drought Conditions
 - La Nina conditions are expected to be above 50% over the winter, meaning continued warm and dry conditions for Texas.
 - Outlook is persistence of La Nina conditions through the spring.
 - Combined state reservoir storage is at 63%. With some individual reservoirs below 20%. Lake Ivy is estimated at containing only 120,000 acre feet of water.
 - 9 out of 10 regions in Texas are under extreme drought conditions.
 - 6 out of 10 regions are experiencing extreme crop moisture loss.
 - 4 out of 10 regions are experiencing severe crop moisture loss.

- 856 public water supply systems are implementing some stage of their drought contingency plans. 561 systems are under mandatory restrictions and 295 have voluntary restrictions in place.
- Record livestock sales are being experienced across the state. With very little hay to be had and reports of price gouging are being sent to the Attorney General for investigation.
- The wildfires in Bastrop have claimed 6000 acres of the state park, with a total of 38,000 acres claimed as of 09/08/2011. More than 1,400 structures have been lost.
- The fire in Fayette County claimed approximately 2,000 acres and 7 homes.
- With the decreasing stream flows, Texas Park and Wildlife are discussing rescuing endangered species from the low flow streams in an attempt to preserve the species.

Upcoming meetings and seminars were presented.

The board considered action on a contract with the Fayette County Appraisal District for tax assessment and collection. Mr. Van Dresar requested the board approve the two year contract for assessment and collection services which the appraisal district performs for the groundwater district. Mrs. Denton stated that the contract is the standard contract which has been in place between the two entities. Mr. Hayek asked what these services cost the groundwater district. Mr. Van Dresar stated that the cost was calculated based on the size of the taxing unit and the taxes collected for that taxing unit. After a brief discussion, Mr. Leer made the motion to accept the contract. Mr. Hayek seconded the motion and it was approved.

The board considered action on a contract with Trlicek & Co., P.C. for auditing. Mr. Van Dresar requested the board s'approval on the contract for financial auditing services provided by Trlicek & Co., P.C. Mr. Van Dresar stated that Mr. Trlicek has performed the annual audit for the district for several years and the cost to the district, \$3,400.00, is unchanged from last year. Mr. Hayek made the motion to accept the contract. Mr. Leer seconded the motion and 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, October 3, 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. Leer made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hays seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Leo Wick, Sr., President

Robert Leer, Vice President