

Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

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MINUTES of the February 14, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting

Directors Present: Terry Hays, Robert Leer, Leo Wick, Sr., Harvey Hayek, Charles Richter
Directors Absent: None
Others Present: David Van Dresar, General Manager; Wendi Denton, Administrative Assistant; Monique Norman, General Counsel; Cindy Rodibaugh; Paul Kirby, DBS&A; Greg Trlicek, Trlicek & Co., P.C.

The meeting was called to order by President Wick at 8:35 a.m. on February 14, 2011, at the Fayette County Agricultural Building Conference Room 104 located at 255 Svoboda Lane, in La Grange, Texas. A quorum to conduct business was declared to be present.

President Wick asked for public comments; there were none.

Mr. Trlicek presented the results of the fiscal year 2009-2010 financial audit for the district. Mr. Trlicek gave an unqualified opinion, which means that the information presented by the district is fairly stated as to the financial status of the Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District. After a brief discussion, Mr. Hays made the motion to accept the report from Mr. Trlicek. Mr. Leer seconded the motion and it was approved.

Minutes from the January 10, 2011, board of directors meeting were presented. Mr. Hays made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Hayek seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

The January 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. Leer seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Van Dresar gave the District Manager's report to the board. Mr. Van Dresar stated presentations were given to the Master Naturalists, the Flatonia Rotary Club, and the Warda Farm Bureau covering water resources in Texas and the districts, planning challenges, conservation, and ownership questions. Mr. Van Dresar advised the board that he and Mr. Wick made a site visit to a property on Jahn Lane and took water level measurements in regards to a property owner believing that a neighboring well is pulling the aquifer down in the area. Van Dresar added that the measured well will be monitored during the next

few months to trend any levels in the aquifer. Mr. Van Dresar then discussed the activities of the district during the month of January:

- On January 12 Mr. Van Dresar and Mr. Wick attended a meeting of Region K in Bastrop. Topics discussed in that meeting included a weather forecast from Bob Rose of the LCRA, an update on a project for GBRA and the Region L plan as it pertains to the movement of water from Lee county to the San Marcus area which is in conflict with the Region K water plan, a resolution passed by the voting members of Region K regarding groundwater ownership as it relates to a position paper submitted to the state legislature by the Texas Farm Bureau and twelve other entities, and updates on the LCRA/SAWS lawsuit and the LCRA water management and water supply resource plans.
- On January 13 Mr. Van Dresar participated in a teleconference of the Texas Drought Preparedness Council. Topics discussed during that teleconference included forecasts and current conditions by meteorologists from Texas A&M, a report from Texas AgriLIFE stating that recent rains have been helpful for upcoming planting but there has only be limited success in crops and water supplies for livestock are down due to stock tank level declines, a report from the Texas Department of Agriculture is getting calls for hay which may indicate that cattle movement through sales barns will soon increase, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality reported 75 public water supplies were being impacted by drought with 32 systems implementing voluntary conservation measures and 43 systems requiring mandatory conservation, the Texas Parks and Wildlife reported that the recent rains were beneficial for migratory water fowl, and the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts report only one district implementing their drought contingency plan.
- On January 19 Mr. Van Dresar attended the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee meeting in Austin. Topic discussed during that meeting included a report from the Groundwater Research Subcommittee identified four topics for white papers in the coming year, Bill Hutchinson of the TWDB made a presentation on the use of GAMs in establishing desired future conditions, the Activities and Recommendations of the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee-Report to the 82nd Legislature was reported to be delivered prior to the legislative session, the TWDB reported that GMA 13 is having its desired future conditions petitioned, and it was stated that Groundwater Awareness Week will be March 6-12, 2011.
- On January 21 Mr. Van Dresar, Mr. Schuster, and Mr. Donnelly attended a meeting of GMA 12 consultants in Milano. Topics of discussion during that meeting included exempt use information from the TWDB as it pertains to the establishment of the MAG, revisions made to the Carrizo Wilcox study by the BEG after receiving written and oral comments in December, Post Oak Savannah GCD is working with Texas A&M and the USGS on a recharge study for the Carrizo, Queen City and Sparta aquifers, and the model results for the Yegua Jackson were discussed.
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Mrs. Norman and Mr. Van Dresar updated the board on bills filed during the 82nd Legislative session. General items of interest and news articles were included in Mr. Van Dresar s' report for the board to read. Mr. Van Dresar then stated that an email was sent to the other districts in TAGD regarding summer interns. He advised the board that the information being received will be compiled into a report to be presented at the next meeting. Upcoming meetings and seminars were presented.

Paul Kirby reported on the soil evaluation project underway with DBS&A and reviewed previous projects.

The board considered action on 2011 rate sheet from Daniel B. Stevens & Associates. Mr. Van Dresar presented a memo requesting the board s'approval of an hourly rate sheet for services beyond the projects which the board approved as part of the 2010-2011 budget. Mr. Van Dresar stated that the desired future conditions process has not been finalized and there may be need of DBS&A s'services regarding the process and other issues that are over and above the current projects being worked on by DBS&A. After a brief discussion, Mr. Leer made the motion to approve the rate sheet. Mr. Richter 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, March 7, 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 10:28 a.m.

Leo Wick, Sr., President

Harvey Hayek, Secretary-Treasurer