

Fayette County

Groundwater Conservation District

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MINUTES

of the March 21, 2005 Board of Directors Meeting

Directors Present: William P. Kohlleppel, Rodney Willis, Carl Wendler, Lloyd Brunner, Eddie Schneider
Directors Absent: none
Others Present: District Manager Linda Streicher, Assistant County Attorney Harold Streicher

The meeting was called to order by President Kohlleppel at 8:30 a.m. on March 21, 2005 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.

No members of the public were present.

Minutes from the previous meeting of March 7, 2005, which were mailed out to the directors in advance of the meeting, were approved with no corrections.

Mrs. Streicher updated the Board on the progress of the well logs and well registration data entry, as well as the search for a part-time administrative assistant.

The Board reviewed the bids received for the District's 2004 financial audit. Mr. Schneider moved that the Board accept the bid from Urban, Olive, Thielemann and Company, which also was the lowest bid. Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Streicher reviewed the draft of the professional services agreement with the Thornhill Group to conduct the aquifer study for the District. Mr. Schneider moved that the Board adopt the agreement and appoint a committee of two Board members and the General Manager to review and approve any minor changes that may be requested by the Thornhill Group. If the committee or the District's attorney deems it necessary, those changes may be brought before the full Board for review at a regular meeting. Mr. Willis seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board discussed the plans for its upcoming meeting with the county's water suppliers. Board members were requested to make personal contacts with the water suppliers to encourage their attendance at this meeting.

Mr. Kohlleppel led the Board through a review of the completed draft of the revisions to the District Rules. This draft, including changes made during this meeting, will be turned over to the District's attorney for review. After that review, the District can begin the public hearing process.

In other business, Mr. Wendler moved to approve the draft of a letter to resolve the District's outstanding water usage complaint. Mr. Brunner seconded the motion and it was approved. The Board also discussed changing its fiscal year, which is concurrent with the calendar year. Mr. Brunner moved that the fiscal year be changed to begin on October 1. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion and it was approved. Mr. Schneider moved to authorize Mr. Wendler to attend an investment training session, a requirement for the District's public investment officer, and to attend the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts quarterly meeting the following day. Mr. Brunner seconded the motion and it was approved.

Items were identified for the next meeting's agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 600 of the Fayette County Agricultural Building.

Mr. Schneider made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Brunner and approved.

Wm. Paul Kohlleppel, Jr., President

Carl Wendler, Secretary-Treasurer