

Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

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MINUTES of the January 24, 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 January 24, 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 January 10, 2005, which were mailed out to the directors in advance of the meeting, were approved with no corrections.

The financial statement was distributed for review, and all outstanding bills were listed to be paid. Mr. Wendler moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills that were presented, Mr. Schneider seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mrs. Streicher distributed a draft of a letter to Senator Ambrister and Rep. Robby Cook outlining the numerous problems reported in the county with oil and gas water wells, and the need for legislation to put those wells under the jurisdiction of the groundwater districts.

Groundwater availability models were recently completed by the Texas Water Development Board for two of Fayette County's minor aquifers: the Sparta and the Queen City. Excerpts from those reports were distributed to Board members.

Board members also received summary overviews of the regulatory methods available to groundwater districts, as well as the rule of capture and its various alternatives.

The Board reviewed the draft of the District's abandoned well policy, with the attorney's revisions. Mr. Willis moved to approve and adopt the draft policy with those revisions. Mr. Brunner seconded the motion, and it was approved. The revised draft of the rules violation enforcement policy was discussed and referred to the attorney for review, which will be completed for the next meeting. The Board also approved the changes in format to the Deposit and Fee Schedule, which was adopted at the last meeting.

The Board then began reviewing the proposed rules amendments. This review process is expected to require several meetings. Some of these revisions may require that the District wait until its aquifer study is completed and its data is available, since the Board wants to base production limits on aquifer sustainability.

An application for exception to the District Rule concerning minimum tract size was received from Frank Kainer of Schulenburg. After review, Mr. Wendler moved to approve the exception, Mr. Willis seconded the motion and it was approved.

Items were identified for the next meeting s 'agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 600 of the Fayette County Agricultural Building.

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

Wm. Paul Kohlleppel, Jr., President

Carl Wendler, Secretary-Treasurer