

Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District

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MINUTES of the August 25, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting

Directors Present: William P. Kohlleppel, Martin Manuel, Carl Wendler
Directors Absent: Clay Rightmer, Rodney Willis
Others Present: Assistant Fayette County Attorney Harold Streicher, Linda Streicher

The meeting was called to order by President Kohlleppel at 8:30 a.m. on August 25, 2004 at the District Office in Room 600 of the Fayette County Agricultural Building at 254 N. Jefferson in La Grange, Texas.

No members of the public were present.

Since the Board has received its first complaint regarding a District Rule violation, the general manager had requested written guidance from the Board concerning the procedures for handling a complaint. Mrs. Streicher had drafted a complaint policy, which the Board reviewed and discussed. Mr. Wendler then moved to adopt the policy, with suggested changes, and with the understanding that the policy can be amended as needed. Mr. Manuel seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Kohlleppel and Mr. Wendler then discussed the specifics of reports of a rule violation that each had received. The Board discussed what the next steps should be in each case, using the complaint policy. The Board reviewed and approved, with changes, a draft of a letter that notifies a property owner when a violation report has been received.

Mr. Streicher reported that he attended the Fayette County Appraisal District s'Board meeting yesterday. One of the items on their agenda was the Groundwater District s'request to insert a 1 / 3 page reminder about well registration with the tax statements. The request was unanimously approved by the Appraisal District s'board. Mrs. Streicher will have roughly 10,000 copies printed, after the Board approves the content at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Streicher also mentioned that District Attorney John Wied suggested the District notify all local law enforcement personnel that the District Board members and District agents and employees are entitled to access onto all property within the District at any reasonable time to carry out inspections and other investigations necessary to the implementation of the District Rules or for the purpose of inspecting and investigating conditions relating to the quality of water in the State or the compliance with any rule, regulation, permit or other order of the District.

District personnel should be sure to carry a District business card with them when entering a property on District business. Mr. Wendler moved that Mr. Streicher send such a letter to all local law enforcement personnel. Mr. Manuel seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Manuel moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:05 a.m.

William P. Kohleppel, Jr., President

Martin Manuel, Secretary-Treasurer