

Fayette County

Groundwater Conservation District

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MINUTES

of the October 3, 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 October 3, 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 and public hearing of September 12, 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. Brunner moved to accept the financial statement and pay the bills that were presented. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mrs. Streicher reported to the Board on the status of the water usage complaints currently under investigation, including a new report which was just received. One of the complaints involves an area of the law which is not clear. After some discussion, Mr. Brunner moved that the District write a letter to Rep. Robby Cook asking for legislative assistance on this issue. Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mrs. Streicher updated the Board on the pending purchase of water conservation education materials. She and Andrea Polasek have been experimenting with the feasibility of creating free, do-it-yourself water testing kits, and have conducted a test to verify the accuracy of such a kit. They will update the Board again when the results are received. Streicher also informed the Board of what other groundwater districts are doing as public education. The Board discussed putting on a free seminar for all interested constituents, which could include a presentation on Fayette County's aquifers, a demo on plugging abandoned water wells, distribution of water testing kits and water conservation brochures, etc.

The Board has received word that Mike Thornhill expects to provide the completed report on the aquifer study to the Board no later than October 14. After receiving the report, the Board will schedule a

workshop for Board members to review the report and determine if there are any areas which need to be addressed before or at Mr. Thornhill's final presentation to the Board.

Since the District recently changed its fiscal year to October 1 through September 30, and that fiscal year has just ended, Mr. Schneider moved that the District request bids for a financial audit for the first nine months of 2005. Mr. Willis seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Streicher gave a presentation to the board on Open Records and the confidentiality of information under the Public Information Act.

Mr. Wendler and Mrs. Streicher presented a revised draft Investment Policy to the Board and reviewed the changes they had made. Mr. Schneider moved to adopt the revised Investment Policy. Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board then reviewed the draft of the General Manager's job description. Several changes were discussed, and Mr. Brunner moved to approve the job description as amended. Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved. Mr. Kohlleppe appointed Mr. Willis and Mr. Schneider to work with the General Manager to get the job posted in appropriate venues.

The Board discussed the exception policy in regard to the five acre minimum tract size rule. The minimum tract size rule was put in place to avoid interference problems between wells that are too close together. The Board feels that it is necessary to limit the exceptions granted to properties that have been subdivided since the District's rules took effect. The Board directed Mrs. Streicher to send a letter stating this intent to all local realtors, banks, and title companies.

Items were identified for the next meeting's agenda. The next meeting will be scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2005, at 8:30 a.m.

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

Wm. Paul Kohlleppe, Jr., President

Carl Wendler, Secretary-Treasurer