

Fayette County

Groundwater Conservation District

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MINUTES

of the December 6, 2005 Board of Directors Meeting

Directors Present: Paul Kohlleppe, 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 Kohlleppe at 8:30 a.m. on December 6, 2005 at the District Office in Room 600 of the Fayette County Agricultural Building at 254 N. Jefferson Street in La Grange, Texas. A quorum to conduct business was declared to be present.

One member of the public was present: Mr. L. J. Calley of Fayetteville.

Minutes from the previous meeting of November 7, 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. Willis seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board reviewed the status of the water usage complaints currently under investigation by the District, and recommended further actions to be taken.

After reviewing the bids received by the District for its 2005 financial audit, Mr. Schneider moved to award the bid to the firm of Stephenson and Trlicek of La Grange. Mr. Brunner seconded the motion and it was approved.

On November 29th, the Board received the final report from the Thornhill Group, Inc. concerning the evaluation of the aquifers within the Districts boundaries. The Board tabled any further discussion of that report until all Board members have had sufficient time to study the report.

Mr. Willis and Mrs. Streicher reported on the first meeting of Groundwater Management Area (GMA) 15, which they attended recently. The other GMA to which the District belongs is having its first meeting on December 8th. Mr. Brunner moved to appoint the General Manager as the designated representative to both Groundwater Management Areas, with any Board member to serve in her absence. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion and it was approved.

Andrea Polasek presented the District's investment proposal, based on guidelines given in the recently adopted investment policy. Mr. Schneider moved to accept the investment proposal. Mr. Willis seconded the motion and it was approved.

President Kohlleppel announced that the Board of the Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District convened in closed executive session on this same date, beginning at 10:00 a.m., pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code (Open Meetings Act) for the purpose of conducting evaluations of applications received for the position of General Manager in order to fill that position.

Kohlleppel announced that the Board of the Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District ended its closed executive session on this same date at 10:40 a.m. Mr. Schneider, as a member of the appointed employment committee, moved that the Board appoint Rodney Willis as the new District Manager, effective January 1st, 2006. Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved. Mr. Brunner moved that the Board approve funds to compensate Mrs. Streicher to remain on staff for an additional two months to assist in the transition. Mr. Wendler seconded the motion and it was approved.

An application for exception to the District Rule concerning minimum tract size was received from John D. Ready for a property on West Camp Street in La Grange. After review, Mr. Brunner moved to approve the exception, Mr. Schneider seconded the motion and it was approved.

Items were identified for the next meeting's agenda. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2006, at 8:30 a.m., because of the holiday on January 2nd.

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

Wm. Paul Kohlleppel, Jr., President

Carl Wendler, Secretary-Treasurer