

FAYETTE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

Of the August 3, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting

Directors Present: Alan Brothers, Leo Wick, Cynthia Rodibaugh, Harvey Hayek, Mark Heinrich

Directors Absent:

Others Present: David Van Dresar, General Manager; Wendi Labus, Assistant General Manager; Monique Norman, Legal Counsel; Paul Kirby, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates; Andy Weir, SAWDF

The meeting was called to order by President Brothers at 09:40 a.m., on August 3, 2026, immediately following the public hearing, at the Fayette County Agricultural Building Conference Room 104 located at 255 Svoboda Lane, in La Grange, Texas. A quorum to conduct business was declared to be present.

President Brothers asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Minutes from the July 6, 2026 Public Hearing and Board of Directors meeting were presented by Mr. Van Dresar. Mrs. Rodibaugh made the motion to approve the both sets of minutes. Mr. Heinrich seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mrs. Labus presented the June 2026 financial statement. Mr. Hayek made the motion to approve the financial statement and to pay the outstanding bills. Mr. Wick seconded the motion and it was approved.

The proposed budget was presented by Mr. Van Dresar and Mrs. Labus for discussion. A possible increase in insurance coverage was discussed by Mrs. Labus. She informed the board that the district office was reviewing other insurance plans and will advise the board at the next meeting. Mr. Van Dresar stated the reason for the pay increase was that he had not asked for a raise in four years. Mrs. Labus informed the board that the increase in the subscriptions line item was for the Deep Earth modeling and subscription.

President Brothers call for an Executive Session to discuss staff and pay. The meeting was recessed at 10:52 for the executive session.

President Brothers reconvened the meeting at 11:54.

Mr. Brothers stated that the board suggested a three percent raise for staff. He also advised Mr. Van Dresar to better notify the board of deployments in the future.

The board considered action on the proposed FY 2026-2027 budget. Mr. Hayek made the motion to approve the proposed budget with recommended changes. Mr. Wick seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mr. Van Dresar presented the District Manager's report to the board:

Complaints:

On July 29, the district office received a call from a resident with low pressure and the caller had questions regarding the flex line that is running in the roadside ditches near Flatonia on FM 609. On July 30, Wendi and I traveled to the location of the flex line. I spoke with a representative of H&P and was given the information on

the source of the water for the drilling rig, being a ROCC well nearby. Closer to Flatonia, another set of flex lines were observed. Following the lines it appears that the source of the water is the Kainer Unit on Strick Road. Both wells are permitted. No further action was taken.

Meetings and Public Education:

On July 11, I made a presentation to the Native Plant Society in Columbus. Items discussed were aquifer conditions, water use, permitted use, planning, and future conditions. Approximately 20 people were in attendance and the information was well received with many questions following the presentation.

On July 15, Wendi and I attended a meeting of the Fayette County Special Advisory Board. The County Elections Officer presented new, statewide, voting changes that will be affecting Fayette County as of 2027. We will be moving to countywide polling locations rather than the precinct based locations we have today. This will consolidate precinct areas and allow voters to cast their ballots anywhere in the county on election day.

On July 15, I made a presentation to the La Grange Rotary Club at the Czech Museum. Items discussed were aquifer conditions, water use, permitted use, planning, and future conditions. Approximately 30 people were in attendance. The information was very well received with a request that I return in the near future to discuss key issues more in-depth.

General Business

1. Update on GMA 12 and GMA 15

- As of July 31, the district office has received no public comments regarding the proposed desired future conditions for GMA 12 or GMA 15.
- A public hearing to receive comments for GMA 12 proposed DFCs is scheduled for August 3, 2026.

2. General Update

- Nothing to report at this time.

3. Update on Static Well Monitoring

- Information regarding the TWDB grant program has been submitted and we are awaiting further information as to any other items that we may need to provide.
- Quarterly static well monitoring is scheduled for August 18-19.

4. Update on Permit Approval

- No permits were approved in the month of July.

5. Drought Conditions (see attachments)

- As of July 28, Fayette County is in D1 (moderate) drought conditions in the western corner of the county. D0 (abnormally dry) conditions southwest of a line from the Winchester area to Schulenburg. The remainder of the county clear of any drought conditions. July's beneficial rainfall has set the county up for a smoother summer.
- Rainfall averaged 5.00 inches total for month. The Colorado River gauge collected the most with 6.92 inches and the gauge at Buckner's Creek collected the least with 3.03 inches.

6. Update Legislature and News Articles

- Nothing to report.

7. Unsold Properties Update

- There were no unsold properties processed.

President Brothers asked for any applications for exception to consider. There were none.

Items were identified for the next meeting's agenda.

There being no further business, Mr. Heinrich made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Rodibaugh seconded the motion. Mr. Brothers adjourned the meeting at 12:26 a.m.

Alan Brothers, President

Cynthia Rodibaugh, Secretary/Treasurer