

FAYETTE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

**Of the August 4, 2025
Board of Directors Meeting**

Directors Present: Alan Brothers, Leo Wick, Cynthia Rodibaugh, Mark Heinrich, Harvey Hayek,
Directors Absent: None
Others Present: David Van Dresar, General Manager; Monique Norman, Attorney; Paul Kirby, Daniel B. Stephens & Assoc.

Invocation was given by Alan Brothers.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alan Brothers.

The meeting was called to order by President Brothers at 9:30 a.m., on August 4, 2025, 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 14, 2025 Board of Directors meeting were presented by Mr. Van Dresar. Mr. Hayek made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Heinrich seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mr. Van Dresar presented the July 2025 financial statements. Mr. Wick made the motion to approve the financial statements and to pay the outstanding bills. Mr. Hayek seconded the motion and it was approved.

The proposed budget was presented by Mr. Van Dresar for discussion. Mr. Van Dresar stated that staff was satisfied that the budget presented was sufficient to meet the financial needs of the district for the next fiscal year. Questions from the board of directors were regarding the proposed purchase of a new vehicle. There was discussion regarding more quotes and the value of the existing vehicle. Board members asked for two more quotes and the Kelly Blue Book value of the existing vehicle for discussion during the budget workshop in September.

Consideration and possible action on the FY 2025-2026 budget was tabled until the September meeting.

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

Complaints:

No complaints for the month of June.

Meetings and Public Education:

July 2, Region K Water Planning Group held a meeting in Austin. The meeting was to discuss and approve written comments from the public and other entities regarding the initially prepared plan (IPP)

for the region. Few comments were received and the region's consultant was given permission to address the comments and include them in the IPP for final submission.

General Business

1. Update on GMA 12 and GMA 15

GMA-12: No meetings held in the month of July

GMA 15: On July 10, GMA 15 held a meeting in Victoria. Mrs. Rodibaugh, Paul Kirby, and I attended the meeting. Items discussed included information from the consultant regarding the issues with the new Groundwater Availability Model (GMA) for the Central and Southern Portions of the Gulf Coast Aquifer System. Intera, GMA 15 consultant, presented an information on the water supply and demands for the GMA, though the data included combined surface and groundwater that was pointed out by the district representatives present. It was also noted that the new GAM calculates much different modeled available groundwater (MAG) figures than the modeled currently being used by the GMA for desired future condition (DFC) planning. Members authorized the GMA administrator, Tim Andruss, to write a letter to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) with comments and the GMA's position regarding the information provided by the new model. A meeting was scheduled for July 24 for Intera to present additional information to the GMA regarding the differences in models.

On July 24, a meeting was held in Victoria. Wendi attended. Steve Young, GMA consultant, present the major differences between the new model and the current model. He informed the member districts that the new tool should not be utilized for estimating MAG values during the current planning cycle. Dr. Young stated that these issues are not unique to GMA 15 and that all GMA's are having similar problems. Member districts approved moving forward with the letter to TWDB listing concerns regarding the models ability to predict drawdowns.

2. General Update

- As of the time of this writing, district staff is awaiting certified property values from FCAD.

3. Update on Static Well Monitoring

- July 23-24, Mr. Heinrich, Paul Kirby and I conducted water level data gathering and maintenance of the static monitoring wells. Five units needed either a new battery or a new sensing unit. Station 108 was reinstalled. Labeling used during the last quarter visits was found to be missing on all units. Wendi is working on new labels at this time. All water levels and photos have been input into the database.
- July 31: Paul Kirby and I replaced the solar panel, control panel, and battery on static well station 115.

4. Update on Permit Approval

- None were received

5. Drought Conditions (see attachments)

- As of July 22 Fayette County is in no drought conditions.

- Rainfall averaged 3.40 inches total. The gauge at Colorado River above La Grange collected the most with 5.62 inches and the gauge at Muldoon collected the least with 2.28 inches.

6. Update Legislature and News Articles

- Special session of the state legislature has begun.

7. Unsold Properties Update

- No unsold properties were processed in the month of June.

President Brothers asked for any applications for exception to consider. Mr. Van Dresar presented an application for exception from Marvin Gonzales. Mr. Van Dresar presented a letter from Mr. Gonzales explaining why he is asking for an exception to the property line setback rule. After extensive discussion, the board of directors, with a motion from Mr. Hayek and a second from Mrs. Rodibaugh, voted to deny Mr. Gonzales' application stating that the well could be located at the proper setback elsewhere on the property.

Items were identified for the next meeting's agenda.

There being no further business, Mrs. Rodibaugh made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Heinrich seconding the motion and the motion was approved. President Brothers adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Alan Brothers, President

Cynthia Rodibaugh, Secretary/Treasurer