

FAYETTE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

Of the March 5, 2025

Board of Directors Meeting

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

Directors Absent:

Others Present: Wendi Labus, Asst. General Manager; Monique Norman, Attorney,

The meeting was called to order by President Brothers at 9:38 a.m., on March 5, 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 February 3, 2025 Board of Directors meeting were presented by Mrs. Labus. Mrs. Rodibaugh made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Heinrich seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mrs. Labus presented the February 2025 financial statements. Mr. Hayek made the motion to approve the financial statements and to pay the outstanding bills. Mr. Wick seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mrs. Labus presented the District Manager's report to the board:

Complaints:

No complaints for the month of February.

Meetings and Public Education:

Region K Water Planning Group held a meeting on February 20 in Austin. Action items for included approval of the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) that is due to the TWDB in March 2025. Hearings regarding the IPP are scheduled for April and May to received public comments.

On February 15, FCGCD staff attended the ICA event in La Grange. We manned an exhibit table and had information on livestock watering, rain barrel construction, and information on registered water wells in the district. Attendance was light through the event.

On February 27, FCGCD staff attended a science night at Fayetteville ISD. Staff manned a table and exhibited the aquifer sand model and rain barrel. Attendance was very good and the children received a cup when coming by the exhibit. We will be invited back next year.

General Business

1. Update on GMA 12 and GMA 15

GMA 12: GMA 12 held a meeting on February 21 in Milano. Fayette County GCD's consultant, DBS&A, presented information on the Yegua Jackson aquifer. Member

districts will forward any well file changes to the consultants by the end of March and a preliminary GAM run will be conducted. Additionally, progress has been made regarding planning in the Sparta, Queen City, Carrizo, and Wilcox aquifers. Preliminary model runs are forthcoming. GMA 12 discussed a cost sharing agreement for writing the explanatory report. Cost is estimated at \$38,000.00. FCGCD portion would be five percent of that or approximately \$1,950.00.

GMA 15: No meeting in February

2. General Update

Nothing to report.

3. Update on Static Well Monitoring

- District staff and members of the board of directors were out collecting static water well data on February 26-27.
- Several units needed new batteries or control panels. Paul and I discussed testing a lithium ion battery at one station to determine if a different battery would be more economical in the long run.
- A new static monitoring well station was installed on February 27.

4. Update on Permit Approval

- No permit applications were approved by the General Manager.

5. Drought Conditions (see attachments)

- As of February 25, Fayette County remains in D1 (Moderate) drought conditions.
- Rainfall averaged 1.00 inches total. The gauge at La Grange collected the most with 1.18 inches and the gauge at Lake Fayette collected the least with 0.69 inches.

6. Update Legislature and News Articles

- The 89th Legislative Session is underway. Monique is providing the district with an up to date legislative tracking matrix.

7. Unsold Properties Update

No unsold properties were processed in the month of February.

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 with Mrs. Rodibaugh seconding the motion and the motion was approved. President Brothers adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Mark Heinrich, Vice President

Cynthia Rodibaugh, Secretary/Treasurer