

# **FAYETTE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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## **MINUTES**

### **Of the November 3, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting**

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

**Directors Absent:**

**Others Present:** David Van Dresar, General Manager, Wendi Labus, Assistant General Manager; Monique Norman, Attorney; Paul Kirby, Daniel B. Stephens & Assoc.,

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The meeting was called to order by President Brothers at 9:32 a.m., on November 3, 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.

Mr. Brothers gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes from the October 6, 2025 Board of Directors meeting were presented by Mr. Van Dresar. Mrs. Rodibaugh made the motion to approve both of the minutes. Mr. Heinrich seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mrs. Labus presented the October 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.

Mrs. Labus presented the quote for the new district vehicle from Oviedo. Mrs. Labus stated that she and Mr. Brothers looked at all offers and test drove vehicles. Selecting a new Suburban, Mrs. Labus and Mr. Brothers finalized the offer with Oviedo, being \$67,970.00. Mr. Heinrich made the motion to approve the purchase of the vehicle from Oviedo. Mr. Wick seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mrs. Labus presented the medical insurance renewal proposal for consideration. Mrs. Labus informed the board that the coverage will remain the same, but the price will increase \$1,659.35 for the year. After a brief discussion, Mr. Hayek made the motion to accept the medical insurance renewal. Mrs. Rodibaugh seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mrs. Norman presented updates and revisions from last month's meeting to the District Rules for discussion. Proposed production limits, based on tract size, were presented and discussed. Additionally, proposed language requiring pump information be submitted to the district upon installation and inspection port requirements. Discussion was also had regarding production wells exceeding 5,000 acre feet per year. Staff and Mrs. Norman will be working on language regarding monitoring requirements and regulation of production should water levels decline significantly.

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

## **Complaints:**

No complaints for the month of October.

## **Meetings and Public Education:**

None for the month of October.

## **General Business**

### **1. Update on GMA 12 and GMA 15**

GMA-12: On October 10th, GMA 12 held a meeting in Milano and David attended. Discussion on which run to use was a bit of a debate as usual. David made sure to make the other members aware that FCGCD was not changing their numbers and the others needed to figure out what they wanted. David can elaborate on any specifics if needed.

GMA 15: On October 9th, GMA 15 held a meeting in Victoria. Wendi and Paul attended the meeting. Several items requested be delivered by December 19th related to new GMA requirements that went into effect on 9/1. Goliad GCD presented a feasibility report to be sent to TWDB for their district.

### **2. General Update**

- On October 28th the FCGCD in conjunction with the Texas A&M Agri-Life office held the annual Water, Soil and Hay testing campaign. It wasn't as great of a turn out as previous years but overall went very well. There were 28 bacterial and 32 elemental tests received.

### **3. Update on Static Well Monitoring**

On Oct. 1st and 2nd, Paul and I visited all of the monitor wells that are checked quarterly with the exception of Unit 109 (Banks) that has been temporarily removed from service so they can use the well.

Some details:

- Unit 115, which was completely rebuilt on July 31, was found to be functioning and data was downloaded.
- Batteries were replaced on Units 111 and 119.
  - This was the first battery replacement for 119 (installed 12/14/2022) and the second for 111 (previously replaced 9/25/24).
- Additionally, Paul replaced the solar controller and SD card on Unit 111.
- The SD card could not be read on Unit 120. Paul replaced this card in April because there were issues then. We didn't have the computer in July. We left the current card in the unit because he was not sure what the issue is. He'd like to take a formatted card out there, swap it out, and see if we can connect to it.
- We thought that the battery may be going out on Unit 101 in July, but it was functioning this visit. That battery has been in there since 12/2/21...
- Paul has Unit 109 (Banks) with him and will pull the data off the SD card.

#### **4. Update on Permit Approval**

- One permit was approved by the General Manager in October.
- Permit 2025-003 for 199 acre feet of water to be used for livestock water to Jimmie M. Luecke Children Partnership on property owned by the permittee on Withers Road in Ledbetter, TX.

#### **5. Drought Conditions (see attachments)**

- As of October 30th Fayette County is in D2 (severe) drought conditions.
- Rainfall averaged 1.42 inches total. The gauge at Colorado above La Grange collected the most with 2.04 inches and the gauge at Lake Fayette collected the least with 1.09 inches.

#### **6. Update Legislature and News Articles**

- Nothing to report.

#### **7. Unsold Properties Update**

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

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 10:28 a.m.

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Alan Brothers, President

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Cynthia Rodibaugh, Secretary/Treasurer