

FAYETTE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

Of the September 3, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting

Directors Present: Alan Brothers, Leo Wick, Cynthia Rodibaugh, Mark Heinrich
Directors Absent: Harvey Hayek
Others Present: Wendi Labus, Assistant General Manager; Monique Norman, Attorney; Paul Kirby, Daniel B. Stephens & Assoc.

The meeting was called to order by President Brothers at 9:41 a.m., on September 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.

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

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

Minutes from the August 4, 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 August 2025 financial statements. Mrs. Labus made a note that the interest earned for the month of July was corrected to reflect the correct amount. Mr. Wick made the motion to approve the financial statements and to pay the outstanding bills. Mrs. Rodibaugh seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mrs. Labus presented the contract with the Fayette County Appraisal District to collect the District's taxes. Mr. Heinrich made the motion to approve the contract. Mrs. Rodibaugh seconded the motion and it was approved.

The proposed budget was presented by Mrs. Labus for discussion. Mr. Labus noted adjustments she made that reduced the overall budget and after some discussion on the purchase of a new vehicle it was decided to not include it in the budget and discuss at a later date. Mrs. Labus did provide the requested quotes and information from the last meeting. Mrs. Labus stated that staff was satisfied that the budget presented was sufficient to meet the financial needs of the district for the next fiscal year.

Mrs. Labus presented the proposed FY 2025-2026 budget for approval. Mr. Wick made the motion to approve the proposed budget. Mrs. Rodibaugh seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mrs. Norman presented the legislative updates as required.

Mrs. Norman presented updates and revisions to the District Rules for discussion. Several items discussed were the concerns with subdivision tracts and wells, verifying meter installation on permitted wells and requiring a port access by well drillers on new wells.

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

Complaints:

No complaints for the month of August.

Meetings and Public Education:

August 19-21, TAGD Groundwater Summit was held in San Antonio. Mr. Brothers, Mr. Heinrich, Wendi Labus, and I attended. Topic included recent legislative issues, current and closed legal cases, and topics on a variety of groundwater issues. Over 500 water professionals attended the summit this year.

August 27, 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, grant the consultant authority to make minor correction to the document, and complete the final prepared plan for approval at the September 2025 meeting.

General Business

1. Update on GMA 12 and GMA 15

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

GMA 15: No meetings held in the month of August

2. General Update

- Nothing to report

3. Update on Static Well Monitoring

- August 12, Wendi disconnected Unit 109 located on Bank's Ranch as the property owner will be utilizing the well. Another well on the property has been offered to the district for monitoring and Paul is researching the well as of the time of this writing.
- A spreadsheet outlining the work/cost to the existing monitoring station was prepared by Paul Kirby for review by staff and the board of directors.

4. Update on Permit Approval

- None were received

5. Drought Conditions (see attachments)

- As of August 26 Fayette County is in no drought conditions.
- Rainfall averaged 1.79 inches total. The gauge at Muldoon collected the most with 2.22 inches and the gauge at Carmine collected the least with 1.26 inches.

6. Update Legislature and News Articles

- A second special session of the state legislature is ongoing.

7. Unsold Properties Update

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

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 12:13 p.m.

Alan Brothers, President

Cynthia Rodibaugh, Secretary/Treasurer