

# FAYETTE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES

### Of the August 12, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting

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

**Directors Absent:**

**Others Present:** Wendi Labus, Acting General Manager; Monique Norman, Attorney

The meeting was called to order by President Wick at 9:30 a.m., on August 12, 2024, 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 Wick asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Minutes from the July 15, 2024 Board of Directors meeting were presented by Mrs. Labus. Mr. Hayek made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Brothers seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mrs. Labus presented the July 2024 financial statements. Mr. Hayek made the motion to approve the financial statements and to pay the outstanding bills. Mr. Brothers seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board of Directors considered action on compensation for Wendi Labus during David Van Dresar's leave of absence. Mr. Hayek made the motion to compensate Mrs. Labus an additional bonus of her salary while in the position of Acting General Manager, for the duration of Mr. Van Dresar's leave. Mrs. Rodibaugh seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

The FY 2024-2025 budget was presented by Mrs. Labus for review and workshop.

Mrs. Labus presented the FY 2024-2025 budget for approval. Mr. Hayek made the motion to approve the FY 2024-2025 budget. Mr. Brothers seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mrs. Labus presented the Call for Order of Election for the November 5, 2024 Election. Mrs. Rodibaugh made the motion to approve the Call for Order of Election. Mr. Heinrich seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mrs. Labus presented the Contract with the Fayette County Elections office for approval. Mrs. Rodibaugh made the motion to approve the Contract with the Fayette County Elections office. Mr. Hayek seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

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

### **Complaints:**

**\*\* UPDATE\*\***

After speaking with the landowner, they are in fact using their water well to irrigate. I spoke with Monique and she compiled a violation letter to be sent to the landowner. After doing my own research I

found the water well in our database, but it is not registered to the current landowner. Monique's violation letter also addresses this.

One complaint in the month of June. On June 17, a resident on Hwy 77 at Petter Rainosek Loop contacted the office stating that her neighbor has been irrigating plants and that the runoff was flooding her property. I made a site visit to the property on June 17 and noted the flooded area extending approximately 30 yards along the property line then following a low contour area onto the complainant's land approximately 19 yards. Photos were taken. After reviewing the database, and finding no water wells being located on the actor's property, I contacted the Fayette Water Supply Corporation who verified that the property was serviced by their PWS. I emailed Monique to inquire as to our jurisdiction regarding purchased water encroachment onto adjacent land. She advised to contact the regional TCEQ office for guidance.

## **Meetings and Public Education:**

No public education events held in the month of July.

## **General Business**

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

- GMA 15 met on July 11<sup>th</sup> here in La Grange. Fayette County GCD hosted the meeting at the VFW Hall. Normal business was discussed with a presentation by TWDB. The cost share agreement was discussed with consideration for adding an additional amount from each GMA member District for contribution to the DFC proposal. Fayette County GCD's contribution was \$1000.
- GMA 12 met on July 31<sup>st</sup> in Milano. The DFC process was discussed. Lost Pines GCD went over a list of items they wanted addressed and presented a study they wanted members of the GMA to help fund. It was also discussed that each member of the GMA should pay an equal portion of the DFC process. That was tabled and will be discussed at next meeting. FCGCD objected to both as only a portion of our District is in the GMA and the cost proposed is more than 20% of our budget.

### **2. General Update**

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

- Paul and I will schedule field work sometime in September.

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

- No permit was approved by the Acting General Manager in the month of July.

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

- As of August 8th, all of Fayette County remains under no drought conditions.
- Rainfall averaged 4.93 inches total. The gauge at Carmine collected the most with 6.61 inches and the gauge at Muldoon collecting the least with 3.03 inches.

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

- Legislative update as available

## **7. Unsold Properties Update**

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

President Wick 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, Mrs. Rodibaugh made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Heinrich seconding the motion and the motion was approved. President Wick adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

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Leo Wick, Sr., President

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Cynthia Rodibaugh, Secretary/Treasurer