

FAYETTE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

Of the March 16, 2026 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

The meeting was called to order by President Brothers at 9:31 a.m., on March 16, 2026, 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 February 2, 2026 Board of Directors meeting were presented by Mr. Van Dresar. One error was noted by Mr. Van Dresar and the error was corrected. Mrs. Rodibaugh made the motion to approve the corrected minutes. Mr. Heinrich seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mrs. Labus presented the February 2026 financial statements. Mr. Hayek made the motion to approve both the financial statements and to pay the outstanding bills. Mr. Wick seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Brothers asked for any discussion on the proposed rules changes. Mr. Van Dresar stated that the proposed rules have been on the district's website for review and comment as of February 2, 2026. Mr. Van Dresar informed the board that the comment period closes on the last day of March 2026 and that, to date, no comments have been received.

Mr. Brothers asked for any discussion regarding desired future conditions. Mr. Van Dresar stated that there was nothing to present to the board of directors at this time.

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

Complaints:

No complaints for the month of February.

Meetings and Public Education:

On February 21, the district had a booth at the Independent Cattlemen's Association meeting at the KC Hall in La Grange. Wendi and I attended. The meeting was well attended and several visitors came by the booth

On February 23, I gave a presentation to the seventh grade science class at Fayetteville ISD. Approximately 25 students were in attendance. Topics included the chemistry and uses of water, how

much water is one the planet and what was available, state and local water availability, conservation methods, and a question and answer time. Water conservation kits were provided to the students for use at their homes.

On February 27, the district had a booth at the Fayetteville STEM night. I attended and presented the rainwater collection barrel. Several visitors took the assembly instructions. I had several conversation on drought affects in the district and the future of groundwater in the area.

General Business

1. Update on GMA 12 and GMA 15

GMA-12: On February 19, GMA 12 held a meeting in Milano, Paul and I attended in person with Neil Blandford online. LPGCD stated that more data was needed to address the request to have the Colorado Alluvium designated as an aquifer in Bastrop County and that they are asking not to include DFC information in this round of planning. BVGCD and POSGCD agreed that the current DFCs for the Brazos River Alluvium remain the same as last round of planning. Paul Kirby gave a presentation on the Yegua Jackson aquifer that included aquifer uses and conditions, hydrologic conditions, environmental impacts, and subsidence; four of the nine factors that must be considered during the planning process. Information was not available regarding pumping files from GMA 11 and GMA 13 for the Carrizo Wilcox/Queen City/Sparta aquifer models and the GMA members asked the consultants to prepare information for consideration using the data from the GMA 12 districts. Dates were established to receive the report from the consultants and three meetings were approved to continue the planning process, being: March 17, March 25, and April 2. HALFF made a brief presentation on the proposed shared database. Member districts discussed how to fund the database and took no action at this time.

2. General Update

- TWDB grant application work is continuing and, as of this writing, should be ready to submit to the TWDB by the deadline of March 13, 2026.

3. Update on Static Well Monitoring

- On February 11-12, Paul and Wendi visited all static monitoring sites.
- Six units needed servicing in some way.
 - 101 and 111 had new units installed.
 - A new controller was installed on 116.
 - A new battery was installed on 118.
 - Stations 110 and 120 were unable to connect to the computer. Paul is reaching out to the supplier for assistance.
 - A new field computer is being priced as the current computer is running outdated software, Microsoft 10, which is no longer supported by Microsoft.

4. Update on Permit Approval

- No permit applications in February.

5. Drought Conditions (see attachments)

- As of February, Fayette County is in D3 (extreme) drought conditions.
- Rainfall averaged 0.72 inches total for month. Buckner's Creek collected the most with 1.07 inches and the gauge at Lake Fayette collected the least with 0.40 inches.

6. Update Legislature and News Articles

- Nothing to report.

7. Unsold Properties Update

- There were no unsold properties processed.

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. Mrs. Rodibaugh seconded the motion. Mr. Brothers adjourned the meeting at 10:24.

Alan Brothers, President

Cynthia Rodibaugh, Secretary/Treasurer