

FAYETTE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

Of the January 6, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting

Directors Present: Leo Wick, Alan Brothers, Cynthia Rodibaugh, Mark Heinrich
Directors Absent: Harvey Hayek
Others Present: David Van Dresar, General Manager, Wendi Labus, Asst. General Manager;
Paul Kirby, Daniel B. Stephens, Monique Norman, Attorney, Andy Weir

The meeting was called to order by President Wick at 9:30 a.m., on January 6, 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 Wick asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

The board of directors considered action on the election of officers for 2025. After a brief discussion, nominations for Election of Officers was discussed. Mrs. Rodibaugh nominated Mr. Brothers as President and Mr. Heinrich as Vice President. Mr. Heinrich nominated Mrs. Rodibaugh as Secretary/Treasurer. All voted in favor of the nominations.

Minutes from the December 16, 2024 Board of Directors meeting were presented by Mr. Van Dresar. Mrs. Rodibaugh made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Heinrich seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

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

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

Complaints:

No complaints for the month of December.

Meetings and Public Education:

On December 18, I made a presentation to the Fayetteville ISD 7th grade science class. 17 students were in attendance. Topics discussed were surface and ground water supplies and needs in the State of Texas and Fayette County, pollution and contamination sources, and treatment methods. The students were very engaged and asked very good questions.

Region K Water Planning Group held a meeting on December 6 in Austin. Items for discussion included approving water management strategies for inclusion in the Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) that is due to the TWDB in March 2025. Region K is on track with the planning schedule and has two additional meetings scheduled prior to submitting the IPP.

General Business

1. Update on GMA 12 and GMA 15

GMA-12 update. GMA 12 held a meeting on December 13 in Milano. Evaluation and discussion of past and future pumping files and scenarios involving the Sparta/Queen City/Carrizo-Wilcox GAM was discussed. Additionally, we discussed possible methods of DFC expression in the plan. Surface and groundwater interaction, socioeconomic impacts, and private property interests were presented as part of the nine required considerations to be evaluated during the planning process. Cost sharing discussion was tabled until a future meeting to allow for a presentation on pricing of the work to be done. Fayette County GCD, along with our consultant, were asked to make a presentation on the Yegua-Jackson Aquifer, including pumping scenarios and files, at the next meeting.

No GMA 15 update.

2. General Update

Nothing to report.

3. Update on Static Well Monitoring

- Paul and district staff will be going out to collect data from the static monitoring wells on January 29-30.
- We are planning to install at least one new station during that time.

4. Update on Permit Approval (see attachment)

- One permit application was approved by the General Manager, being:
 - P-2024-003 to Huber Land & Cattle, LLC for 50 acre feet per year to be used as stock pond water.

5. Drought Conditions (see attachments)

- As of December 31, Fayette County is in D1 (Moderate) drought conditions.
- Rainfall averaged 3.94 inches total. The gauge at Muldoon collected the most with 5.57 inches and the gauge at La Grange collected the least with 2.93 inches.

6. Update Legislature and News Articles

- The 89th Legislative Session will commence in January 2025. Several bills have been filed and Monique has developed a tracking matrix for the board.

7. Unsold Properties Update

- One unsold properties were processed in the month of December, being:
 - 47715- .32 Acres in Clear Lake Pines, Lot 190, Section 2. Accepted bid of \$3,500.00 from James and Maris McGraw.

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, Mr. Heinrich made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Mrs. Rodibaugh seconding the motion and the motion was approved. President Wick adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Alan Brothers., President

Cynthia Rodibaugh, Secretary/Treasurer