**FAYETTE COUNTY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**MINUTES**

**Of the April 15, 2024**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

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| **Directors Present:** | Leo Wick, Cynthia Rodibaugh, Mark Heinrich, Harvey Hayek, Alan Brothers |
| **Directors Absent:** | None |
| **Others Present:** | David Van Dresar, General Manager; Wendi Labus, Administrative Assistant; Monique Norman, Legal Counsel; Paul Kirby, DBSA |

The meeting was called to order by President Wick at 9:30 a.m., on April 15, 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.

The board considered action on appointing Alan Brothers to the position of Director for Precinct 1. Mr. Wick read his motion for appointing Mr. Brothers to the position of Director for Precinct 1 to serve the remainder of the Mr. Leer’s term of office. Mrs. Rodibaugh seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mrs. Labus swore in Mr. Brothers as Director for Precinct 1.

The financial audit presentation was tabled to a future meeting.

Minutes from the March 4, 2024 Board of Directors meeting were presented by Mr. Van Dresar. Mr. Kirby noted an error that he was shown as present for the meeting. Mr. Van Dresar acknowledged the error and noted the correction. There being no further comment or correction, Mr. Hayek made the motion to approve the minutes with correction. Mr. Heinrich seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mrs. Labus presented the March 2024 financial statements. Mr. Heinrich 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:**

One complaint call was received during the month of March. On March 29, a well owner on Hwy 159 contacted myself and Mr. Wick regarding his well losing water. Initially it was stated that his neighbor was causing the water decline in the well. I spoke with both individuals, stating that the well accused of drawing the water level down was too far away, .20 miles, and producing less than 15 gpm. Both well owners were instructed to produce proof of well registration for their wells as both indicated that their wells were constructed after 2004. As of the date of this writing, the accused well was proven to be registered and the complainant registered his well. I have not been contacted to conduct any testing of the water wells.

**Meetings and Public Education:**

No meetings or public education events occurred during the month of March.

**General Business**

1. **Update on GMA 12 and GMA 15** 
   * No meetings were held be GMA 12 or GMA 15 during the month of March.
2. **Update on Permit Approval**
   * + No permit was approved by the General Manager in the month of March.
3. **Drought Conditions (see attachments)**
   * As of April 4, all of Fayette County remains under no drought conditions.
   * Rainfall averaged 3.25 inches total. The gauge at Carmine collected the most with 4.10 inches and the gauge at Muldoon collecting the least with 2.35 inches.
4. **Update Legislature and News Articles**

* Legislative update as available

1. **Unsold Properties Update**

* No unsold property were processed in the month of March

Mr. Kirby presented the hydrographs from the December readings taken from the static monitoring wells.

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 Mr. Hayek seconding the motion and the motion was approved. President Wick adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Leo Wick, Sr., President Cynthia Rodibaugh, Secretary/Treasurer