

Fannin County Water Supply Agency

Minutes of Meeting of May 22, 2025 amended June 26, 2025

The meeting, held at the Derrell Hall Education Center at 2505 N Center Street, Bonham, Texas, was called to order by President Doug Kopf at 4:01 pm.

In attendance were the following representatives of Members:

Doug Kopf, Fannin County
Kim McPeak and Dale McQueen, Bois d'Arc MUD
Jan Johnson, Gober MUD
Brad White, Hickory Creek
Russell Duckworth, Ladonia
Woody Patrick, City of Leonard
Roger Cada, City of Savoy
Jack Delancey, City of Trenton
Stan Thedford, Town of Windom

A quorum was present.

Absent were:

John Keene, Southwest Fannin SUD
Brian Hilliard, City of Dodd City
Trent Muller, City of Bailey
Lance Capehart, City of Bonham
Sara Young, City of Honey Grove

Also in attendance were Connie Estes of The Leader, Fannin County Judge Newt Cunningham and Fannin County Civil Attorney Andy Garner, Paul Seegal of GTUA, Ian Hendrix and Melissa Brunger of Freese & Nichols, Malinda Allison, Angel Delgado and Aaron Moreland of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District, and Sara Richardson.

A motion was made by Woody Patrick to approve the minutes of the 4/24/2025 meeting. Second by Jan Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Doug Kopf gave the financial report. The amount in the bank account is \$13,354.45. Discussion regarding one or two signatures on bank checks. Perhaps have three possible signators, then require two signatures.

A motion was made by Woody Patrick to require two signatures on bank checks. Second by Stan Thedford. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jan Johnson to add Jack Delancey and Woody Patrick as signatories and remove John Keene and Lewis Donaghey; Doug Kopf will remain as a signatory at the bank. Second by Stan Thedford. Motion passed unanimously.

Woody introduced Simone Kiel representative from Texas Water Development Board Region C Water Planning for North Texas. She handed out "A Critical Process for North Central Texas' Future Prosperity and Quality of Life" brochure. The brochure is also available online at RegionCWater.org. The first public hearing was Monday, May 19, 2025 with about 100 in attendance. Thirty speakers mostly spoke against the Marvin Nichols Reservoir project.

She explained that the state was divided into 16 regions of which Fannin County is in Region C, along with the DFW metroplex. Region C encompasses 16 counties which provided 30% of the state's economy, but uses only 10% of the state's water. They also identified 6 major water providers with 4 of them providing over 90% of the municipal water demand that includes Tarrant, Dallas, North TX Municipal Water District, and the Upper Trinity Regional Water District. 2 major aquifers cross the region: the Trinity and the Wilcox. The goal is to identify water needs over a 50-year planning horizon and identify management strategies to meet those needs. The plan is updated every 5 years.

The acknowledged dilemma is the rapid growth in Fannin County that is outpacing the current water supplies. The key takeaway is that all parties should work together to develop water supplies across the region. Judge Cunningham noted that the 2020 census skewed the county population down and historical trends in population are not relevant in Fannin County. The population is closer to 40,000 than the 35,000 listed. Region C shows a significant shortage by 2080 of about 13,000 acre-feet. The main challenge for this board is the need for infrastructure to move the water from the Leonard treatment plant to wherever it's needed. Simone suggested that this board should send concerns and comments to Region C. All comments are read by Region C. Public comment period ends July 18th, final plan prepared by October 20th. Region C collects the comments and replies to them in the plan.

The state has some mechanisms to help offer developers tax incentive districts, impact fees, development, or negotiation directly with the developers, eliminating impact fees. Some grants are available as well for legal, funding and engineering help. FCWSA needs a business plan.

Discussion about developing a time line for future water needs. Woody at pwd@cityofleonard.com. offered to send comments to regioncwater; others reminded the board that Region C looks at the number of comments. All should send comments.

Discussion about water loss. Woody proposed that members prepare both a water loss and water use audit required by TWDB. This will show that water available right now is being used efficiently with little waste. This board will vote on this next month. TWDB requires these audits each year.

Discussion about a charge of .25 per meter each year. Doug will send a bill to each member due upon receipt for this year.

Woody spoke during the Public Forum. He printed a map of Fannin County and suggested that each member draw a water line to their place from the Leonard Treatment Plant. This is to help board members understand the issue of bringing water from Leonard Water Treatment to the county.

Next meeting is Thursday, June 26.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jan Johnson, second by Russell Duckworth. Motion passed unanimously.