## Fannin County Water Supply Agency

Minutes of Meeting of April 24, 2025

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

In attendance were the following representatives of Members:

Doug Kopf, Fannin County Allan McDonald, Arledge Ridge WSC Trent Muller, City of Bailey Kim McPeak, Rhonda Cunningham, and Dale McQueen, Bois d'Arc MUD Lance Capehart and TJ Davis, City of Bonham Brian Hilliard, City of Dodd City Jan Johnson, Gober MUD Brad White, Hickory Creek Sara Young, City of Honey Grove Woody Patrick, City of Leonard John Keene, Southwest Fannin SUD Roger Cada, City of Savoy Stuart Hall, Whiteshed

A quorum was present.

Absent were: Russell Duckworth, Ladonia Jack Delancey, City of Trenton Stan Thedford, Town of Windom

Also in attendance were Fannin County Judge Newt Cunningham and Fannin County Civil Attorney Andy Garner, Doug Janeway of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District, Connie Estes of *The Leader*, Aaron Moreland and Jacob Dupuis of Dunaway Engineering.

A motion was made by Woody Patrick to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2025 meeting. Second by Jan Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Doug Kopf gave the financial report. The amount in the bank account is \$13,454.45.

Discussion about funds needed to set up a website, cloud storage, and Microsoft 365 on 5 separate computers for officers:

The cost of a domain name (<u>fannincountywatersupply.com</u>) is available for 1 cent the first year. A Godaddy Premium website will run \$179.88 for the first year (2nd year on is currently \$359.88) and you can add the Microsoft 365 Secure Business Professional for \$143.88 the 1st year (\$289.88 2<sup>nd</sup> year on). A motion was made by Woody Patrick to approve the funds. Second by Brad White. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and announcement of new Fannin County Fire Marshal Troy Hudson. County is enforcing the state fire code from 2022. New entities can adopt their own fire code. New businesses who need fire flow must pay for fire requirements.

Discussion regarding Red River Groundwater Management plan and Texas Water Development Board Management Strategies for Fannin County. Dale McQueen shared Projected Water Management Strategies and Water Demands from the TWDB. Public hearing is May 19<sup>th</sup>. Public comment begins in July.

Most of Lake Ralph Hall surface water goes to the metroplex, locally only for the Sulphur River Basin in the southeastern part of the county. Doug from the Upper Trinity Regional Water District stated that an allowance for water to stay locally was negotiated with the county and Ladonia in 2004-2008, as well as the creation (not implementation) of a master plan around Lake Ralph Hall for developers around the lake.

Aaron and Jacob from Dunaway presented a chart comprised of data input by members showing 5-year Growth Projections with Average Historic Growth and Planned Future Connections. The county pays for the various WSC. Rural counties must keep the state apprised of population growth. Jacob asked that members provide **total** meters, in addition to **active** meters. Projected need is 12 million gal/day in 5 years. Jacob stated that the water need must reach 4,000-5,000 meters to support a transition to a water treatment plant. Cost for treatment is about \$25 / gal which translates to \$25 M for 1 M gal/day. This price includes building a structure, taking water from the lake, treating it, and pumping into system. Size brings cost efficiency.

Discussion and action to raise funds for upcoming projects. In order to raise the membership rate, this board must make a unanimous decision. The \$.25 is only used for start-up costs. This amount will not pay for infrastructure in the future. The treasurer will send out a bill based on an updated number of meters. Checks are to be made to Fannin County Water Supply.

A motion was made by Jan Johnson to charge each member \$.25/ meter now and again October 1st for the next fiscal year. Second by John Keene. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jan Johnson, second by Brian Hilliard. Motion passed unanimously.