


Blanco – Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 3, 2008
To: Board of Directors
From: Ronald G. Fieseler 
Re: Staff Recommendation on Matthew Winkler Application for a Well Operating Permit for Well # 57-46-3W1

Background information:

- Staff has determined that the above referenced application is administratively complete as of October 1, 2008.
- Mr. Winkler published notice in the October 2, issue of the Johnson City Record Courier in accordance with District Rule 8.5.E.
- On October 2, 2008, Staff emailed notice that the above referenced application is on the October 16, 2008 Board meeting agenda to Mr. Winkler in accordance with District Rule 8.5.F. All property within 1/4 mile radius of the well is owned by Mr. Winkler, so the District did not have to notify any adjacent property owners under District Rule 8.5.F.
- On October 3, 2008, Staff posted the application and this Staff Recommendation on the District website and has copies available in the District office in accordance with District Rule 8.5.G.
- Mr. Winkler paid the \$250 penalty for pumping into a pond during Drought Stage 1.
- Mr. Winkler has informed Staff of his willingness to comply with the other remedial actions required under the Notice of Violation from the District. District staff will schedule a compliance inspection of the well and pond site prior to the October 16, 2008 Board Meeting.
- Staff reviewed the requested annual pumpage volume (2,000,000 gallons) with Mr. Winkler. The review included considerations of the size of the original pond, the historical use of the well, the current and future uses and expected pumping needs, and local hydrological considerations.

Staff Recommendations:

- Pending the on-site compliance inspection, Staff recommends that the Board consider approving Mr. Winkler's application for a Well Operating Permit with the requested pumpage volume of up to 2,000,000 gallons per year.
- District Rule 3.5.A provides for a three year permit term. In order to provide for a convenient and simple tracking process, the District Staff practice has been to have permits come up for renewal on the March 1 date that is closest to the three year permit period. Therefore, Staff recommends that Mr. Winkler's initial permit come up for renewal on March 1, 2011.