

Water planning group zeros in on irrigation supply strategies

The Lower Colorado Regional Planning Group met Wednesday, June 14, in Wharton to discuss how to prevent future irrigation shortages in Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda Counties.

The Planning Group, which is drawing up a 50-year water plan for presentation to the Texas Water Development Board, voted to take a closer look at four strategies:

- Advanced agricultural water conservation methods;
- Local off-channel reservoirs;
- Development of rice varieties that need less water; and,
- Development of groundwater.

About 100 people attended the meeting, and several, including Wharton County Manager Andres Garza and rice farmer Terry Hlavinka, spoke during the public comment period.

Those who made comments generally supported off-channel reservoirs, although some mentioned a preference for locating them in the northern end of the region in the Hill Country.

City Manager Garza expressed concern about the potential for groundwater being exported from the region and urged continuing to monitor population growth rates, which could increase due to development spreading from the Houston metropolitan area.

Neighboring regions, such as those which cover San Antonio and Corpus Christi, are looking at the potential of tapping into the Lower Colorado region's water supplies to meet their water needs.

Planning Group member Ronald Gertson of Wharton, who was appointed to represent small business interests, says, "One thing is clear, if we don't plan for new supplies or ways to reduce the amount of water we need, farming will be seriously affected by future droughts, with the supply falling short by as much as 30%. The Planning Group is going to be deliberating about which options should be part of the region's long-term water plan."

The Planning Group is charged with adopting a 30-year supply plan

and ideas for a 50-year plan for the region stretching from San Saba and Mills Counties in the north to Matagorda County in the south.

They have identified the likelihood of future shortage in our area as one of the critical problems to solve.

The Planning Group is scheduled to submit a draft plan to the Texas Water Development Board by Oct. of this year.

The meeting was moderated by Bay City resident Haskell Simon, who represents agricultural interests on the Planning Group.

He notes that "This is another step forward in our planning process, one that is of special interest to the four irrigation districts in our area-Gulf Coast, Lakeside, Garwood and Pierce Ranch."

"We will be meeting in Wharton again after we have adopted an initial draft of the plan to hear more from the public. The strategies we voted to focus on today came out of meetings with farmers who chose these strategies as the most feasible."

Matagorda County, and most of Wharton and Colorado Counties, is part of the Lower Colorado Region set up by the TWDB as one of 16 regions covering all parts of the state.

The Lower Colorado Region extends north of Mills and San Saba Counties, and includes cities bordering the Colorado River, such as La Grange, Bastrop, the rapidly growing Austin metropolitan area and Marble Falls.

Although the Colorado River is a major source of water in the area, many urban and agricultural areas also use groundwater.

In each region, TWDB has appointed a planning group made up of representatives of 11 interest groups such as water districts, agriculture, the environment and small business.

Each planning group is charged with adopting and submitting a 50-year water plan for its region to TWDB by Jan. 5, 2001.

TWDB will then integrate the 16 regional plans into a state-wide plan, assuring a consistent approach and reconciling and differences among regions.

Boss (Golden Retriever)

June 25, 1999 - June 11, 2000

By Pamela K. Mortensen

Our dog was on his leash, when a few strays enter into our yard, he broke loose and chased the strays back into their yard, and on the way back, home he was shot...and died during surgery.

Boss, we will miss you so much, the times that you would be always under my feet, following me like a shadow taking a step before me, always in my way. Waiting for me when I got home from work to let you off your leash, how you got "Porky" your favorite toy for me to throw so you can run to retrieve it. How I remember how I got up used to your pool, so you could cool off. How you would put your toys

in the pool just to retrieve them and be so proud.

Boss, how I remember when 9:30 p.m. came around how you would put your paw on me and I knew that you were ready to go to bed, then I would put your blanket on our bed, with one leap and flop down and your head so close to mine, we'd fall asleep until the man of the house came to bed and you knew he would protect me now.

Boss, you will be dearly missed by a lot of people. We'll meet you at the "Rainbow Bridge" when our time is up.

It's hard to sleep right now; I stay up so late without you telling me that it's 9:30. "We Love You Boss".

"Rainbow Bridge"

From: Shelbie Goddard

To: Pamela K. Moresen

Ref: To Anyone Who's Lost a Pet

Just this side of Heaven is a place called "Rainbow Bridge." When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to the "Rainbow Bridge."

There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food and water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable. All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor, those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content except for one small thing: they miss someone very special to them,

who's had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks in the distance. The bright eyes are intent the eager body quivers, suddenly he begins to break away from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster. You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again.

The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes then you cross "Rainbow Bridge" together.

Field Day is June 29

The 26th Annual Field Day and Tour at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Eagle Lake will be held June 29 at the station, three miles north of Eagle Lake on FM 102.

Field Tours will begin at 4 p.m. and will consist of Dr. Mike Chandler discussing Regiment and Command herbicide rates for use on rice; Dr. Garry McCauley, new Liberty Linked and Clearfield varieties of rice that are herbicide resistant; Dr. Fred Turner, heading nitrogen applications on rice; and Dr. Anna McClung, varietal improvements in rice. The tours will be conducted using shaded trailers with the first trailer going out at 4 and the last trailer leaving at 5.

Following the field tour and a meal courtesy of BU Grocers, the evening program will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

The program will consist of Dr. Ted Wilson discussing future rice research, State Rep. Robby Cook discussing water legislation and associ-

ated issues, Melissa Barton discussing laws and regulations for using pesticides, and Dr. Larry Falconer discussing rice economic issues.

C.E.U. hours will be given toward re-certification of pesticide licenses.

Highlights

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Permanent School Fund may be taken away from the politically divided State Board of Education under a plan being considered by a state Senate Subcommittee chaired by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock.

•The Texas Board of Professional Engineers last week announced it would open an inquiry into the Texas A&M bonfire. Twelve students died and 27 were injured last November when the 60-foot-tall pile of logs collapsed during construction.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS

June 6, 2000

Denise Aguilar, Austin, evading arrest, 7-18-99 in Eagle Lake; investigated by Eagle Lake Police Department (ELPD) Officer Randy Schlauch. Sentenced to one year probation, \$2,000 fine and court costs.

Denise Aguilar, Austin, driving while intoxicated (DWI), second offense. Case dismissed.

Miguel Angel Gaitan, Wharton, possession of marijuana (PoM), 1-21-00 in Eagle Lake; investigated by Colorado County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Deputy Schleider. Sentenced to six months deferred adjudication, \$400 fine and court costs.

Anthony Ray Hemphill, Eagle Lake, assault, 12-19-99 in Eagle Lake; investigated by ELPD Officer Michael Krenk. Sentenced to one year probation, \$750 fine and court costs.

Joe Lee Linnemier, Sheridan, motion to revoke probation, DWI (3-29-97) Hwy. 90A; investigated by CCSO Deputy Peikert. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Daniel Ray Novak, Sealy, PoM, 10-

16-99 on Hwy. 90A; investigated by CCSO Deputy Toppel. Sentenced to one month deferred adjudication, \$500 fine and court costs.

Maria Rodriguez, Eagle Lake, PoM, 1-13-00 in Eagle Lake; investigated by ELPD Chief Keith Webb. Case dismissed.

Gina Fouch, Austin, PoM, 5-2-98 on State Hwy. 71; investigated by Department of Public Safety (DPS) Trooper Anthony Owens. Sentenced to one month deferred adjudication, \$250 fine and court costs.

Carnile E. Scott, Glidden, PoM, 2-2-00, in Columbus; investigated by Columbus Police Department Officer Joe Lopez. Case dismissed.

Rickey Toliver, Eagle Lake, evading arrest, 8-28-99 in Eagle Lake; investigated by ELPD Sgt. Tim Crume. Fined \$500.

Neil Prather Vestal, Jersey Village, DWI, 2-15-00 on I-10; investigated by DPS Trooper Krueger. Sentenced to one year probation, \$1,000 fine and court costs.

Jeffrey Scott Waters, Houston, driving while license suspended (DWLS), 2-22-00 in Eagle Lake; investigated by

ELPD Officer Brian Lasley. Sentenced to 35 days in jail (credit for all time served), \$500 fine and court costs.

Winston Thompson, Austin, PoM, motion to revoke probation. Probation was revoked, sentenced to eight days in jail and ordered to pay a \$360 fine.

June 7, 2000

Jose Manuel Rodriguez, Laredo, DWLS, 5-5-99 on I-10; investigated by DPS Krenk. Case dismissed.

James Keith Schobel, Columbus, PoM, 12-24-99 on Hwy. 90; investigated by DPS Trooper Holub. Sentenced to one month deferred adjudication, \$500 fine and court costs.

Kenneth Ray Wilson, Clute, DWLS, 7-5-97 on State Hwy. 71 south; investigated by CCSO Deputy Peikert. Sentenced to two months deferred adjudication, \$250 fine and court costs.

Phillip Sommers, theft by check. Ordered to pay \$500 restitution.

CRIMINAL COURT DISPOSITIONS

Erwin Ray Kay, aggravated kidnapping, kidnapping and aggravated assault, 9-6-98. Sentenced to eight years deferred

adjudication, 320 hours community service, \$1,000 fine and court costs.

Wayne Keith Thomas, possession of a controlled substance, 7-19-99. Sentenced to 15 years TDC to run concurrent.

Wayne Keith Thomas, delivery of a controlled substance, 11-17-98. Sentenced to 15 years TDC to run concurrent.

Wayne Keith Thomas, delivery of a controlled substance, 10-13-98. Sentenced to 15 years TDC to run concurrent.

April Ann Latopie, DWI, felony, 5-20-99. Sentenced to 5 years TDC.

CASE FILED

Aquila Southwest Pipeline Corporation vs Lawrence Earl Obenhaus, Judith Ann Hankins, Carol Estelle Riddle and Joyce Elaine Watts, Estemelle.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Leonard Earl Toliver Jr. and Liandra Marie Hernandez; 6-12-00.

Saul Santiago Hernandez and Georgina Galvan Hernandez; 6-15-00.

Bryan Anthony Guzman and Amy Donne Theut; 6-16-00.

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