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## Brief Overview of District Accomplishment's in the Last Year

The district has now adopted for a second time a tax rate and budget, with sufficient money to carry the needs of the district.

The district has sent out a Request for qualifications for auditors, as well as one for Engineering consultants. The district has worked with TCB to develop a registration website at [www.gis.aecom.com/vcgcd](http://www.gis.aecom.com/vcgcd). The website can be linked to the district webpage. The district has created an outstanding website with information, but needs to figure out how it can be updated. Currently the district publishes agendas and minutes to the site, but there is a need to publish more documents all the time.

The district has hired a second attorney Greg Ellis, to help with rules. We have also hired TAMUK Dr. Uddameri to collect the technical data necessary for the Districts management plan. Dr. Uddameri also has a technical advisory group to help with the management plan, and possible can continue to address the more technical issues associated with the rules, (i.e. defining exempt well/non-exempt wells, well spacing, and production limits).

As directors you adopted Bylaws, and purchased many types of equipment. The district is fully capable of measuring water levels, and obtaining conductivity of wells. The district is working with surrounding districts s to collect necessary data for future models, including data about recharge, and evapotranspiration.

The district has adopted an investment policy, has a checking account, and procedures for paying bills, however these procedures, are not fully written down. (i.e. signing your own reimbursement check) refer to the Bylaws this spells out the procedure for reimbursements. The district has a credit card, for reserving hotel rooms, and buying other items. We have also established an office depot account, leased a new copy machine, and purchased printers, computers, and many other items.

The district has set up obstacles to avoid fraud, by outsourcing payroll, and gained a valuable service by not hiring a staff person to keep up with such things. The district has contacted several entities for establishing health insurance, and obtained quotes, but this would have to be revised.

The district has an office, telephones, fax, and email addresses to make the district accessible to the people. There are many things that have been done to get the district operational.

While I have been GM the district has had a key contact person to respond to people's needs, and I have been quoted numerous times in the Victoria Advocate.

I have been in contact with Dr. Bain Cate about setting up a cooperative relationship with the health department for completing or verifying locations, of new wells. We have forms for registering existing wells, and new well registration forms have been started, but have been delayed due to other activities, but I believe that they are 90% complete.

The district created a survey for establishing rules, and we have been present at several activities trying to get the word out about the district. These things have established a pathway for assisting the district in meeting its possible management goals.

The district has established a reputation of being professional, and diligent, and responsive to needs. The legislators are aware of the Victoria County GCD, and its presence.

Furthermore the district has been in the process of establishing a baseline by sampling wells across the county. The idea behind the sampling is to establish a baseline based upon variations in depth, and space. The district has sample to date 4 wells, and has an agreement with B-Environment al to sample 50 more wells. The district can take the initiative of starting a process of sampling 2-5 wells in a general area of varying depths, and having other landowners participate and the district handles the collection of the sample, and invoicing the well owner for such services.

This document is all over the place, in organization but due to the limitation in staff, and time it is all I can do. I truly appreciate the opportunity afforded to me by the district, and I am confident that our relationship has been a learning experience for me as well as yourselves. I am confident that we will continue to have a favorable working relationship well into the future. My door is always open, and I will help where I can. I will continue to participate in the technical advisory group, as well in many of the upcoming meetings, as well as updates about the weather stations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Garrett Engelking

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