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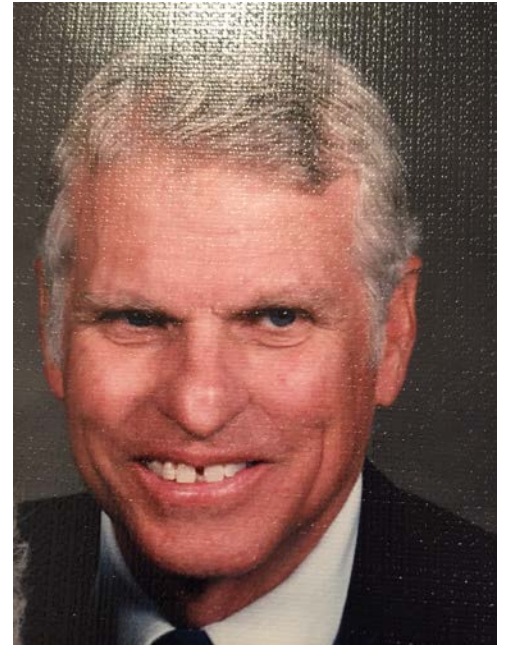


# Heartbeat of the Hickory

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On October 13, 2016, Wendell Bruce Moody of Eden passed away after a long illness. Wendell served on the Hickory UWCD Board of Directors from 2004 until 2016.

Wendell was born in Tulia, TX to Alton and Camilla (Hansen) Moody. He graduated from Eden High School and went on Texas Tech University to earn a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Agricultural Engineering. A few years later he married the love of his life, Carolyn Loveless. He then went back to Tech and earned his Master of Science in Civil Engineering. He received his Texas Registered Professional Engineers License.



Wendell worked for the Soil Conservation Service for 38 years. During that time he traveled to every one of the United States except Maine. He even toured civil engineering projects in Guam and American Samoa and consulted with officials in Israel and Argentina. After retirement, Wendell returned to Eden and started his life in community service:

- Eden City Council, 1996-2006, 2012
- Director, Hickory UWCD #1, 2004-2016
- Voting Member, Concho County, Region F Water Planning Group 2002-2015
- Director and Secretary/Treasurer, Eden Correctional Facilities Corp, 1996-2001
- Director and Secretary/Treasurer, Spirit of Eden Fund, 2000-2015
- Director and President, Eden Economic Development Corporation, 1995-1996
- Member Eden Heritage Preservation Association, 1998-2015
- Volunteer Technical Advisor, Water Resources Task Force, 1999-2012
- Member of the Eden Trinity Lutheran Church, Adult Bible Class teacher, and Trustee, 1994-2015
- Member Civil Engineering Academy, Texas Tech University, 1989-2012; President 2002-2003
- Former Vice President, Daniel Wood Chapter, Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, San Angelo, TX, 1996-2001

Wendell was a great asset to the District. His enthusiasm and quick, analytical mind will be greatly missed.

## Water Levels are UP!!!

Ronnie Moore, our Lab/Field Tech has finished measuring water levels. Hickory wells were up 0.25 feet based on the seventy-four Hickory wells that were accessible and measurable. Six Ellenburger wells were up an average of 2.34' and the three accessible Marble Falls wells were up an average of 3.43'. We will be seeking new wells to measure. Many of the wells we historically used are under new ownership and no longer accessible for various reasons. You can see a detailed map on our website. Click on the well in question. The pop-up lists brief information including level change along with a link to a detailed history of that well's water levels. <http://hickorywcd.org/waterlevels.html>

## Water Use Reports

Water use report forms will be sent out the end of December and beginning of January. These are ONLY for permitted wells. Those are wells used for irrigation, industry, municipalities, commercial livestock (not just stock water), and aquaculture. You do NOT have to complete these forms for registered wells which are domestic and/or livestock wells. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us either by email [hickorywcd@yahoo.com](mailto:hickorywcd@yahoo.com) or call 325-597-2785.

## 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

Texas's 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session will start January 20, 2017. Bill pre-filing began November 14, 2016. As of November 28, 410 House Bills have already been filed and 229 Senate Bills. In 2015 during regular session, 4,207 House Bills were filed and 2,069 Senate Bills. You can search and follow bills online at <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>. If you're interested, sign up for our legislative updates concerning water issues. Drop us an email at [hickorywcd@yahoo.com](mailto:hickorywcd@yahoo.com) and use Legislative Update in your subject line.

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