

## DCFWS D 1-A NEWS

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**"While we are mourning the loss of our friend, others are rejoicing to meet him behind the veil."**

*~ John Taylor*

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the sudden death of Denton County Fresh Water Supply District 1-A's General Manager, Zane Miller. Zane passed away Wednesday, March 28, 2012 from unknown causes. Zane's wife and three children are in our thoughts and prayers through this most difficult time.

Zane Miller was a very prominent figure in this community. He was known for his commitment to excellence, his spirit of innovation, and his vision for the future. Zane had an unwavering desire to get things accomplished for the good of the whole. He is someone who was respected and cared for deeply and we ask for all who knew Zane to celebrate his life and his memory.

Zane Miller started his government career in 1993 with the City of Nacogdoches as an intern in the Building Inspections Department and later moved into a full-time position in the Planning Department. While in Nacogdoches he coordinated several State of Texas low-income housing grants, began the first geographic information system for the City, served on local Historic Preservation Boards, and coordinated a comprehensive Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

In 1998, Zane took a position with the City of Lewisville as a Planner, where he received his certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners. Less than one year later, Zane was moved to the City Manager's office in the role of Director of Economic Development. From 1999 to 2007, Zane worked with the Lewisville City Council as well as private developers to construct over 7.3 million square feet of new office and retail space, which created over 10,000 new jobs in the community and added \$444 million of additional tax value to the property roles. In addition, he was part of a team that initiated the Old Town Lewisville redevelopment efforts and continued those efforts, once approved by the City Council.

In 2007, Zane left his employment with the City of Lewisville to take the General Manager position for Denton County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1-A, which is responsible for the oversight of the Castle Hills subdivision in the City of Lewisville's extra-territorial jurisdiction. In his role with District 1-A, he was responsible for managing, under the direction of the elected officials, all fiscal and facility aspects of the 8 Districts that combine to create Castle Hills.

Zane held a Bachelors of Science degree from Stephen F. Austin State University; he was a graduate of the Angelina College Police Academy, and the University of Oklahoma, Economic Development Institute. Zane served on the Upper Trinity Regional Water District Board as well as various State and National Economic Development and Planning Boards and was a regular guest speaker in the Urban Planning Department at the University of Texas in Arlington on land planning and economic development.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them. Zane Miller will live in our hearts forever.

Please don't be dismayed at good-byes. A farewell is necessary before we can meet again, and meeting again, after moments or a lifetime, is certain for those who are friends. How lucky we are to have known someone who is so hard to say goodbye to.