



**Minutes for Meeting/Hearing of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District**

Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2012  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Place: Dripping Springs City Hall  
Location: 511 Mercer St., Dripping Springs, TX. 78620

**6:00 pm: Special Meeting Opens**

**Board Present:** Jimmy Skipton-President, Greg Nesbitt-Vice President, Mark Key-Secretary/Treasurer & Joan Jernigan  
**Board Absent:** Ed Pope  
**Staff Present:** Rick Broun-General Manager, Tressy Gumbert-Administrative Assistant

*The following subjects were considered for discussion and/or action at said meeting:*

- **Board Roll Call:**  
Rick Broun:
  - Roll Call was taken, a quorum was present.
- **Review of Board Meeting Protocol:**  
Jimmy Skipton:
  - Explained meeting protocol to audience.
- **General Comments from Board & Staff:**  
Rick Broun:
  - Staff will be in the office Saturday, October 27, 2012 for early voting.
- **Public Comments: Non-Agenda Items**  
The following presented: Terry Tull, Linda Kay Rogers, Jim McMeans, Jon Cobb and George Cowsar

**Agenda Items:**

Discuss and Possible Actions on:

- 1) **Item #1 – District to Defend against “Protect Our Water Rights” PAC.....Rick Broun**
- PAC wrongfully alleges \$30,000 of Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District funds lost
  - PAC wrongfully alleges untimely submission of agency audits
  - PAC wrongfully alleges permitting of commercial wells without a water budget
  - PAC wrongfully alleges an actual 30 foot drawdown of wells which is in direct contrast to the Texas Water Development Board's recent GAM Task map showing a 5 foot drawdown in the Wimberley area over a 50 year period

**Public Comments:**

The following presented: Shelly Buse, Terry Tull, Jim McMeans, Linda Kay Rogers, Bill Davis, Jon Cobb & Clint Frankmann

**Board & Staff:**

- Rick Broun:
- District has not lost \$30,000. No money has been lost.
  - There was an attempt by someone using a previous Board Member's information to take \$17,529.21 from the District's bank account.
  - Financial Audits are provided to the county on a quarterly basis.
  - Presented a TWDB map showing scenario 6 anticipating a 50 year drawdown throughout western Hays County. Showing that the DFC of 30 is an overall average for GMA 9.
  - The District has a water budget based on the adopted MAG.
  - According to the MAG there was 708 AF available for permitting at the beginning of 2012.
  - There have been a few new permits issued and production increases approved over the past year equaling a total of 412.06 AF
  - Remaining available groundwater is 296 AF
  - The audits were behind prior to me being employed by the District. 2007 audit was complete in late 2009. The District budgets \$2100 a year for audits, 2008 was completed in Sept 2010 and 2009 was completed May 2011. 2010 and 2011 audits have been ordered and are currently at the office of Neffendorf, Knopp, Doss and Company.

Mark Key:

- o There was an investigation done on the attempt to take the \$17,529.21 from the Bank
- o Presented email from David Baker on 11-15-2010 to Rick Broun in regards to the investigation.
- o I sent an email to David Baker on November 22, 2010 requesting that David address the Board in regards to the attempt and investigation.
- o The District changed banks and changed the locks on office doors after the attempt to take money was made.

Jimmy Skipton:

- o The District has lost no money and audits are in compliance according to the county.

**2) Item #3 – Meeting Dates in November and December 2012 .....Jimmy Skipton**

- Canvas date, meeting dates and hearing dates

**Board & Staff:**

Jimmy Skipton:

- o Would like to meet November 19, 2012 to canvas votes and swear in new Board Members
- o Requested that hearing for new rules be held December 6, 2012

**Public Comments:**

None provided

**Motion:**

Jimmy Skipton: to approve the meeting dates of November 19 and December 6, 2012

Mark Key: seconded

Vote: 4-0 In favor (Jimmy Skipton, Greg Nesbitt, Mark Key & Joan Jernigan)

**3) Item #4 – Update on Contested Case lawsuit: Plaintiffs vs HTGCD.....Jimmy Skipton**

- Wimberley Valley Watershed Association
- Johanna L. Smith, H.K. Acord, Janet Acord, James R. McMeans and David Glenn

**Board & Staff:**

Jimmy Skipton:

- o The Contested Case lawsuit is schedule to go to court on November 13<sup>th</sup>
- o The date, place and time will be posted on the District's website.

**Public Comments:**

None provided

**4) Item #5 –Update: District Board Election.....Mark key**

**Board & Staff:**

Mark Key:

- o Advised voters to cast a provisional ballot if there are questions as to their eligibility to vote.

**Public Comments:**

None provided

**5) Item #2 – District Accomplishments.....Rick Broun**

**Public Comments:**

The following presented: Linda Kay Rogers

**Board & Staff:**

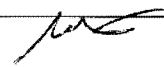
Rick Broun:

- o I am pleased with the work and accomplishments the staff has made.
- o Presented a list of staff accomplishments which included:
  - Redistricting
  - Management Plan
  - Monitor run and improvements to the monitor run map
  - Installation of transducers

- Website Improvements
- Updates to District Rules
- Workshops and Presentations
- Elections
- Permits
- Drought Cutback Charts
- Disaster Recovery
- Improvements to agendas
- Video of Meetings
- Communication between HTGCD, Hays County, City of Dripping and other various organizations.

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7:04 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved:  Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2012  
Jimmy Skipton, President

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2012  
Mark Key, Secretary/Treasurer  
CRED NARRIT V.P.  11/12/2012