



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

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2016
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Dripping Springs City Hall
Located: 511 Mercer Street, Dripping Springs, Tx. 78620

6:00 p.m.: Board Meeting Call to Order

Board Present: Jimmy Skipton-Vice President, Mark Hastings-Secretary Treasurer, & Doc Jones

Board Not Present: Linda Kaye Rogers-President & Greg Nesbitt

Staff Present: Rick Broun-General Manager, Tressy Gumbert-Administrative Assistant & Alex Broun-District Geologist, P.G. 4845

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

- **Board Roll Call:**

Rick Broun:

- Called Roll. A quorum is present

- **General Comments from Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- There were 14 Public Water Connections submitted in December, 197 YTD, 85 Budgeted
- There were 6 new well registrations submitted in December, 148 YTD, 85 Budgeted. 21 existing wells were registered in 2015.
- The District received 1 new TCEQ project: Austin Paintball.
- In April the Hays and Travis AgriLife Extension groups in conjunction with the Texas Well Owners Network will be having a Water Well Checkup. Submitted well water samples will be screened for Bacteria, Salinity and Nitrates at a reduce cost of \$10. I recommend that HTGCD partner with this project and donate funding as well.
- The District always wants to encourage the use of rainwater collection systems on all new homes, businesses and on existing buildings. We further promote artificial recharge of the aquifer through such means as proper brush management and re-establishing deep rooted native grasses. The District further promotes the use of surface water or other alternatives to groundwater in and around western Hays County.
- The District encourages the public to view the District's two educational videos which have been made available on the District's website.

Al Broun:

- On December 18 I attended a Cypress Creek W.S.A Tech meeting and on January 12 an Onion Creek Project meeting. Also attended two technical meeting at BSEACD one on Dec. 18, 2015 the other Jan. 21, 2016
- Thanks to the Board for the purchase of a new microscope.

- **Consent Items:**

1. Approval of Bank Reconciliations and Monthly Invoices
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Report and Budget to Actual Report
3. Approval of November 18 & December 9, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Board & Staff:

Mark Hastings:

- Reviewed the Meeting Minutes and Financials. Everything appears in order. The budgeted income was less than the actual and the District was under budget on expenses.

Motion

Mark Hastings: I move that the Board approve the Financial Reports and the Meeting Minutes as presented.

Jimmy Skipton: Seconded

Vote: 3-0 in Favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings & Doc Jones)

Discussion and Possible Action Items:

Board & Staff:

Jimmy Skipton:

- Item #s 6 – Vote of Confidence, HTGCD Staff & 7- Ratify HTGCD Staff Salaries, will be postponed to the next Board Meeting.

Hearing Items:

6:10 p.m.: Hearing Open

Item #10 – Review Salt Lick PWS Operating Permit Application

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Salt Lick is requesting a 3 year permit at 31 acre feet per year for 83 LUE's

Public Comments:

The following provided public comment(s): Ken Manning, Representative for Salt Lick- The well will be producing from the Lower Trinity. They are requiring residential and commercial buildings to install roofs for rainwater collection. The plan is to use the collected rainfall to help recharge the Middle Trinity.

6:15 p.m.: Hearing Closed

Motion

Jimmy Skipton: I move that the Board approve a 3 year Permit for 31 acre feet per year for Salt Lick.

Mark Hastings: Seconded

Vote: 3-0 in Favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings & Doc Jones)

Discussion and Possible Action Items:

Item #5B – Needmore Ranch Update

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

Board & Staff:

Al Broun:

- The District has received the data from the Needmore wells. We will be monitoring the Amos well next week during the testing of the Needmore wells.

Jimmy Skipton:

- Requested that Rick include update of Needmore Ranch and well test on next month's meeting agenda.

Item #4 – Presentation by the City of Dripping Springs

Presentation:

Eva Steidle-Darling, a Water Reuse Senior Technologist Associate with Carolla, presented a summary of the Feasibility Study on Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) done by Carolla. The presentation defined the water quality goals and the water purification processes as well as the potential project layout and the project location. The presentation was followed up with a Q&A session.

7:11 p.m.: Break

7:24 p.m.: Reconvene

Item #5 – Status of Drought Briefing

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Presented to the Board copies of the report which includes the US Drought Monitor map the Palmer Drought Severity Index map, hydrographs and the Monitoring Well Water Level Table.

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- The latest US Drought Monitor map indicates that our District is within no drought category-“None”. The Palmer Drought Severity Index map indicates “Unusual Moist Spell” conditions.
- There have been no new “Texas Drought Preparedness Council Situation Reports” released or posted.
- As of January 20th, the District’s drought trigger, the Pedemales River, indicates 60 plus days of flow above drought stage Alarm, the Blanco River indicates 60 plus days of flow above drought stage Alarm. Both Rivers must have 30 consecutive days of flow below drought stage Alarm in order to move the District into Stage 2 Alarm.
- The drought recommendation for western Hays County is to remain within drought stage 1, No Drought Voluntary Conservation.
- The “Table of Water Levels” is updated monthly, a total year’s collection will be provided within the Annual Report.

Hearing Items:

7:30 p.m.: Hearing Open

Item #9 – Approval of HTGCD Management Plan and Resolution 20160121

Public Comments:

No public comment provided

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Al Broun and I have been working on the Management Plan for several months.
- Drafts versions of the plan have been sent to TWDB. TWDB has reviewed the draft report and recommended some minor changes.

7:39 p.m.: Hearing Closed

Motion

Jimmy Skipton: I move that the Board approve the Management Plan and Resolution 20160121.

Mark Hastings: Seconded

Vote: 2-1 in Favor (Jimmy Skipton & Mark Hastings) against (Doc Jones)

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- The District must have the Final Management Plan submitted by the deadline date.
- In order for the Motion to pass the vote must be unanimous, a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion

Doc Jones: I make a motion that the Board reconsiders the approval of the Management Plan.

Jimmy Skipton: Seconded

Vote: 3-0 in Favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings & Doc Jones)

Motion

Doc Jones: I move that the Board approve the Management Plan and Resolution 20160121.

Jimmy Skipton: Seconded

Vote: 3-0 in Favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings & Doc Jones)

Discussion Only Items:

Item #8 – Review Intership Costs

Public Comments:

No public comment provided

Board & Staff:

Al Broun:

- The job opening has been posted on the District’s website and in the newspaper.
- The District has received 6 responses and interviewed 5 very good candidates.
- \$12,000 was budgeted for the new person; I feel it will be difficult to keep someone at \$10 per hour.

Rick Broun:

- The Board could consider reviewing the budget 6 months down the road and the possibility of increasing the budget amount for the position.

Future Agenda Items:

Jimmy Skipton

- Vote of Confidence and Ratify Staff Salaries
- The next Board meeting will be on February 18th in Wimberley if the Community Center is available.

7:52 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved: Linda Kaye Rogers , President: 2-18- , 2016
Linda Kaye Rogers

Approved: Mark Hastings , Secretary/Treasurer: 2-18- , 2016
Mark Hastings