



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

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2016  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Place: Wimberley Community Center  
Located: 14068 RR 12, Wimberley, Tx. 78676

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

**Board Present:** Linda Kaye Rogers-President, Jimmy Skipton-Vice President, Mark Hastings-Secretary Treasurer, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones  
**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:**

Jimmy Skipton:

- Merritt Hill County withdrew their permit application therefore item #4 is being pulled from tonight's meeting Agenda.

Rick Broun:

- There were 10 Public Water Connections submitted in January, 10 YTD, 185 Budgeted for the year
- There were 8 new well registrations submitted in January, 8 YTD, 100 Budgeted for 2016.
- The District received 2 new TCEQ projects: Howard Ranch Garden Homes and Merritt Hill Country.
- The District has hired Scott Carter as the part time Hydrogeologist Technician 1. Scott will be graduating in May from UT San Antonio with a Master's in Geology.
- The District encourages 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:

- Reported on the Onion Creek project abstract being submitted for publication.
- Thanked Erin Banks and John Michaels for the logs and samples they provided to the District.

- **General Comments from Public:**

The following presented comment(s): Christine Middleton, Barbara Hopson & Jim McMeans

- **Consent Items:**

1. Approval of Bank Reconciliations and Monthly Invoices
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Report and Budget to Actual Report
3. Approval of January 21, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

**Board & Staff:**

Mark Hastings:

- Reviewed the Meeting Minutes and Financials. Everything appears to be in order.

#### Motion

Greg Nesbit: I make a motion that the Board approves the Financial Reports and the Meeting Minutes as presented.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Vote: 5-0 in Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones)

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#### Discussion Only:

Item #5 – Needmore Ranch Update

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- o A pump test was ran on one of the Needmore Ranch wells during which time District staff collected water level data from the Amos well. The data was shared with BSEACD and Wet Rock Groundwater Services.

Al Broun:

- o Presented a map showing the wells involved in the pump test. Discussed the faults and surrounding geology.
- o The pump test began on January 25, 2016. The well ran for 5 days, 120 hours at a pump rate of 544 gpm. The operating well had a drawdown of 35 feet. The drawdown in the Amos well was 12 to 14 feet. The Amos well recovered quickly once the pump was shut off.
- o BSEACD and Wet Rock will be crunching the numbers and will present their findings sometime in March.

**Public Comments:**

The following provided public comment(s): Rene Barker

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**Discussion and Possible Action Items:**

Item #6 – Status of Drought Briefing

**Public Comments:**

No public comments provided

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- o 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.
- o The latest US Drought Monitor map indicates that our District is within "D0-Abnormally Dry". The Palmer Drought Severity Index map indicates "Near Normal" conditions.
- o There have been no new "Texas Drought Preparedness Council Situation Reports" released or posted.
- o As of February 16th, the District's drought trigger, the Pedernales 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.
- o The drought recommendation for western Hays County is to remain within drought stage 1, No Drought Voluntary Conservation.
- o The "Table of Water Levels" is updated monthly, a total year's collection will be provided within the Annual Report.

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Item #7 – Funding water well checkups within HTGCD Boundary

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- o Recommending that the District partner with the AgriLife Extension Office and donate \$250 to help fund water well checkups within HTGCD boundaries.

**Motion**

Linda Kaye Rogers: I make a motion that the District contributes \$250 to AgriLife for water sampling.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

Vote: 5-0 in Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones)  
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Item #8 – 2015 Annual Report Presentation

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- o Presented Annual Report packets to the Board and an overview of the Annual Report contents.

**Motion**

Greg Nesbitt: I make a motion to accept the 2015 Annual Report and 2014 Audit.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Vote: 5-0 in Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones)  
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Item #9 – Vote of Confidence, HTGCD Staff

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**Board & Staff:**

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o Adjourn into Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

7:03 p.m.: Into Executive Session

7:44 p.m.: Reconvene

**Board & Staff:**

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o No votes taken or final decisions made during Executive Session.

**Motion**

Jimmy Skipton: Make a motion stating that the Board is happy with the staff's work performance and to put forth a vote of confidence concerning District staff.

Mark Hastings: Seconded

Jimmy Skipton:

- o The staff works hard to save money and keep the District in compliance.
- o Previous staff walked out on the District without notice. Rick stuck with the District he has learned and grown and has improved the District.

Greg Nesbitt:

- o Due to the staff and their hard work the District has met all state requirements.
- o Rick was able to straighten things out and get the District audits caught up.

Mark Hastings:

- o Confident in the staff and happy that the job gets done.

Doc Jones:

- o Staff does a great job.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o We have an incredible team, but no one is perfect. There is always room for improvement.
- o Would like to see more education regarding staff & board relationships and how to better work together.
- o Staff has pride in what they do; they have my vote of confidence.

**Public Comments:**

The following provided public comment: Susan Cook

Vote: 5-0 in Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones)

Item #10 – Ratify HTGCD Staff Salaries

**Motion**

Jimmy Skipton: I make a motion to ratify the staff salaries as presented and approved during the budget process.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o Just because the amount was in the budget doesn't mean it is set in stone.
- o A 5% increase in salaries is too excessive.

**Motion**

Linda Kaye Rogers: I amend the motion to approve a 3% increase in salaries.

No Second

Vote: To ratify the staff salaries as presented and approved during the budget process, 4-1 in Favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones) Against (Linda Kaye Rogers)

**Future Agenda Items:**

2015 NOAV's and consider a rule change addressing wet weather ponds.

8:15 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved: *Linda Kaye Rogers* , President: 3-17- , 2016  
 Linda Kaye Rogers

Approved: *Mark Hastings* , Secretary/Treasurer 3-17- , 2016  
 Mark Hastings