



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

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2016  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Place: Wimberley Community Center  
Located: 14068 RR 12, Wimberley, Tx. 78676

**6:20 p.m.: Board Meeting Call to Order**

**Board Present:** Linda Kaye Rogers-President, Mark Hastings-Secretary Treasurer, & Doc Jones

**Board Not Present:** Jimmy Skipton-Vice 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 9 Public Water Connections submitted in February, 19 YTD, 185 Budgeted for the year
- There were 2 new well registrations submitted in February, 10 YTD, 100 Budgeted for 2016.
- The District received 1 new TCEQ projects: Royal Oaks Business Park.
- 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.
- Reminded Board to inform staff of any meetings, tours, events or lectures they attend concerning groundwater.
- 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 preliminary results of the Needmore well pump test.
- Stated that he is pleased with the District's newest hired employee, Scott Carter. Scott is showing initiative.

• **General Comments from Public:**

None to report

• **Consent Items:**

1. Approval of Bank Reconciliations and Monthly Invoices
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Report and Budget to Actual Report
3. Approval of February 18, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

**Board & Staff:**

Mark Hastings:

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

**Motion**

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

Linda Kaye Rogers: Seconded

Vote: 3-0 in Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Mark Hastings & Doc Jones)

**Discussion and Possible Action Items:**

Item #4 – 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.
- 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 March 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.
- The drought recommendation for western Hays County is to remain within drought stage 1, No Drought Voluntary Conservation.
- Comparing February to March, water levels are down 1.0' north of Camp Ben McCulloch and down 0.1' south of Camp Ben McCulloch.
- The "Table of Water Levels" is updated monthly, a total year's collection will be provided within the Annual Report.

Item #5 – Onion Creek update

**Board & Staff:**

Al Broun:

- Gave a brief update on the Onion Creek project. The group collected water samples from streams. Should be ready to present report in the fall which will include geochemistry.

**Discussion Only**

Item #6 – Presentation: Driftwood Historical Conservation Society

Shelby Eckols:

- The Driftwood Historical Conservation Society is not against growth but feels it is extremely important to try and preserve the Driftwood area. The group is interested in water quality and will be working towards setting baselines for growth and for monitoring well water quality.

**Public Comments:**

The following provided public comment: Susan Cook

**Contested Case Hearing**

7:10 Evidentiary Hearing Open

Item #7 – NOAV-Notice of Alleged Violation

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- Danforth WISD, exceeded their 2015 Drought Cutback Curtailments by 292,126 gallons.
- They submitted a Contested Case Letter to the District.
- They were informed that the case would be heard during tonight's board meeting and that a WISD Representative should be here to present evidence to the Board.
- No one showed up to represent Danforth WISD .

7:14 Evidentiary Hearing Closed

7:14 Final Hearing Open

**Board & Staff:**

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Would like to have heard from Danforth regarding the NOAV. Not sure the Board has many options for moving forward without hearing evidence from Danforth.
- Irrigation use was the purpose of their permit. Wimberley Water Supply provided discounted water for flood clean up.

Doc Jones:

- Would also like to have heard evidence from Danforth WISD.

7:19 Final Hearing Closed

**Motion**

Doc Jones: I make a motion that we stay with the NOAV penalty of \$1,460.63 to be paid by the end of April.  
Mark Hastings: Seconded  
Vote: 3-0 in Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Mark Hastings & Doc Jones)

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**Future Agenda Items:**

Discussion of Officer Elections  
Discussion or presentation regarding wet ponds  
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**7:28 p.m. Meeting Adjourned**

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Approved: Linda Kaye Rogers President: 4-20- 2016  
Linda Kaye Rogers  
Approved: Mark Hastings Secretary/Treasurer 4-20- 2016  
Mark Hastings