



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

Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2016
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Dripping Springs City Hall
Located: 511 Mercer St. Dripping Springs, Tx. 78620

5:30 p.m.: Educational Workshop – “Wet Ponds” Presented by Tom Franke with the City of Austin

6:05 p.m.: Board Meeting Call to Order

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

Board Not Present: Greg Nesbitt

Staff Present: Rick Broun-General Manager, Tressy Gumbert-Administrative Assistant, Scott Carter-Hydro-Technician & 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 10 Public Water Connections submitted in March, 29 YTD, 185 Budgeted for the year
 - There were 7 new well registrations submitted in March, 17 YTD, 100 Budgeted for 2016.
 - The District received 3 new TCEQ projects: Crescent Belterra Phase 1, Section 21-1, Reunion Ranch Phase 3 Section 1, and Caliterra Phase 2 Section 7 & 8.
 - GMA9 met on Monday, April 18th. During the meeting several items were up for action including: Summarization of Public Comments Received and GMA9 Responses, Resolution 041816-1 Adopting the GMA9 Joint Planning Committee’s Classification of Non-Relevant Aquifers for Joint Planning Purposes and Desired Future Conditions for Relevant Aquifers in GMA9 including authorizing GMA9 Chairman to formally submit to the TWDB, and lastly consideration to approve the GMA9 Explanatory Report for Desired Future Conditions for Major and Minor Aquifers
 - 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.
- **General Comments from Public:**
 - The following presented comment(s): Susan Cook
- **Consent Items:**
 1. Approval of Bank Reconciliations and Monthly Invoices
 2. Approval of Monthly Financial Report and Budget to Actual Report
 3. Approval of March 17, 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.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Vote: 4-0 in Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings & Doc Jones)

Discussion and Possible Action Items:

Item #4 – Board to hear appeal for a future rehearing of Danforth-WISD's 2015 NOAV

Public Comments:

The following provided public comment (s): Dee Howard representing Danforth WISD on behalf of Dwayne York.

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- The Board held a Contested Case Hearing during last month's Board meeting which Mr. York had been notified of. No one representing Danforth-WISD attended the meeting to present. The Board voted to move forward with the NOAV penalty of \$1,460.63 to be paid by April 30th.
- The week following the meeting Mr. York requested a rehearing during April's Board meeting and agreed to post notice of the hearing. Proper notice was not posted therefore the item is on agenda tonight as discussion and possible action for a future rehearing.

Motion

Mark Hastings: I make a motion that the Board rehears the contested case regarding Danforth's NOAV. Danforth-WISD must handle the appropriate post costs of the hearing notice.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Jimmy Skipton: Danforth has been given two separate opportunities to present their case and has failed to follow through. Doesn't feel there is any reason to continue to drag this out.

Mark Hastings: Withdraw motion.

Doc Jones: Withdraw second

Mark Hastings: NOAV stands as voted during last month's meeting

Item #5 – 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 April 19th, 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.
 - Comparing March to April, water levels are up .2' north of Camp Ben McCulloch and up 1.9' 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.
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Item #6 – Geoscience Project Updates and Reviews

Board & Staff:

Al Broun:

- Gave a brief update on the Onion Creek project.
- Wet Rock Consultants and BSEACD have each completed reports covering the Needmore Ranch D aquifer test results. No final decision has been announced regarding the Needmore permit application.
- Suggested that an "Onion Creek Project" presentation be given during next month's Board meeting.

Scott Carter:

- Presented "Geosciences Staff Projects", a power point presentation he and Al created regarding current projects.
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Discussion Only

Item #7 Review HTGCD Bylaws concerning Board Member Officer Elections

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- The HTGCD Bylaws state that officers will be elected following a Board Member election. The District is now having a Board Member election every other year instead of annually. Therefore, would like the Board to review the Bylaws and consider revising them so that an officer election can be held annually instead of every other year after Board Member elections.

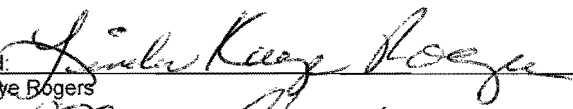

Public Comments:

None provided.

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Future Agenda Items:

Onion Creek presentation from AI
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7:10 p.m. Meeting Adjourned
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Approved:  President: 5-18-2016
Linda Kaye Rogers
Approved:  Secretary/Treasurer 5-18-2016
Mark Hastings