



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

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

6:03 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, & 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 34 Public Water Connections submitted in April, 63 YTD, 185 Budgeted for the year
- There were 11 new well registrations submitted in April, 28 YTD, 100 Budgeted for 2016.
- The District received 1 new TCEQ project: Courtyard Marriott, located at Rob Shelton Blvd, Dripping Springs.
- A new Drought Stage Chart has been drafted to replace the existing one on the District's website. The new chart provides more information concerning HTGCD Drought stages
- 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.

Jimmy Skipton:

- Attended the most recent DSWSC meeting. It was mentioned during the meeting that DSWSC will be requesting an additional 800 AF of groundwater from HTGCD.

• **General Comments from Public:**

None

• **Consent Items:**

1. Approval of Bank Reconciliations and Monthly Invoices
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Report and Budget to Actual Report
3. Approval of April 20, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

Board & Staff:

Mark Hastings:

- Reviewed the Meeting Minutes and Financials. Everything appears to be in order. The District currently has \$401,308.63 in savings and \$30,800.06 in checking

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

Motion

Linda Kaye Rogers: I make a motion that the Board allows for a rehearing of the contested case regarding Danforth’s 2015 NOAV. Danforth-WISD must handle the appropriate costs of posting the hearing notice.

Mark Hastings: Seconded

Jimmy Skipton: Danforth has been given two separate opportunities to present their case and has failed to do so. Board should continue to move forward with the NOAV

Public Comments:

The following provided public comment (s): Dwayne York, Superintendent for Danforth WISD: Had a family emergency at the time of the 1st scheduled hearing and was not able to attend. The 2nd hearing failed to take place due to a misunderstanding and miscommunication between the Wimberley View and myself regarding the posting of the Hearing Notice.

Board & Staff:

Doc Jones & Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o Would like to hear the evidence that Mr. York has to present.

Vote: 3-0 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Mark Hastings & Doc Jones) Abstains (Jimmy Skipton)

Item #6 – Presentation: “Streamflow Gain-Loss Study in the Onion Creek Watershed”

Board & Staff:

Al Broun:

- o In 2014 the HTGCD Board approved a budget amount for an Onion Creek Project. Shortly after approval a group consisting of Al Broun, HTGCD; Brian Hunt & Brian Smith with BSEACD; Doug Wierman with Blue Creek Consulting; and David John s with City of Austin Watershed Protection, was formed to begin work on the project.
- o Thanked property owners along the Onion Creek for so graciously allowing the group access to the creek by way of their property in order to conduct the study.
- o Discussed previous and on-going studies on surface water and groundwater interactions between the Trinity and Edwards Aquifers.
- o Discussed study activities and resources.
- o Presented map of Onion Creek flow showing flow measurement sites, wells, faults, fractures and cross sections.
- o Explained the stratigraphic column of the Trinity Aquifer and how the upper Trinity unit lays beneath Onion Creek.

Doug Wierman:

- o Presented flow measure maps and distant flow hydrographs.
- o Study conclusions and potential future studies followed by acknowledgements.

Public Comments:

The following provided public comment (s): David Glenn

7:25 p.m. Break

7:40 p.m. Reconvene

Item #5 – 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 no drought category “None”. The Palmer Drought Severity Index map indicates “Unusual Moist Spell” conditions.
- o There have been no new “Texas Drought Preparedness Council Situation Reports” released or posted.

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- As of May 17th, 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 April to May, water levels are up 4.7' north of Camp Ben McCulloch and up 1.7' 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 #7 - HTGCD Board approve moving forward addressing Bylaws specific to Officer Elections

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- The District is currently going two years between officer elections. 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.

Motion

Linda Kaye Rogers: I make a motion to hold a Hearing to modify the HTGCD Bylaws to reflect annual officer elections.

Mark Hastings: Seconded

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

Item #8 – TMAU Bush School of Government's Groundwater Regulation Report

Board & Staff:

Al Broun:

- The report was based on inaccurate information and they didn't work the problem.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Concluded that there is no need to react to the report at this time.

Public Comments:

None provided.

Item #9 – Creation of possible Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Travis County Commissioners Court held a workshop on May 12, 2016 to discuss the possible creation of a groundwater district in the southwestern region of Travis County.
- Representative Workman has created draft legislation which raised lots of questions from commissioners.

Mark Hastings:

- The next meeting is June 7th. It is imperative that the District is included in the discussions.

Rick Broun:

- The new groundwater district could sustain themselves if they will allow for well registration fees, water connection fees and/ or production fees.

Al Broun:

- Presented a Hays & Travis County Well Concentration heat map created by Scott Carter which showed new wells drilled between the years 2001 and 2016.

Public Comments:

None provided.

Future Agenda Items:

The next meeting will be in Dripping. Hearing items include WISD NOAV and revisions to HTGCD Bylaws.

8:14 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved: Linda Kaye Rogers President: 7-20 2016
Linda Kaye Rogers
Approved: Mark Hastings Secretary/Treasurer 7-20 2016
Mark Hastings