



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

Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2016
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Dripping Springs City Hall
Located: 511 Mercer St. Dripping Springs, Tx. 78620

5:31 p.m.: Board Meeting Call to Order

Board Present: Linda Kaye Rogers-President, Jimmy Skipton-Vice President, & Doc Jones

Board Not Present: Mark Hastings-Secretary Treasurer, & Greg Nesbitt

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

- **Board Roll Call:**

Rick Broun:

- Called Roll. A quorum is present

5:32 p.m.: Educational Presentation – “Contaminants of Emerging Concern or CECs” Presented by Doug Wierman

5:45 p.m.: Board Member Greg Nesbitt arrived

6:00 p.m.: Regularly scheduled Board Meeting began

- **General Comments from Public:**

The following presented comment(s): Martha Anderson, Wes Pitts & Doug Wierman

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

Rick Broun:

- There were 132 Public Water Connections submitted in May, 195 YTD, 185 Budgeted for the year
- There were 10 new well registrations submitted in May, 38 YTD, 100 Budgeted for 2016.
- The District received 2 new TCEQ projects: Key Ranch Section 3 and The Cottages at Belterra Village.
- Updates to the District's website includes: A new Drought Stage Chart, 2016 Election Information link added, video freeze frame was changed, sliding web images added, USGS hydrographs regarding Drought Management have been added.
- July Board Meeting agenda items:
 - a) District staff will present a MAG vs Permitted and a MAG vs Actual Production table.
 - b) Discussion and possible action regarding a Letter of Support for BSEACD concerning funding from Hays County for the installation of a multiport monitoring well.
 - c) Discussion and possible action regarding a Letter of Support for a funding appeal to the TWDB
- 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.

- **Consent Items:**

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

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Mark Hastings has an emergency at work and is not present therefore approval of the financials and meeting minutes will be postponed.

Discussion and Possible Action Items:

Item #5 – Quarterly 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 “Extremely Moist” conditions.
- There have been no new “Texas Drought Preparedness Council Situation Reports” released or posted.
- As of June 14th, 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.
- During the second quarter of 2016 no formally submitted complaints of waste or possible waste were received by the District office.

Motion:

Doc Jones: Motion to approve the report as presented.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

Vote: 4-0 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones)

Item #5 – HTGCD Board to consider Letter of Support for Blanco Watershed Proposal

Public Comments: No public comments provided

Motion:

Jimmy Skipton: Motion to approve the Letter of Support for the Blanco Watershed Proposal.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

Vote: 4-0 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones)

Item #6 – Southwestern Travis County GCD Meeting Update

Public Comments: No public comments provided

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Attended the Commissioners Court Meeting held on June 7, 2016.
- There was discussion regarding the creation of a Southwestern Travis County GCD, however no action was taken.

Jimmy Skipton:

- As a selected representative for the District by the HTGCD Board, Rick should be attending all meetings regarding the Southwestern Travis County GCD..
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Item #7 – Dripping Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

Public Comments: The following provided comment(s): Ashley Whittenberger

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Is concerned about preserving the quality of water reaching the aquifer especially after the CEC presentation given by Doug Wierman.
- According to the Onion Creek study, there is a loss of flow or reduction of flow in an area of Onion Creek. Can a dye test be done to see where that water is going?

Al Broun:

- The Onion Creek Study was a technical study not a study done to use against the wastewater plant. There is still a data gathering effort going on and ongoing work towards the study of Onion Creek and the Blanco River.

Rick Broun:

- Has been in contact with the Dripping Springs City Manager. Dripping Springs would like to give a presentation during the next HTGCD Board meeting.

Discussion Only

Item #8 – Update on DSWSC Internal Pumping Test

Board & Staff:

AI Broun:

- DSWSC was planning to construct a storage tank, so they decided to run the test and fill the tank at the same time which kept the water from just be pumped out onto the ground.
- DSWSC hired consultants to conduct the pumping test which took place on, June 7th & 8th, 2016.
- AI presented an Index Map showing the location of the DSWSC wells and well field.
- The test duration was 27.5 hours at a pump rate of 500 gpm.
- The test involved two monitoring wells, DSWSC well #1 and #4 and a pumping well, well #3.
- The test data is being compiled and will be presented once the District receives the results.
- An Aquifer test would be beneficial to the District and to DSWSC. However, because DSWSC already has an operating permit and is already in a tier 3 an Aquifer test isn't required.

Public Comments:

None provided.

Item #9 – Future HTGCD Monitoring Wells

Board & Staff:

AI Broun:

- It would be a good ideal for the District to have its own "non-pumping" monitor well, possibly a multiport monitoring well.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Requested that Rick and AI research dollar figures and keep this item on the agenda as a discussion and possible action item.

Public Comments:

None provided.

Hearing Items

7:45 p.m. Hearing Opened

Item #10 - Review newly drafted language concerning HTGCD Bylaws specific to Board Member Officer Elections

Public Comments:

None provided.

7:46 p.m. Hearing Closed

Motion:

Jimmy Skipton: Motion to approve changing the bylaws to reflect that the District will hold an officer election annually.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Vote: 4-0 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones)

7:47 p.m. Contested Case Evidentiary Hearing Opened

Item #11- Danforth WISD NOAV – Notice of Alleged Violation

Public Comments: Dwayne York provided photos and evidence to the Board as to the cause of the over pumpage. WISD has made three failed attempt to establish vegetation. The original contractor has been fired and WISD is now in litigation with that contractor. The school district has spent a lot of money and school funds have been negatively impacted. As of March 2016 the well has been shut down. Turf has been installed on most of the fields and over \$200,000 put into rainwater collection at another school.

7:55 p.m. Hearing Closed

7:55 p.m. Contested Case Final Hearing Opened

Item #12- Danforth WISD NOAV – Notice of Alleged Violation

Board & Staff:

Jimmy Skipton:

- o Understands and sympathizes with WISD for the unfortunate circumstance. Doesn't feel that the school district did anything maliciously.

Greg Nesbitt:

- o The contractor failed WISD.
- o Both the District and WISD need funds, but I have an issue with money for NOAV coming from one group of tax payers to another.
- o The NOAV got the attention of WISD just as intended. The fine is not going to replenish the water.

Doc Jones:

- o In the past the Board has made exceptions and adjusted fine amounts.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o Suggested the Board consider an 88% and 12% split as they have agreed to do in the past for other NOAV recipients.

Motion:

Jimmy Skipton: Of the \$1460.63 NOAV already paid by WISD, refund 88% to WISD. Reason being, the school district has already spent 88% on conservation efforts.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Vote: 4-0 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones)

8:06 p.m. Hearing Closed

8:06 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved: Linda Kaye Rogers , President: 8-17 , 2016
Linda Kaye Rogers

Approved: Mark Hastings , Secretary/Treasurer: 8-17 , 2016
Mark Hastings