



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

Date: Thursday, July 7, 2016
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Dripping Springs City Hall
Located: 511 Mercer St. Dripping Springs, Tx. 78620

6:06 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

- **Board Roll Call:**
Rick Broun:
 - Called Roll. All five Board Members are present

- **General Comments from Board & Staff:**
Linda Kaye Rogers:
 - Wants to make it understood that we are not here to contest the City's Treatment Plant permit with TCEQ. We are here to discuss the City's Discharge Application they filed with TCEQ. The permit has not yet been granted.
 - Recognized Ginger Faught with the City of Dripping Springs; Commissioner Ray Whisenant; John Dupnik, Blayne Stansberry, Brian Hunt and Brian Smith with BSEACD & Wesley Pitts with Protect Our Water.

- **General Comments from Public:** None

Discussion and Possible Action Items:

Item #1 – The City of Dripping Springs Treatment Plant and the City's permit with TCEQ.

Public Comments: The following provided public comment(s) opposing the proposed permit: Wes Pitts, Vanessa Puig-Williams, G.W. Smith, David Crowell, Charles Plassmann, Jack Weynandt, Margaret Williams, Bruce Turbow, Michael Aulick, Susan Cook, Jeff Shaw, Rich Beggs, Andrew Backus, Terry Tull & Eric Kirchner

7:00 p.m.: Break

7:12 p.m.: Reconvene

Board & Staff:

Al Broun:

- There is a lot of data coming in at once; the Onion Creek Project is coming to a head, DSWSC has submitted a Permit Amendment Application to the District, the City of Dripping Springs Wastewater permit with TCEQ.
- BSEACD approved a resolution opposing the issuance by TCEQ of the proposed discharge permit.
- Applauds BSEACD for mentioning "Recharge of the Trinity" in the resolution as there is no "special" control for protecting the Trinity.
- Presented maps showing location of the existing Wastewater Plant and DSWSC's well field.
- Some "fresh water" is coming into the area, appears main aquifer flow is moving from west to east.
- Provided some geology of the area, faults and fracture zones.
- More studies need to take place to provide data to define chemistry and recharge.
- Dye Trace study could aide as well as drilling new wells to analyze and study.

Jimmy Skipton:

- Dripping Springs must have a wastewater treatment plant. Let's work together to get the best results for the entire District.

Motion:

Linda Kaye Rogers: That HTGCD resolves to be in agreement with BSEACD's resolution delaying the approval of the permit by TCEQ
Linda Kaye Rogers: Withdraw motion

Motion:

Mark Hastings: That HTGCD Opposes approval by the TCEQ of the Dripping Springs TPDES direct discharge permit application as proposed. Directs staff to provide public comment to TCEQ and continue working with TCEQ, the City of Dripping Springs, and other affected parties to produce an outcome that provides the City of Dripping Springs with sufficient additional wastewater treatment capacity, as warranted, and that maintains and protects the water quality and existing uses of Onion Creek and the Aquifers; and requests that the TCEQ and The City of Dripping Springs delay action to allow time to conduct the scientific investigations necessary to better understand the degree and magnitude of surface water influence from Onion Creek on the Middle Trinity Aquifer and the nearby public water supply wells.

Jimmy Skipton: Will be voting against as he doesn't feel that the item was posted correctly.

Vote: 4-1 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones) Against (Jimmy Skipton)

8:36 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved: <u><i>Linda Kaye Rogers</i></u>	President: <u><i>Aug 17</i></u>	2016
Linda Kaye Rogers		
Approved: <u><i>Mark Hastings</i></u>	Secretary/Treasurer: <u><i>8-17</i></u>	2016
Mark Hastings		