



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

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2016
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Dripping Springs City Hall
Located: 511 Mercer, Dripping Springs, Tx. 78620

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

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

Board Not Present: Jimmy Skipton-Vice President,

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

- **Board Roll Call:**
Rick Broun:
 - Called Roll. A quorum is present
- **General Comments non-agenda Items:** Susan Cook

Hearing Items

Item #8 – Hearing Continuance from August 17, 2016

Public Comments: Vanessa Puig-Williams, legal for TESPAs and Russ Johnson, legal for DSWSC; request continuance in order to draft an agreement between the two parties.

Motion:

Linda Kaye Rogers: Motion to continue hearing at next regularly scheduled Board Meeting in November.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

6:05 p.m.: Open Hearing

Item #7 – Tingari Ranch: Notice of Alleged Violation (N.O.A.V.)

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- The District issued an N.O.A.V. to Tingari Ranch for failure to obtain an operating permit. After which a permit application was submitted. Therefore, at this time the N.O.A.V. has been revoked.

Public Comments: Dowe Gullatt, legal for UMARI Partners – HTGCD Rules do not list anything regarding short term rentals. There are over 400 short term rental properties within the District. Urges the District to promulgate more precise regulations.

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- My intent is to hold an open workshop regarding situations like this and use the input to revise District rules

6:05 p.m.: Close Hearing

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- **Standing Topic Updates:** New Connections and Registrations, TCEQ Projects, HTGCD Website, Announcements and Monthly Status of Drought Briefing

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- There were 24 new Public Water Connections submitted in September, 251 YTD, 185 Budgeted for the year
- There were 6 new well registrations submitted in September, 80 YTD, 100 Budgeted for 2016.

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- No new TCEQ packets have been submitted to the District within the past 30 days.
- The permit renewal process has been successful, with all but two permit holders yet to submit payment.
- I attended the October 17th GMA9 meeting held in Boerne. Agenda items to bring to your attention are: 1) Consideration clarification and amendment of the Desired Future Conditions for the Ellenburger-San Saba Aquifer located in Kendall County in order for the DFC to be achievable as modeled. Currently the DFC for this aquifer was set at 2 feet. The committee voted unanimously and in agreement with Cow Creek's request for a 7 foot DFC. 2) A review and summary of each GCD's Management Plan was presented. 3) Discuss the possibility of Medina County GCD to take action to be removed from GAM9. This item will be continued at the next GMA9 meeting scheduled for sometime early in 2017.
- 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.
- Presented to the Board copies of the Status of Drought Briefing 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 "Very Moist Spell" conditions.
- There have been no new "Texas Drought Preparedness Council Situation Reports" released or posted.
- As of October 18th, the District's drought trigger, the Pedernales River, indicates 23 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 September to October, water levels north of Camp Ben McCulloch are down 2.9' and water levels south of Camp Ben McCulloch are up .9'

• **Consent Items:**

1. Approval of Bank Reconciliations and Monthly Invoices
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Report and Budget to Actual Report
3. Approval of August 17 and September 21, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

Board & Staff:

Mark Hastings:

- The financials have been reviewed everything appears to be in order. Balance for checking: \$17,708.43 and savings: \$ 511,263.48. The meeting minutes have been reviewed and are ready to be approved.

Motion:

Mark Hastings: Motion to approve the financials and the meeting minutes for August 17 and September 21, 2016.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

Discussion and Possible Action

Item #4 – Update on Onion Creek Project

Public Comments: No public comment(s) provided

Board & Staff:

Al Broun:

- The group has not met in the last month but flow measures have been taken and project is alive and well.

Item #5 – Update on Well Monitor Program

Public Comments: No public comment(s) provided

Board & Staff:

Al Broun:

- Would like to have monitoring wells within a mile to a mile and a half of the DSWSC well field. We do not yet have locations for the wells. Have gotten bids for drilling and completing wells.
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Item #6 – TCEQ Public Meeting concerning City of Dripping Springs' TPDES permit

Public Comments: John Dupnick, General Manager for BSEACD: TCEQ is having a Public Meeting on November 10, 2016 regarding City of Dripping Springs' discharge permit. The draft permit looks very much like the original application. In order to have a seat at the table for future protests, comments must be on record. We encourage HTGCD to present comments during the public meeting on November 10th. Bruce Turbow & Roger Kew

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- My question to the Board, do we go with the Resolution we approved a few months ago or do we direct staff to make formal comments?
- The City is working hard toward reuse. This isn't intended to be a struggle with the City of DS the discharge obviously has to go somewhere. The District is concerned about the possible degradation of the aquifer.

Greg Nesbitt:

- Suggests presenting the Resolution adopted by the Board to TCEQ during the public meeting.

Motion:

Mark Hastings: Linda Kaye and I work with District staff in preparing a presentation stating the position of HTGCD to present to the public then to TCEQ during the public meeting on November 10, 2016.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

Discussion Only

Item #6 – Introduction of Jeff Watson and brief review of his working projects

Public Comments: No public comment(s) provided

Board & Staff:

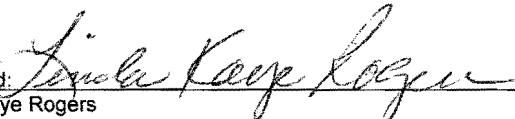
Jeff Watson:

- Gave presentation and brief overview of current projects which include: Onion Creek Project, Monitor well analysis & the New monitoring well project

Future Agenda Items:

- Special Board Meeting November 2, 2016
- Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting November 16, 2016.

7:36 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved:  _____, President: 11-16-2016
Linda Kaye Rogers

Approved:  _____, Secretary/Treasurer 11-16-2016
Mark Hastings