



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

Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2016  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Place: Dripping Springs City Hall  
Located: 511 Mercer, Dripping Springs, Tx. 78620

### 6:00 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, Jeff Watson-Hydrogeologist & Alex Broun-Geologist, P.G. 4845

- **Board Roll Call:**
  - Rick Broun:
    - Called Roll. A quorum is present

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### Discussion and Possible Action

Item #4 – Installation of Newly Elected District Board Members by Hays County Commissioner, Ray Whisenant, Precinct 4

#### **Board Member(s):**

- Linda Kaye Rogers:
- Signed Certificate of Election
  - Signed Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer

#### **Hays County Commissioner, Precinct 4, Ray Whisenant**

- Swears in and administers the Oath of Office for Linda Kaye Rogers, District 4

**Public Comments:** No public comment(s) provided

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Item #5 – Year End Monitoring Data Review & Presentation

#### **Board & Staff:**

- Rick Broun:
- Presented the "Year End Monitoring Data Review" to the Board, the public and Commissioner Whisenant.

**Public Comments:** Commissioner Ray Whisenant – Found the presentation interesting. Pleased with the monitoring program, the location of the wells and the data that is collected and displayed on website.

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

#### **Board & Staff:**

- Al Broun:
- Provided an update on the Onion Creek Project, Phase II. The team met, a dye trace study is being discussed. Flow measurements and water samples are still being taken. Technical papers, based on data from the Onion Creek Project, are being written and will be submitted to the Geological Society of America for publication. Jeff Watson will be the lead author of a paper covering Upper Glen Rose, unit 3.
  - Provided update on monitoring well project. A formal letter has been sent to the City of Dripping requesting permission to drill a monitor well in Charo Ranch. The District has received funds from DSWSC to help with project. We have gotten bids on operation and logging.
  - A project tying early flood warnings on creeks throughout the United States with the emergency service system is underway. The TWDB, The Bureau of Economic Geology and the University Of Texas Jackson School Of Geology are looking at weather conditions and soil samples within the Onion Creek Watershed. The District has been invited to attend a meeting on January 19, 2017 to see what role HTGCD plays in the project

Rick Broun:

- There were 21 new Public Water Connections submitted in November, 309 YTD, 185 Budgeted for the year
- There were 6 new well registrations submitted in November, 93 new & 4 existing exiting registered YTD, 100 new wells were budgeted for 2016.
- The District received 2 new TCEQ packets: Parten Ranch Phase I and Arrowhead Ranch Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- All permit renewal fees have been collected and permits have been processed.
- I attended the November 10<sup>th</sup> TCEQ and City of Dripping Springs town meeting. I presented both the informal and formal documents to the dais as approved by our Board of Directors. The two-page presentation was downloaded to the website portal for the TCEQ and for the City of Dripping Springs' review.
- 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.

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**Consent Items:**

1. Approval of Bank Reconciliations & Monthly Invoices
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Report, Balance Sheet and Budget to Actual Report
3. Approval of October 19 & November 2, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

**Board & Staff:**

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Consent items are being tabled until next month's Board Meeting.

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**Discussion and Possible Action**

Item #6 – Quarterly Status of Drought Briefing

**Public Comments:** No public comment(s) provided

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- 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. Fourth quarter maps have been collected and will be part of the District's 2016 Annual Report.
- There have been no new "Texas Drought Preparedness Council Situation Reports" released or posted.
- As of December 13th, the District's drought trigger, the Pedernales River, indicates 41 consecutive 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 November to December, water levels north of Camp Ben McCulloch are up 2.8' and water levels south of Camp Ben McCulloch are up 1.3'
- There were no formally submitted complaints of waste or possible waste received at the District office during the fourth quarter.

**Motion:**

Linda Kaye Rogers: To accept Rick's Drought Briefing as presented and remain in Drought Stage 1 No Drought/Voluntary Conservation.

Doc Jones: Seconded

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

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Item #8 – Ratify HTGCD Staff Bonuses

**Public Comments:** No public comment(s) provided

**Board & Staff:**

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- During the previous Board Meeting the Board voted on staff bonuses failing to review the approved budgeted amount.

**Motion:**

Linda Kaye Rogers: To update staff bonuses to \$675 for Rick and Tressy as originally budgeted.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Jimmy Skipton: Not comfortable voting on staff bonuses without the presence of the entire Board however realizes due to the holidays there is a time constraint.

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

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Item #9 – Educational Purchase Consideration: Augmented Sand Box

**Public Comments:** No public comment(s) provided

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- Was going to ask the Board to consider the purchase of an Augmented Sand box as an educational tool. Afterthought is that it could possibly turn into a management concern.

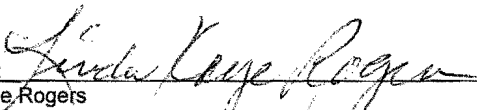
Jeff Watson:

- It could be a valuable educational tool but would not be used as a scientific tool or study.

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7:06 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

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Approved:  \_\_\_\_\_ President 1-18- 2017  
Linda Kaye Rogers

Approved:  \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary/Treasurer 1-18- 2017  
Mark Hastings