



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

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Wimberley Community Center
Located: 14068 RR 12, Wimberley, Tx. 78676

6:01 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-Office Administrator & Jeff Watson-Hydro-Geologist

- **Board Roll Call:**

Rick Broun:

- Called Roll. A quorum is present

- **General Comments from Board & Staff, General Managers Report & Drought Briefing:**

Jeff Watson:

- Presented update on Glen Rose mapping project.
- TWDB will be funding weather and flow stations, Onion Creek selected to be the testing area.
- Attending a class for Aqua Solve Software on January 24th & 25th.
- The transducer will be installed in the Dupuy well next week.

6:08 p.m.: Arrival of Jimmy Skipton-Vice President

- **General Comments from Board & Staff, General Managers Report & Drought Briefing Cont.:**

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Will be attending the 2017 Water for Texas Conference next week.

Rick Broun:

- There were 38 new Public Water Connections submitted in December, 347 YTD, 185 Budgeted for the year
- There were 8 new well registrations submitted in December, 102 YTD, 100 Budgeted for 2016.
- The District received one new TCEQ packet: Belterra Commercial, located at Belterra Drive and US Hwy 290.
- There are four permit holders who have not yet submitted their 2016 4th Quarter Reports.
- 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 "Near Normal" conditions.
- There have been no new "Texas Drought Preparedness Council Situation Reports" released or posted.
- As of January 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 December 2016 to January 2017, water levels north of Camp Ben McCulloch are up 1.0' and water levels south of Camp Ben McCulloch are down .2'

- **General Comments from Public:**

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 November 16 & 22, and December 14, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

Board & Staff:

Mark Hastings:

- o The financials have been reviewed everything appears to be in order. Balance for checking: \$ 64,980.07 and savings: \$ 516,584.51. I was not present at the December Board Meeting someone else will need to approve those meeting minutes..

Motion:

Mark Hastings: Motion to approve the financials and the November 16th and 22nd meeting minutes..

Doc Jones: Seconded

Vote: 5-0 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones)

Motion:

Linda Kaye Rogers: Motion to approve the minutes from the December Board Meeting.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Vote: 5-0 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones)

Discussion and Possible Action Items:

Item #4 – Water Connection Audit

Public Comments: No public comment(s) provided

Board & Staff:

Jimmy Skipton:

- o The District did a water connection audit on DSWSC a few years back. Recommends that the District audit the past 3 years for all public water suppliers.

Motion:

Linda Kaye Rogers: To leave it up to the General Manager as to what order to review connections with the goal of completing the audit within a year. He shall report status to the Board quarterly.

Jimmy Skipton: Seconded

Vote: 5-0 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones)

Item #5 – Initiate 2017 Rules Committee

Public Comments: No public comment(s) provided

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o Would like to re-activate the Rule Committee which includes myself, Mark Hastings and staff to begin the process of reviewing District Rules and making necessary changes.

Item #6 – Legislative Matters

Public Comments: No public comment(s) provided

Board & Staff:

Mark Hastings:

- o A Bill addressing Production fees for the District was presented but not approved during the last Legislative Session.
- o Production fees should be readdressed, recommends the District pass a Resolution stating our position, intent, and desire for production fees.

Jimmy Skipton:

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- The Bill needs to be moved by Senator Campbell.

Motion:

Mark Hastings: That a resolution is approved by the Board requesting that a Bill similar to HB 4049 be filed.

Linda Kaye Rogers: Seconded

Greg Nesbitt: The District has money in the bank against production fees at this time.

Mark Hastings: Legislation allowing for production fees doesn't require the District to implement them. Production fees would be another tool in the tool box incase the need for funding arises.

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

Future Agenda Items:

- Next Regular Board Meeting February 15, 2017 in Dripping Springs

7:10 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved: *Linda Kaye Rogers* President: ^{LKR} *2-15-* 2017
Linda Kaye Rogers

Approved: *Mark Hastings* Secretary/Treasurer *2-15* 2017
Mark Hastings