

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

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Place: Dripping Springs Ranch Park  
Located: 1042 Event Center Drive, Dripping Springs, Tx. 78620

### 6:01 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-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:

- The Onion Creek Project is coming along; the field work has been wrapped up. I will be attending a GSA South Central meeting in San Antonio the first part of March to present a report on the findings.
- Al and I were invited to visit Tingari Ranch. The ranch manager gave us a tour of the property.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Attended the 2017 Water for Texas Conference. Some of the discussions included desalinization, re-use and Aqua Storage Reservoirs. Thanked the District for paying the registration fee in order for her to attend.
- Requesting that Rick and Tressy began collecting information on the 400 Air B and B's that Tingari mentioned.

Rick Broun:

- There were 28 new Public Water Connections submitted in January, 250 Budgeted for the year
- There were 6 new well registrations submitted in January, 100 Budgeted for 2017.
- The District received three new TCEQ packets: AOS on Mighty Tiger Lane, DS Medical Office on Benney Lane and Roger Hanks Parkway Extension.
- 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.
- As of February 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.
- Comparing January 2017 to February 2017, water levels north of Camp Ben McCulloch are up 3.8' and water levels south of Camp Ben McCulloch are up 2.2'

- **General Comments from Public:**

No comment(s)

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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 January 18, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

**Board & Staff:**

Mark Hastings:

- The financials have been reviewed everything appears to be in order. At the end of 2016 there was just over \$83,000 in checking and \$ 511,000 in savings.

**Motion:**

Jimmy Skipton: Motion to approve consent items 1, 2 and 3.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

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**Discussion and Possible Action Items:**

Item #4 –Resolution 20170215-B reaffirming GMA9 DFC in accordance with TWDB Rule 356.34 and Chapter 36.108 (d-4)

**Public Comments:**

Ron Fieseler

**Motion:**

Jimmy Skipton: To approve Resolution 20170215-B.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

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Item #5 – 2016 Annual Report and Audit

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

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- Presented aloud a summarized version of the Annual Report, touching on each goal and management objective. Spending a little extra time on item 12. Addressing Desired Future Conditions (DFC) and the MAG. Page 16 of the Annual Report shows a chart of estimated use, permitted amount and available groundwater as well as the actual production amount reported by permit holders. In 2016 the total estimated use and permitted amount equaled 7,007 acre feet. Subtract that from the Modeled Available Groundwater of 9,100 acre feet that leaves a balance of 2,093 acre feet of available groundwater. The actual production reported amount was 1,586 acre feet (47.68% of the permitted amount).
- The 2016 Audit has been completed. The District is in compliance

**Motion:**

Jimmy Skipton: To approve the 2016 Annual Report and 216 Audit.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

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Item #6 – Water Connection Audit Update and Order #184

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

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- During last month's Board Meeting the Board instructed staff to began a water connection audit on the 25 permitted Public Water Suppliers.
- Would like the Board to consider approving Order #184 Order to Commence Water Connection Audits.
- The District has already received responses and completed the connection audit for: Gateway I & III; Gateway TX DS; La Tierra; Lost Springs Ranch; Radiance; Salt Like PWS and WWSC.
- Aqua Texas has also submitted their connections which staff is in the process of reviewing and verifying.

**Motion:**

Jimmy Skipton: To approve Order #184.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

Item #7 – Legislative Matters – HTGCD Production Fees

Public Comments: No public comment(s) provided

Board & Staff:

Mark Hastings:

- o Have been in touch with Senator Campbell's office to discuss legislation for production fees. They seemed open to it and requested more information.

Item #8 – Support of a Groundwater Conservation District in Southwest Travis County

Public Comments:

Ron Fieseler

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o The District submitted a letter some time back in support of a groundwater district in Southwest Travis Co. A Bill has been submitted for the creation of said groundwater district.

Item #9 – Update 2016 NOAVs

Public Comments: No public comment(s) provided

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- o There were three permit holders that exceeded their permitted amounts in 2016  
Wizard Academy exceeded by 34,516 gallons, \$172.58  
Serenity Farmhouse exceeded by 111,925 gallons, \$559.63  
Camp Young Judaea exceeded by 489,438 gallons, \$2,447.19
- o I would like permission from the Board to be able to work these permit holders in possibly reducing their penalties if they can show that they have fixed leaks, made repairs, replaced lines and etc. This would require them to submit paid invoices to the District as proof.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

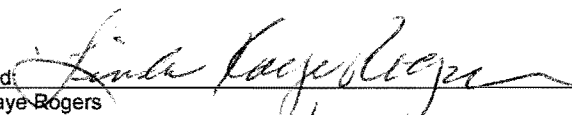
- o Would like to see what's being considered.

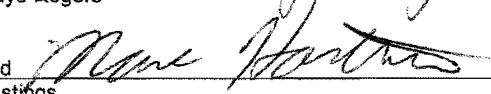
Jimmy Skipton:

- o Have the permit holders submit proof then bring their requests and submissions to the Board for discussion and possible approval.

Future Agenda Items:

6:43 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved:  President: 3-22 2017  
Linda Kaye Rogers

Approved:  Secretary/Treasurer: 4-19-17 2017  
Mark Hastings