



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

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Dripping Springs City Hall
Located: 511 Mercer, 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-Office Administrator & Jeff Watson-Hydrogeologist

• **Board Roll Call:**

Rick Broun:

- Called Roll. A quorum is present

• **General Comments from Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- Linda Kaye, Ron Fieseler and I met with Representative Jason Isaac on April 12, 2017. Some of the discussion included Legislative Bills, the possible creation of Legislation for the recharge of the Trinity Aquifer and how HTGCD, BSEACD and Blanco-Pedemales GCD work together sharing resources, people and equipment. Part of the reason for creating HB 3667 was to encourage more consistency and conformity within different GCDs. Representative Isaac was pleased to hear that GCDs within GMA9 are already working together towards that goal.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- The Bill creating the West Travis GCD appears to be moving forward.

Discussion and Possible Action

Item #6 – Prochnow Country Homes

Public Comments: The following provided public comment(s): Leigh Sebera, Jen Wesson & Kay Hamaker

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Mr. Peter is not able to attend the meeting this evening and asked that this item be postponed.

Item #4 – Address and Respond to activities in the 85th Legislative session of interest to HTGCD

Public Comments: The following provided public comment(s): Louie Bond & Charles Plassmann

Board & Staff:

- Reviewed and discussed HB 4301.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- The District's Attorney and TAGD flagged HB 4301 & HB 4309 as problematic. Some concerns include injection wells and green space. These bills will be revisited

Motion:

Doc Jones: To support HB 4017 as recommended by Greg Ellis

Linda Kaye Rogers: Seconded

Jimmy Skipton: I will abstain on the vote.

Mark Hastings: Does not completely understand the bill. Has a concern that it will affect current District Rules.

Doc Jones: Withdraw motion

Linda Kaye Rogers: Withdraw second.

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- It would be easier to trust our District Attorney and TAGD and agree to go with their recommendations as we are wasting time picking apart each Bill.

Motion:

Linda Kaye Rogers: To accept the understanding and direction of the District's Attorney and TAGD and to pursue likewise in our activities at the legislature.

Mark Hastings: May want the motion to be a little more specific by saying recommendations of the Attorney as presented on his report received April 12, 2017.

Linda Kaye Rogers: Withdraw motion

Motion:

Mark Hastings: To accept the recommendations of Greg Ellis as received by the Board on April 12, 20017 on the support, abstention, opposition or other action on the Bills he has analyzed.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Jimmy Skipton: I will be abstaining on the vote.

Mark Hastings: Withdraw motion

Doc Jones: Withdraw second

Motion:

Mark Hastings: To authorize the General Manager and Board President to speak on behalf of the District using the recommendations of our Attorney received on April 12, 2017 and following further advice or Attorney as warranted, included amendments.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Vote: 3-1-1 in favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Mark Hastings & Doc Jones) against (Greg Nesbitt) abstain (Jimmy Skipton)

8:00 p.m. Doc exited the meeting

Item #5 – Update on legislative Bills concerning funding for HTGCD.

Public Comments: None

Board & Staff:

Mark Hastings:

- I spoke with Terry Franks who said Representative Isaac is not interested in sponsoring a bill concerning funding at this time.
- Received a letter from Senator Campbell's office that also declined to file bill stating that it was not appropriate at this time.

Item #7 – Draft Settlement Agreement Update: City of Austin and City of Dripping Springs Review.

Public Comments: None

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- There was a meeting on April 17, 2017. Negotiation failed quickly. The meeting for next week has not yet been scheduled.

Item #8 – Monitoring Well Project: Commencement to drill

Public Comments: None

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Al & Jeff visited the proposed monitoring well site in Henly. In order to get best science possible we may need to drill multiple small monitoring wells. Geo-Projects is putting together estimates for 2 wells, one lower and one middle Trinity. The initial estimate for one well was \$25,000.

Jeff Watson:

- Suggests pushing further discussion and any decisions on the monitoring wells to next month after the estimates have been received.

Item #9 – Permit Holder Water Connection Audit Update

Public Comments: None

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Three systems have not yet replied to the District.

Item #10 – Request to Purchase Additional Vehicle.

Public Comments: None

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Would like to purchase an additional District vehicle.

Motion:

Jimmy Skipton: To approve up to \$40,000 for the purchase of a new District truck.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

Vote: 4-0 in favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings & Greg Nesbitt)

Item #11 – Request to Purchase AAA

Public Comments: None

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Waiting for response from TML concerning insurance and if it covers road side assistance and towing. Request to push item to next meeting

Item #12 – Provide Details Reviewing State Well Reports Concerning Unpaid Geothermal Well Fees.

Public Comments: None

Board & Staff:

Tressy Gumbert:

- While researching state well information I discovered there had been 295 geothermal wells drilled but never registered with the District. I provided the information to Rick he then contacted the driller. The driller registered the wells and paid \$17,700 in registration fees.

Item #13 – Request to Purchase New Monitoring Science Equipment

Public Comments: None

Board & Staff:

Jeff Watson:

- Presented report for 2017 Proposed Spending for HTGCD Operations
- Estimated total cost for equipment, studies and Internship is \$33,200

Mark Hastings:

- The District has sufficient funds to approve items. In favor of expenses in order to fulfill the mission of the District.

Jimmy Skipton:

- Suggests checking into purchasing used equipment as opposed to new. Would like to get more information before making a decision.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Carry item over to next month's meeting.

Item #14 – HTGCD Onion Creek Dye Trace Study

Public Comments: None

Board & Staff:

Jeff Watson:

- o September 2017 is the tentative date for doing the study. The typical cast is between \$10,000 and \$15,000

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o Would like to get firm figure and see the contribution percentages.

• **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 Feb 15 and March 22, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes ...

Board & Staff:

Mark Hastings:

- o The Financials have been reviewed they look good. The February 15 meeting minutes also look good. I was not present at the March 22 Board Meeting.

Motion:

Mark Hastings: To approve Consent Items 1 and 2 and the Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2017.

Linda Kaye Rogers: Seconded

Vote: 4-0 in favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings & Greg Nesbitt)

Motion:

Jimmy Skipton: To approve the Meeting Minutes for March 22, 2017.

Linda Kaye Rogers: Seconded

Vote: 4-0 in favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings & Greg Nesbitt)

9:05 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved: *Linda Kaye Rogers* President: 6-21 2017
Linda Kaye Rogers

Approved: *Mark Hastings* Secretary/Treasurer: 6-21 2017
Mark Hastings