



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

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2017
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Wimberley Community Center
Located: RR 12, Wimberley, Tx. 78676

6:10 p.m.: Board Meeting Call to Order

Board Present: Jimmy Skipton – Vice-President, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones

Board Not Present: Linda Kaye Rogers - President, Mark Hastings – Secretary-Treasurer

Staff Present: Rick Broun-General Manager, Tressy Gumbert-Office Administrator, Al Broun-P.G. 4845 & Jeff Watson-Hydrogeologist

- **Board Roll Call:**

Rick Broun:

- Called Roll. A quorum is present

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

Board & Staff:

Jeff Watson:

- Most of the equipment for the Dye Trace Study has been deployed. Anticipating the study to take place the week after Thanksgiving.

Rick Broun:

- There were 30 new Public Water Connections submitted in October, 364 YTD, 250 Budgeted for the year.
- 41 RV water Connections YTD.
- There were 14 new well registrations submitted in October, 94 YTD, 100 new wells were budgeted for 2017.
- 301 Geothermal wells and 7 existing wells registered YTD.
- The District received 3 new TCEQ packets: Westwood, Burba Ranch and Headwaters Commercial. Response letters will be created and submitted to TCEQ.
- The District office received a draft Memorandum of Understanding from ISD Superintendent Dr. Gearing concerning the drilling of our second dedicated monitoring well.
- District staff manned a booth at the 8th annual Rain Water Revival held on November 4th, 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 a drought category intensity of "None".
- As of November 14th, the District drought trigger, the Pedemales River, indicates 30 consecutive days of flow within 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 within drought stage Alarm in order to move the District into Stage 2 Alarm. The District's third trigger, the Palmer Drought Severity Index map, indicates "Near Normal" conditions.
- The drought recommendation for western Hays County is to remain within drought stage 1, No Drought Voluntary Conservation.
- Comparing October to November, water levels north of Camp Ben McCulloch are down .2' and water levels south of Camp Ben McCulloch are up 0.6'

- **Public Comments Non-Agenda Items:** Andrew Backus

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Discussion and Possible Action:

Item #5 – Amend HTGCD 2018 Budget

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Office Rent is being increased by \$14,280 per year. Budget needs to be amended to reflect the increase.

Jimmy Skipton:

- Instructed the General Manager to shop around get prices of other rental properties and real estate purchase.
- Put this item on next month's meeting agenda.

Public Comments: None.

6:26 p.m.: Linda Kaye Rogers and Mark Hastings join the meeting.

Item #8 – Closing District offices for Christmas Holidays

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Suggested that the HTGCD offices be closed the week of Christmas.

Public Comments: None.

Motion:

Greg Nesbitt: To close the District offices the week of Christmas.

Doc Jones: Seconded

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

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 18, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Board & Staff:

Mark Hastings:

- I have reviewed all financials and the minutes for October, all appear to be in order. The District currently has \$700,677.00 in savings and \$59,029 in checking.

Motion:

Mark Hastings: To approve the meeting minutes and financials.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

Discussion and Possible Action:

Item #4 – Election of HTGCD Board Members, President, Vice-President & Secretary-Treasurer

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- The HTGCD Bylaws state that an office election will take place "at the first Board meeting following an election or annually during November's regularly scheduled Board Meeting".

Public Comments: None:

Motion:

Greg Nesbitt: To keep officers as they currently are.

Doc Jones: Seconded

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

Item #6 – Dripping Springs Waste Water Treatment Plant (TPDES)

- The City of Dripping Springs and LCRA executed a settlement agreement on October 27, 2017
- TCEQ issued an RTC on October 31, 2017. Deadline to protest, 30 days from issuance.

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- The District is in a position to protest however there is no evidence of impact so it would be a waste of effort.

Al Broun:

- I reviewed the comments and at this point see no data to backup contesting.

- Recommend backing off conditionally with the understanding that we reserve the right to resubmit evidence if any is discovered.

Public Comments: None:

Motion:

Jimmy Skipton: To not protest the Dripping Springs Waste Water Treatment Plant at this time

Linda Kaye Rogers: Amend motion to add that although the District is not protesting at this time we continue to have concerns and request that TCEQ be open to future evidence.

Mark Hastings: Seconded

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

Item #9 – HTGCD District Rules

- Hearing on Rules scheduled for November 29, 2017

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Meeting set on the 29th in order to give everyone 20 days to review the draft rules.

Public Comments: Roger Kew

Item #7 – Annual review of General Manager, staff bonuses and PTO buy back

6:48 p.m. Adjourn into Executive Session under Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Section 551.074

7:10 p.m. Reconvene from Executive Session

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- No decisions were made or votes taken during executive session.
- Discussed staff bonuses as well as PTO buy back for the General Manager as he has reached his maximum PTO accrual amount.

Motion:

Jimmy Skipton: To buy back 40 hours of the GM's PTO @ his 2017 salary.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

7:10 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved: Linda Kaye Rogers
Linda Kaye Rogers

President: 12-20-17 2017

Approved: Mark Hastings
Mark Hastings

Secretary/Treasurer: 12-20- 2017