

Hays Trinity Groundwater  
Conservation District,  
Hays County, Texas

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**Minutes of Open Meeting of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District**

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Dripping Springs City Hall

Located at: 511 Mercer St., Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

**7:10pm** Meeting Opens

**Present:** Andrew H. Backus (President), Douglas A. Wierman (Vice President), Mark P. Hemingway (Secretary/Treasurer), Jack A. Hollon, Joe C. Day

**The following subjects were considered for discussion and/or action at said meeting:**

- **Consider approval of prior meeting Minutes:** None Considered
- **General Manager's Report of Activities:** DRC announced a letter had been received from the Thornhill Group regarding DSWSC interest in obtaining their own DFC. Letter will be scanned and distributed to the Board for review.
- **Report from District Geologist, Alex S. Broun, P.G. 4845:** Al Broun announced he participated in a field trip at Still Ranch ,along the Blanco River, and a field trip at the Browning Ranch last week.
- **Board & Staff Announcements:**
  - JAH Announced:  
County Commissioner Ford and the Conservation Group are looking at Rainwater Collection.
  - DAW Announced:  
Paul Tybor will be presenting in Kerville on Monday, 3/16/09.  
Chad Norris with the TPWD will be gauging river flow on the Blanco River.
- **Public Comments:**  
Jim Skipton and Jeff Laws had questions regarding Agenda Item #4, Pond Filling and Agricultural Use of Water, and the proposed legislation, and the effect on landowners, particularly Agricultural Land Owners.
- **Report on GMA #9 Efforts towards establishing a "desired future condition" of the Trinity Aquifer:** No Report at this time.

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- 1) **Possible revisions to legislation related to obtaining all funding options and management authority according to Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code;** Review of Version 9 Draft Legislation, drafted by AHB, DAW, and GME, which includes input from the Commissioners Court.

**9:55pm Executive Session, Section 551.071**

**10:15pm Out of Executive Session**

**Continuation of Agenda Item 1 pertaining to revisions to legislation.**

**DAW makes a motion to adopt the Draft Legislation Language as revised. JAH seconds the motion. All in favor.**

- 2) **Drought Trigger, Management, and Contingency Plans:** Not discussed. Updates of newly adopted UDCP sent to office for formatting and distribution.
- 3) **Public Education:** Not discussed.
- 4) **Pond filling rules, prohibition, enforcement:**  
Public Comment made regarding agricultural filling of ponds. AHB promoted storage tanks vs. ponds, and asked if ponds were lined. Appropriate WL should correlate with needs of the animal. Pond owner should conserve in times of Drought and liners should be installed.
- 5) **Acceptable level of public water system losses and enforcement strategies:** Not discussed.
- 6) **Executive session with counsel to discuss potential and ongoing litigation and enforcement matters:**  
Executive Session Section 551.071 at 9:55pm (see above).
- 7) **Possible future agenda items:** Not discussed.

**10:50pm Adjourn**

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Andrew H. Backus (President), on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009**

**Attested By:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Mark P. Hemingway (Sec/Treasurer), on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009**