

Minutes of Open Meeting of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District

Thursday, April 23, 2009

Time: 8:30am

Place: Woodcreek City Hall

Located at: 41 Champions Circle, Wimberley, TX 78676

8:53am: Regular Meeting Opens

Board Members in Attendance: Andrew H. Backus (President), Jack A. Hollon, Joe C. Day

Absent: Douglas A. Wierman (Vice President), Mark P. Hemingway (Secretary/Treasurer)

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:** Not Given (See hand outs to include: Manager's report, budget, map info map.)
- **Report from Staff Geologist, Wes Schumacher , P.G. 4845:** Not Given
- **Board & Staff Announcements:** No Announcements
- **Public Comments:**
 - **All statements were made in support of the District and the Legislative Process to obtain full chapter 36 standing. Speakers encouraged the District not to support HB 4796 as written.**
 - David Glenn made a statement regarding the current legislative process and in support of the District
 - Charles O'Dell made a statement in support of the District and the level of volunteerism
 - Rob Baxter, President of the Friendship Alliance, made a statement in support of the District
 - David Baker made a statement in support of the District
- **Report on GMA #9 Efforts towards establishing a "desired future condition" of the Trinity Aquifer:** No Report

Workshop Presentations and Discussions:

- 9:00 a.m. Chad Norris, Texas Parks & Wildlife, the "wild life property tax certification" approval process from the TP&W's perspective;
- 9:30 a.m. David Venhuizen, P.E., water & waste-water infrastructure strategies: integrated, distributed management & reuse is the future;
- 10:00 a.m. Robert Ruggiero, P.G., the use of Mining Visualization System (MVS) Software for 3D modeling and presentation of the District's geologic data for purposes of public education and groundwater modeling;

Following the workshops these subjects will be considered for discussion and/or action:

- 1) **Review of 2009 Budget:** Proposed Budget Hand outs available. Agenda item not discussed.
- 2) **Immediate and post legislative session staffing:** Not discussed
- 3) **Drought status:** Drought Trigger hand outs available. Agenda item not discussed.
- 4) **Progress report on dialogue with District opponents and possible compromise legislative suggestions resulting from dialogue:**

Feedback and dialogue from public comment, Scott Rhodes representing DSWSC, shared information from emails, calls, and office visits regarding points of contention within the previously submitted Draft Legislation:

 - Scott Rhodes comments:
 - District should have Well Spacing Requirements
 - Questions why PWS Companies are singled out
 - Exempt Wells should be taken into consideration
 - "District needs money but this is not the way to go about getting it"
 - To accept the HB 4796 "goes without principles"
 - "Reasonable to reject this proposed legislation with an alternative resolution"

- Other Recommendations include reviewing the following areas of previously proposed legislation:
 - Eminent Domain within Chapter 36
 - Metering Requirements
 - Grandfathering of Wells
 - Taxation Limits
 - Entering Property
 - Tax Base and minimum percentages
 - 4 year terms
 - Fees

1:53pm Executive Session 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)

2:49pm Out of Executive Session

5) Resolution of support for HB 4796 and equivalent SB 2530 in the 81st Texas Legislature;

JCD makes a motion to accept the Legislation with modifications. (See Draft Legislation Version 11 and Version 11 Analysis provided by Greg Ellis). JAH seconds the motion. All in favor.

2:59pm Adjourn

Approved By: _____, Andrew H. Backus, Board President on: _____, 2009

Attested By: _____, Jack A. Hollon on: _____, 2009