

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

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Dripping Springs City Hall

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

**6:00 pm: Regular Meeting Opens**

**Board Present:** Douglas A. Wieman (DAW)-President, David G. Baker (DGB)-Vice President, Jack A. Hollon (JAH)-Secretary/Treasurer, Greg F. Nesbitt (GFN), Andrew H. Backus (AHB)

**Staff Present:** Rick D. Broun (RDB)-Co-General Manager, Wes Schumacher (WS)- Staff Geologist, Alex S. Broun (ASB)-District Geologist, P.G. 4845

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

- **Board Document signing:**  
All five Board members signed the Order of Election for upcoming May 8, 2010 election  
DAW signed HTGCD #142 Order of Election for Directors in Single-Member Districts NO.1, No.3 and NO. 5
- **Review of Board Meeting Protocol:**  
DAW explained Meeting Protocol for public hearings
- **Consider approval of prior meeting Minutes:**  
AHB presented modifications to February 11, 2010 Meeting Minutes (Signed by DAW and JAH but may require additional signatures after AHB modifications)
- **General Manager's Report of Activities:**  
RDB presented..... Dates of Upcoming Events:
  - Friday, March 12 & 13: Texas Rainwater Catchment Association Rainwater Conference
  - Tuesday, March 30: GMA #10 Meeting
  - Tuesday, March 30: TAGD Quarterly Meeting
  - Wednesday, March 31: Envision Central Texas
  - Thursday, April 8: HTGCD Board Meeting, Woodcreek
  - Thursday, April 15: Region L Planning Hearing
  - Friday, April 16: Hays County Strategic Leadership Planning Charette
  - Wednesday, April 28: Region K Planning Hearing

New Wells for February Map  
Manager's February 2010 Report  
Budget vs. Actual  
Income, Expense, and Balance Chart: to date: \$35,099  
Cumulative Chart: to date: \$11,309
- **Acknowledgment of Bank Reconciliations:**  
JAH received December 2009 Bank Reconciliations from RDB  
JAH announced no report on Bank Reconciliations
- **Report from Staff Geologist, Wes Schumacher:**  
WS reported March 2010 Well Monitoring log was 75% complete  
ASB reported Folio Project going well, maps handed into illustrators  
DAW proceeding on Folio, first draft to be in April

- **Board & Staff Announcements:**

AHB- LCRA looking for input on its "Water Supply Resource Plan" comments due March 19. Three water supply strategies were developed for the LCRA draft Water Supply Resource Plan to demonstrate the range of water supply options available for the region. The best plan will likely include various options from the three strategies.

-Strategy I maximizes the benefits of LCRA's existing water rights. At a cost of about \$3 million to \$5 million, this is the least expensive option and it would meet projected firm water demands for 50 years or more. This strategy does not meet firm demands to 2100. Again, as noted above, if droughts worse than the historical drought of record occur, then the reliable water supply available during those more severe droughts may not meet projected demands for as long. Future plan updates will address this issue if it arises, and may require earlier implementation of new water supplies.

-Strategy II is designed to maximize the benefits of the existing water rights and significant conservation efforts with estimated costs ranging from \$225 million to \$525 million over a 40-year implementation period, depending on the approach. This strategy would meet projected firm water demands to 2100.

-Strategy III relies on the existing water rights, current conservation program, and building one or more of new supplies such as an off-channel reservoir, desalination, aquifer storage and recovery, and groundwater importation. Costs for identified options range from \$721 million to \$1.6 billion. This strategy does not list all possible strategies, but instead, provides a range of options and costs. This strategy would meet projected firm water demands to 2100.

All strategies have impacts on meeting agricultural water needs downstream, lake levels, and environmental flows in the river and Matagorda Bay. Read the full report and give your input at [www.lcra.org/watersupply](http://www.lcra.org/watersupply).

- **Public Comments:**

Kristin Carlton- Introduced herself to the Board as a candidate for District 1.

Jimmy Skipton- Appreciates the updated HTGCD calendar of events, concerned water levels on webpage not up to date.

Mark Key- Appreciates Jack Hollon's service to the Board and inquired into the Henly well.

**Permit Renewal Hearings:**

**6:34 p.m. Hearing Opens for Cottonwood Creek RV Park:**

RDB -presented Current Acre Feet permit (5 AF), Requested Acre Feet ( 7.5 AF) and 2009 year-end pumpage.

Also provided staff recommendation: one year at 5 AF

Public Comments- None

**6:38 p.m. DAW- Closed hearing**

AHB- Motion to accept staff's recommendation of a one year renewal at 5 AF permit

JAH- Seconds the motion. Inquired to see if meters were in place

Vote- All in favor, none opposed

**6:39 p.m. Hearing Opens for Lost Springs Ranch:**

RDB -presented Current Acre Feet permit (8.17 AF), Requested Acre Feet ( 8.89 AF) and 2009 year-end pumpage. Also provided staff recommendation: One year permit at 9 AF

Public Comments- Mike Tibbets- Accepts staff's recommendation of 9 AF

**6:45 p.m. DAW- Closed hearing**

DGB- Motion to accept staff's recommendation of one year renewal at 9 AF

GFN- Seconds the motion

Vote- All in favor, none opposed

**6:46 p.m. Hearing Opens for Sac-N-Pac:**

RDB -presented Current Acre Feet permit (0.9 AF), Requested Acre Feet ( 1.12 AF) and 2009 year-end pumpage. Also provided staff recommendation: Two year renewal, no reporting at 1.25 AF

Public Comments- None

**6:55 p.m. DAW- Closed hearing**

AHB- Motion to leave permit as is, 0.9 AF

DGB- Seconds the motion

DAW-Questioned the needs of Sac-N-Pac

GFN- Board to review their request next Board Hearing  
AHB- Withdraws motion  
RDB- To contact owner for additional information as to why more AF is required

**6:56 p.m. Hearing Opens for Skyline Ranch Estates:**

RDB -presented Current Acre Feet permit (21.7 AF), Requested Acre Feet (31.9 AF) and 2009 year-end pumpage. Also provided staff recommendation: One year renewal, at 29.25 AF  
Public Comments- I-Pie Hodge- Accepts provided staff recommendation of 29.25 AF  
Jimmy Skipton- Requested Board accept staff recommendation  
Bob Balslev- Previous Skyline President: Requested fairness for Skyline vs. others in county  
Mark Key- They are their own best steward

**7:19 p.m. DAW- Closed hearing**

DGB- Motion to accept staff recommendation of one year renewal at 29.25 AF  
GFN- Seconds the motion  
Vote- All in favor, none opposed

• **Report on GMA #9 Efforts towards establishing a "desired future condition" of the Trinity Aquifer:**

DAW- No decisions made in upcoming meetings  
DAW- Trinity Aquifer GAM runs still not available from TWDB

**1. Discussion and Authorization of a Designated Representative for GMA #10**

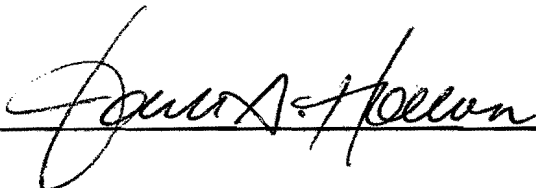
DAW- Displayed maps on GMA#10, indicated parts of HTGCD in GMA #10 and discussed need to have them designated as "relevant" aquifers  
DAW- To attend next meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> as the HTGCD designated representative  
AHB- Motion for DAW to attend meeting as HTGCD designated representative. DGB to be back-up for DAW.  
JAH- Seconds the motion  
Vote- All in favor, none opposed.

**2. Future Agenda Items:**

- a. Jon Cobb- Settlement Agreement
- b. Aqua Texas- Rule 9 NOV
- c. Results from GMA #10 meeting on March 30
- d. Management Plan Update with Rima Petrossian
- e. Andrew to discuss parcels
- f. Sac-N-Pac Renewal Permit
- g. Geothermal Wells- rules for well construction

7:37 p.m. Adjourn

Approved:  ,President 4/15 ,2010

Attested:  ,Secretary/Treasurer Apr 15, 2010