



Minutes for Workshop of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2011

Time: 4:00 pm

Place: Dripping Springs City Hall

Located: 511 Mercer Street, Dripping Springs, Texas 78676

4:00 pm: Workshop Opens

Board Present: Jimmy K. Skipton-President, Mark A. Key-Secretary-Treasurer, and Greg F. Nesbitt

Board Absent: David G. Baker-Vice President and Joan Jemigan

Staff Present: Rick Broun-General Manager, Tressy Gumbert-Administrative Assistant, and Al Broun-District Geologist, P.G. 4845

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MAG = Managed Available Groundwater
TWDB = Texas Water Development Board
District = Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
GMA9 = Groundwater Management Area 9

Workshop:

Discussion only:

1. Review Version 2 of MAG for the GMA9 as presented to the District by the TWDB

- Clarify calculations and methodology used to determine Exempt Use
 - i. Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) – Bill Hutchison
 - ii. HDR Engineering – Tony Bagwell

Questions, Answers and Comments:

Al Broun:

- Effective management of groundwater resources must be an ongoing project: periodically revisiting the data, the economy, demographics, and examining new technology.
 - We can't waste limited time debating probable-estimated-adjusted-regionalized-best judgment predictions 50 years into the future.
 - The community and District have been given estimates and forecasts by the best in government and industry.
 - I urge you, the Board, to carefully consider your options, vote and move on.
 - Recommends using the HTGCD estimated Exempt use of 3,300 acre-feet for 2010 and HDR's "N/A" case for growth projections.
- Q. Jimmy Skipton to TWDB: If the District uses 3311 ac-ft now and realizes in 5 years it was incorrect can it be changed?
- A. Bill Hutchison – TWDB: Yes, you can update the numbers.
- Q. Mark Key to HDR: How many exempt wells did HDR figure in for their forecasts?
- A. Tony Bagwell – HDR: I do not know the count of the wells; estimate is between 5,500 and 6,000. I urge the Board to be conservative and cautious when issuing permits.
- C. Joe Day: It is easier to give a permit than take one away. Be conservative with the water.
- Q. John Cobb to HDR: To allow for growth, what is your recommendation of what is needed?
- A. Tony Bagwell – HDR: Installation of pipelines along with additional conservation and rainwater collection systems.
- Q. Ed Pope to TWDB & HDR: Was climate modeling taken into consideration?
- A. Tony Bagwell - HDR: HDR's forecasts do not include climate modeling
- A. Bill Hutchison – TWDB: In the evaluation of the DFC, climate change was not used however climate variability using tree ring proxies was taken into consideration.
- Q. Mark Key to TWDB: Do you feel the numbers provided by TWDB for HTGCD are off?
- A. Bill Hutchison – TWDB: Yes. Because of the unique circumstances of HTGCD, the TWDB realized from the beginning that applying the standardized method for estimating exempt use wouldn't produce accurate numbers however it would provide the district with a good starting point.
- Q. Jack Hollon to HDR: What is the increase in the number of people served by looping LCRA pipeline around and pressurizing both ends?
- A. Tony Bagwell – HDR: From 20,000 to 30,000 LUE
- Q. Jimmy Skipton to TWDB: The 9,155 ac-ft adopted by GMA9 is being appealed, are we allow to use that number?
- A. Yes, at this point the MAG is in draft mode. Once the MAG is finalized your Management Plan can be updated to reflect the correct numbers.

5:01 p.m. Workshop Closed

5:01 p.m. Break

5:20 p.m. Meeting Opens

- **Board Roll Call:**
 - Rick Broun:
 - Roll Call was taken, a quorum was present.
 - **Public Comments: Non-Agenda Items**
 - The following people presented: David Glenn – invited HTGCD Board and Staff to a breakfast gathering on Saturday, May 21st at the United Methodist Church of Wimberley. Andrew Sampson will be speaking on water issues in Central Texas.
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Agenda Items:

Discuss and Possible Action on:

2. Finalizing Exempt Use Numbers and Send to the GMA9 and TWDB.

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

Motion

Jimmy Skipton: Use 3300 ac-ft for 2010 and HDR's N/A case reduced by 11ac-ft throughout their computations.

Mark Key: Seconded motion

Vote: 3-0 in Favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Key, and Greg Nesbitt)

3. Board of Directors to review, discuss and possible action on motion from lawyer Eric Allmon for a rehearing of Wimberley Springs Partners permit

Public Comments:

The following people presented: Joe Day, Eric Allmon – Attorney at Law

Board:

Mark Key

- Nothing new has developed since the last ruling that would change his mind

Jimmy Skipton

- Board reviewed documents sent to them from each lawyer
- Rules can't be changed midstream

Motion

Mark Key: Deny the motion for a rehearing.

Greg: Seconded motion

Vote: 3-0 in Favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Key, and Greg Nesbitt)

4. Monitoring Run Program Update

Rick Broun

- District E-Lines are out of service
- Requested approval to remove e-lines from wells and add 1" pipe to one well
- Recommends removing Still Windmill #2 from monitor run program

Public Comments:

None

Board :

Jimmy Skipton

- Recommends removing all problem wells from monitor run program

5. Completing Audit Letters

Rick Broun

- Has sent requests for completion of Auditor forms to 2009 and 2010 Board members.

Public Comments:

None

Board :

Jimmy Skipton

- Recommends sending certified letters to non-respondent board members

6. Re-Districting Map Committee Members

Public Comments:

None

Motion

Jimmy Skipton: To appoint Tressy Gumbert, Mark Key, and Jimmy Skipton to the redistricting committee

Greg: Seconded motion

Vote: 3-0 in Favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Key, and Greg Nesbitt)

7. Discuss and possible action on Resolution to bring surface water to western Hays County

Public Comments:

The following people presented: Erin Banks and John Cobb

Board:

Jimmy Skipton

- Read aloud Resolution No. 20110425 – Surface Water Alternatives

Motion

Greg Nesbitt: Accept resolution as read.

Mark Key: Seconded motion

Vote: 3-0 in Favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Key, and Greg Nesbitt)

8. Drought Stage Review

Public Comments:

None

Board:

Jimmy Skipton

- Tonight's meeting was scheduled to accommodate David Baker as he will not be able to attend the meeting on April 28th
- David requested this item be added to the agenda however he was not able to make tonight's meeting.

Staff :

Rick Broun

- The drought stage triggers are checked weekly
- We are currently in a voluntary 10% water usage reduction
- We will be going to a 20% mandatory water usage reduction for non-exempt wells when we hit Alarm Stage
- Drought signs are available in the District office

9. Discuss and possible action on Rainwater Revival

Public Comments:

The following people presented: John Cobb

Board:

Jimmy Skipton

- Feels the District should reserve a booth space at the revival however the District should not be a sponsor this year.

Motion

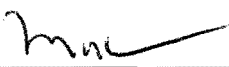
Jimmy Skipton: Authorize District to spend up to \$100 for booth space

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded motion

Vote: 3-0 in Favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Key, and Greg Nesbitt)

8:15 pm: Meeting Adjourn

Approved:  _____, President *5-19* _____, 2011

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