



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

Date: Monday, May 9, 2011

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Wimberley Community Center

Located: 14068 Ranch Road 12, Wimberley, Texas 78676

6:05 pm: Meeting Opens

Board Present: Jimmy Skipton-President, Mark Key-Secretary/Treasurer, Joan Jernigan & Greg Nesbitt

Board Absent: David Baker-Vice President

Staff Present: Rick Broun-General Manager & Tressy Gumbert-Administrative Assistant,

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

- **Board Roll Call:**
 - Rick Broun:
 - Roll Call was taken, a quorum was present
- **Review of Meeting Protocol:**
 - Jimmy Skipton:
 - Announced protocol to audience
- **General Comments from Board & Staff:**
 - Joan Jernigan:
 - Announced there will be a prayer for rain gathering at Cypress Creek on Thursday, May 12 at 7:00pm
- **Public Comments: Non-Agenda Items:**
 - The following presented: Jack Hollon & John Cobb

Agenda Items:

1. **Discuss and possible action on Drought: Alarm Stage – Jimmy Skipton:**
 - Local Drought Triggers, Blanco and Pedernales Rivers, have both reached the Alarm Stage drought condition
 - Palmer Drought Index has reached the Extreme Drought condition
 - Mandatory and Enforceable reduction of 20% for all Non-Exempt permit holders as a condition of permit holder's Drought Contingency Plans with the District
 - The District requests that all Exempt well owners also reduce their usage of groundwater by 20%
 - Board Order #149 to be addressed
 - Many thanks and appreciation to Dripping Springs Wal-Greens for electronically posting Alarm Stage

Public Comments:

The following presented: Roger Kew, Rick Beal, Garrett Allen, Dorothy Knight, & Don Connally

Board:

- Jimmy Skipton
 - Believes measures can be taken to conserve water.
 - Would like to see everyone make a conscience effort to conserve.
- Joan Jernigan
 - Asked Rick Beal with Camp Young Judea to notify campers of conservation efforts and ask them to reduce showers.
 - Requested that ideas for reduction in water use be sent in to District.

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Mark Key

- How do you request someone to reduce their usage by 20% when they are already using low amounts of water?
- Agrees with the principle of the drought order but does not agree with the associated fines.

Staff:

Rick Broun

- Recommends that everyone cut back 20%.
- It is the responsibility of the permit holder to monitor their customer's water use.
- It states in the permit that the permittee shall, "not may", abide by the approved district user drought contingency plan and water conservation plan".


Motion

Joan Jemigan: Place District in Drought Alarm Stage

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded motion

Vote: 4-0 in Favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Key, Joan Jemigan, and Greg Nesbitt)

7:25 pm: Meeting Adjourn

Approved:  _____, President 6/16 _____, 2011

Approved Ma _____, Secretary/Treasurer 6/16 _____, 2011