



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

Date: Thursday, July 21, 2011
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Dripping Springs City Hall
Located: 511 Mercer Street, Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

6:00 pm: Regular Meeting Opens

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

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

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 Board Meeting Protocol:**
Jimmy Skipton:
 - Explained meeting protocol to audience
 - Announced that the Redistricting Maps are on display and will be discussed and voted on later in the meeting.
- **Consider approval of prior meeting Minutes:**
Tressy Gumbert:
 - Jimmy Skipton and Mark Key approved and signed Meeting Minutes for May 19, June 16, & June 23, 2011.
- **Monthly Financial Report & Budget to Actual Report:**
Rick Broun:
 - Presented YTD Financial Report. Mark Key reviewed and signed off on report.
 - Presented Budget Vs. Actual Report. Mark Key reviewed and signed off on report.
- **General Manager's Report of Activities:**
Rick Broun:
 - District staff completed the monitor run on July 14th, 15th, & 17th.
 - Well water levels are down an average of 2 to 8 feet from previous month.
 - There were 16 new well registrations for June, 51 YTD, and 26 YTD public water connections.
 - Second quarter reporting was due by July 15, 2011.
 - There is a GMA 10 meeting on Monday, July 25th in San Antonio.
 - The Wimberley Valley Water Talks Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 27 at 6 pm at Scott Johnson's ranch.
- **Acknowledgment of Bank Reconciliations and Monthly Invoices:**
Rick Broun:
 - Mark Key has reviewed and signed off on June 2011 bank statements and monthly invoices.
- **General Comments from Board & Staff:**
Ed Pope:
 - Requests that the Board get copies of the financial statements as part of their handouts.
Al Broun:
 - Thanked Ed Pope for helping with the collection of drilling samples
 - Thanked Whisenant & Lyle and Central Texas Drilling for their assistance in gathering samples.
 - Recognized Ron Fieseler with the Blanco-Pedemales Groundwater District for logging some wells in our District which saved HTGCD \$800 - \$1000 per log.
 - Commented on 3 recently drilled wells within the District: Whisenant & Lyle well located north on Ranch Road 12, Doerr well off of McGregor Lane, and the Glatty well off of Fischer Store Road.
- **Public Comments: Non-Agenda Items**
The following presented: Jim McMeans, David Glenn, and Richard Griffin

Board:

Joan Jernigan

- There is no law or rule requiring the installation of meters on wells.
- Supports meter installation for data collection purposes only.

Jimmy Skipton

- Rumors of meter installation and entering properties without permission can be put on a future agenda for discussion.

Mark Key

- HTGCD Rules allow for inspection of well construction.

Agenda Items:

Discuss and Possible Actions on:

1. Item # 11: News paper article in conjunction with Wimberley Water Board

Joan Jernigan

- Purposes the District work with Wimberley Water Supply in publishing water article for news papers on a regular basis.

Public Comments:

The following presented: Garrett Allen and Pat Sullivan

Motion

Joan Jernigan: Jointly publish tips and information on water conservation with WWSC

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded motion

Vote: 5-0 in favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Key, Greg Nesbitt, Joan Jernigan, & Ed Pope)

2. Review new Geo-Exchange rules

Al Broun

- Distributed and presented final copy of rules.
- Has received knowledgeable input from many people and has tried to accommodate all concerns.
- Rules to be posted on the HTGCD website for review by the District Board and public.
- 2 Focus points in reviewing – 1) geophysical logs; 2) voids & caverns.
- Requests that the rule change be put on next meeting's agenda as a hearing item.

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

3. Item #7 – Redistricting map scenarios

Mark Key

- Presented the current District, plan #1, and plan #2 maps and population numbers.
- Most of the population growth occurred in Districts 2 and 3.
- The Re-districting Committee came up with plan #1 based on current district map boundaries, criteria received from the Hays County Elections Office, 2010 Census numbers and other resources.
- Plan #2 was submitted solely by Marty Munoz with the Hays County GIS Department.

Board:

Jimmy Skipton

- Asked for public input concerning the plans.
- Supports plan #2 due to population numbers balancing with less deviation.

Public Comments:

The following presented: Barbara Hobson supports plan #2, Pat Sullivan supports plan #1

Motion

Ed Pope: Submit Plan #2 to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for preclearance.

Joan Jernigan: Seconded motion

Vote: 5-0 in favor (Jimmy Skipton, Greg Nesbitt, Mark Key, Joan Jernigan, & Ed Pope)

4. Drought Stage 3 – 30% reduction Order

Rick Broun

- The District will meet triggers putting Western Hays County into critical stage drought on Monday, July 25, 2011
- Presented Order No. 150 requiring that Non-Exempt Permit Holders reduce pumpage by 30%.
- Discussed how to calculate the 30% reduction. Each case will be looked at individually those who are already cutting back 30% or more than what is allocated to them will not be required to cut back an additional 30%

Board & Staff:

- Jimmy Skipton
 - o Advised permit holders to communicate conservation efforts to the District.
- Mark Key
 - o LCRA has already started mandatory reductions in water usage.
- Ed Pope
 - o Suggested a modification to the order to include what each permit holder is to do.
- Al Broun
 - o Suggested using a running average of the last 3 to 4 years for calculating reduction.
 - o Would need to be monitored month to month.

Public Comments:

The following presented: Polly Johnson, Garrett Allen, and Roberta Shoemaker-Beal

Motion

Greg Nesbitt: Approve 30% reduction based on District rules.
Joan Jernigan: Seconded motion
Vote: 5-0 in favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Key, Greg Nesbitt, Joan Jernigan, and Ed Pope)

5. Resolution to transfer all sections of GMA10 within the District to GMA9

- Mark Key
 - o GMA10 makes up only 3% of HTGCD
 - o Recommends transferring all section's of GMA10 to GMA9

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

Motion

Ed Pope: Approve resolution to transfer sections of GMA10 to GMA9
Greg Nesbitt: Seconded motion
Vote: 5-0 in Favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Key, Joan Jernigan, Greg Nesbitt and Ed Pope)

6. Item #8 – Education Video Budget

- Joan Jernigan and Gary Zupancic
 - o Presented rate cards and an invoice for his services in the amount of \$1500
 - o Presented HTGCD video clip.
 - o Objective is to educate citizens on responsibilities of the District and what it does.
 - o Project is not complete as additional video will be added along with a few modifications to existing video.

Public Comments:

The following presented: Susan Cook and Roberta Shoemaker-Beal

Board:

- Jimmy Skipton
 - o In the spirit of groundwater conservation, districts should share information in an effort to educate citizens.
 - o The District gave Cow Creek a copy of the folio (Hydro-geologic Atlas of the Hill Country Trinity Aquifer). Cow Creek used the folio as part of their video.
 - o Doesn't support paying Cow Creek \$1000 for use of a short clip of their video.

7:25 Break – Joan Jernigan, District 5, left meeting.
7:35 Reconvene

7. Item #6 – Update on hiring additional local attorney for the District

Mark Key

- The District has received 4 resumes from interested attorneys.
- Item will be put on next month's meeting agenda.

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

8. Item #10 – Update on GMA10

Mark Key

- Nothing to report at this time

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

9. Item #9 – Update on GMA9

Jimmy Skipton

- More petitions on DFC have been submitted.
- No recent meetings.

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

10. Item #3 – Update on W.V.W.A. vs. H.T.G.C.D. Lawsuit

Jimmy Skipton

- District responded to lawsuit filing a General Denial.

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

11. Item #1 – Confirm Board meeting date, time, and location

- Staff recommendation to continue with third Thursday of the month, 6:00 pm, alternating between Dripping Springs and Wimberley. Location may vary depending on subject matter or medical reasons.

Board & Staff:

Jimmy Skipton

- The District received an email from former Commissioner Karen Ford in regards to the Board Meeting dates, times, and locations.

Rick Broun

- Meeting locations alternate monthly.
- Legally the District is required to post meetings in the District Office and with Hays County Clerk's Office.

Public Comments:

The following presented: Matt Heinemann and Roberta Shoemaker-Beal

Motion:

Jimmy Skipton: Publish on the District website that normal Board meetings will take place on the third Thursday of each month, check calendar for time and location.

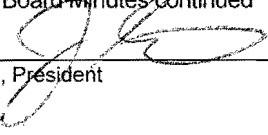
Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

Vote: 3-1 in favor (Greg Nesbitt, Mark Key, and Ed Pope) Opposed (Jimmy Skipton)

8:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

July 21, 2011 Board Minutes continued

Approved:
Jimmy Skipton, President

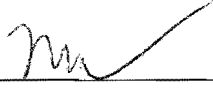


President:

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Approved
Mark Key, Secretary/Treasurer



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