

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

Date: Thursday, August 18, 2011
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Wimberley Community Center
Located: 14068 RR 12, Wimberley, Texas 78676

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 Al 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

• **Consider approval of prior meeting Minutes:**

Tressy Gumbert:

- Jimmy Skipton and Mark Key approved and signed the July 21, 2011 Meeting Minutes at the special meeting held on August 8, 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 August 15th & 16th.
- Well water levels are down an average of 4 to 9 feet from previous month.
- There were 6 new well registrations and 5 public water supply connections in July.
- Office rent is increasing 10% starting September 1, 2011.
- Presented US and Texas drought maps.
- Reminded Board to inform staff of any meeting, tours, events or lectures concerning groundwater that they have attended.
- The District encourages the use of rainwater collection systems and promotes artificial recharge of the aquifer through such means as proper brush management and re-establishing deep rooted native grasses.

• **Acknowledgment of Bank Reconciliations and Monthly Invoices:**

Rick Broun:

- Mark Key has reviewed and signed off on July 2011 bank statements and monthly invoices.

• **General Comments from Board & Staff:**

Joan Jernigan:

- Presented the completed HTGCD Educational Video.

Jimmy Skipton:

- The District filed a motion to abate the ongoing lawsuit.
- The District received \$125,000 from the County last year. This year the District requested \$185,000. The Judge had made cuts across the board which was going to allow for \$95,000. Jimmy and Mark asked the court to consider an increase in the amount. The judge suggested \$125,000. Commissioner Connelly stated he felt \$95,000 was sufficient. The court agreed to grant the District \$100,000.

Mark Key:

- Toured the Dripping Springs Water Supply facilities.
- Contacted the High Point Home Owners Association in regards to the letters they sent out to residents advising them to keep their lawns watered.

- **Public Comments: Non-Agenda Items:**

- The following presented: Barbara Hopson and Larry Calvert

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Hearing Items:

Discuss and possible action on:

1. Item B: New GeoExchange Rules – Al Broun

- Spent the past 4 months working on the GeoExchange Rules.
- Circulated copies to drillers, those who specialize in geo-exchange wells and Geoscientist to get input.
- Spoke with the Texas Department of License & Regulation about the rules.
- A draft copy of the rules has been posted on the District's website for more than a month to give the public opportunity to comment and ask questions.
- Recommends that the Board and General Manager consider adjusting the cost of geo-exchange wells perhaps putting a cap on a total cost.

Public Comments:

None provided

Motion:

Jimmy Skipton: Approve GeoExchange Rules.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

2. Item A: Kim Soo Karate School Non-Exempt Permit – Joan Jernigan

- Kim Soo Karate will not be drilling a well, but rather installing a rainwater collecting system.
 - No discussion -- item pulled from agenda
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6:05 Hearing Closed, regular meeting opens.

Agenda Items:

Discuss and possible action on:

1. District Transportation – Mark Key

- Al Broun for the past 8 months has allowed staff to borrow his personal vehicle to do the monitor run.
- District needs purchase or rent a vehicle for monitor run.
- Renting a truck will cost approximately \$1,800.00 a year.

Public Comments:

The following presented: Barbara Hopson & Pat Sullivan

Board:

Jimmy Skipton:

- Purchasing a vehicle is the better option as the staff needs to be out in the public more, attending meetings and events
- The District can contact Hays County to see how we can get in the state pool for purchasing a vehicle.
- Visited the State of Texas Surplus, the available vehicles have high mileage which raises a concern that frequent repairs would be necessary.

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- Advise that the District have a plan of action by next month's Board Meeting so that it can be worked into the District's budget.

Mark Key:

- Rent a vehicle until the purchase of a vehicle is made.

2. Hiring an additional attorney – Mark Key

- The District has received applications for four (4) attorneys.
- Scan and email the applications to District Board Members.
- Make September 10, 2011 the submission deadline.

Public Comments:

None provided.

3. Update on Guadalupe Blanco River Authority conference – Ed Pope

- Ed attended the GBRA conference held in San Marcos where GBRA staff updated their customers on drought and water conditions.
- The triggers for stages on GBRA's Water Conservation & Drought Contingency plans are different than HTGCD's.
- Stage 4 – Curtails distribution of water to customers on a prorated basis whenever the river system experiences a drought more severe than the drought of record. And this is determined when the following 3 conditions are met:
 - I. 24 months since Canyon Lake was full at 909 feet.
 - II. If the inflow for six consecutive months is 5% less than the cumulative inflow of the drought of record.
 - III. If the level of Canyon Lake is less than 885 feet.
- In the event that stage 4 – Emergency Water Shortage condition, is met, water allocation is based on customers previous 1 year's usage. The % of curtail will be determined by the Board based on the severity of the water shortage conditions.
- Commented on the Aransas Project vs. TCEQ case. The trial is set for early December if the Aransas project prevails other water projects would be affected.

Public Comments:

None provided.

4. Update on GMA 10 – Mark Key

- Attended the GMA 10 meeting. Members present support removing HTGCD from GMA10.
- Glen Rose is also requesting to be removed from GMA 10.
- Removing HTGCD from GMA10 must go to GMA 9 & 10 for vote and it must go to the Texas Water Development Board.
- Edwards Aquifer Authority manages the area south of HTGCD. The General Manager of EAA commented to Mark that they have no intentions of managing the Trinity aquifer.

Public Comments:

None provided.

5. Joining the D.S. Chamber of commerce – Mark Key

- Mark gave a presentation to chamber members at the last meeting.
- Rick Broun and Tressy Gumbert attended the July chamber meeting.
- The District joined and is now a member of the D.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Public Comments:

None provided.

Board:

Jimmy Skipton:

- Supports the District in joining Wimberley's Chamber of Commerce as well.

Discussion Only:

- 6. Discuss Resolution 20080424 and procedures of new wells – Mark Key
 - The MAG will be out soon.
 - The rules for criteria need to be modified and simplified to aide in the permit approval process.

Public Comments:

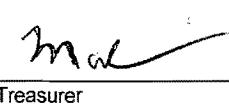
None provided.

Board:

- Jimmy Skipton:
 - The entire set of District rules need to be reviewed and modified.

6:56 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved:  Date 9-8 .2011
Jimmy Skipton, President

Approved:  Date 9-8 .2011
Mark Key, Secretary/Treasurer