

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

Date: Thursday, June 21, 2012
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Dripping Springs City Hall
Located: 511 Mercer Street, Dripping Springs, TX. 78620

6:04 pm: Regular Meeting Opens

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

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. Mark Key and Greg Nesbit are not present.
- **Review of Board Meeting Protocol:**
Jimmy Skipton:
 - Explained meeting protocol to audience.
- **Consider approval of prior meeting Minutes:**
Jimmy Skipton:
 - Minutes will be approved during next month's Board Meeting.
- **Financial Report and Budget:**
Rick Broun:
 - Financial report will be reviewed and approved during next month's Board Meeting.
 - Supplied Budget update to the Board. Budget is \$16,000 in the black.
- **Acknowledgment of Bank Reconciliations:**
Rick Broun:
 - Will be reviewed and approved during next month's Board Meeting.
- **General Comments from Board & Staff:**
Joan Jernigan:
 - Will be presenting Education update to county Commissioners on Tuesday, June 26. Al Broun will go over the Lower Trinity Project during the presentation.
Ed Pope:
 - Wimberley Water Supply Corporation is planning an educational event. Ed spoke with a WWSC Board member about the District's interest in being involved.
Rick Broun:
 - The office computer server is having issues, recommends it be replaced.
 - District staff will be using an air line, installed by Whisenant and Lyle, to read the water level from the Spoede well as the well opening is too small to add a transducer pvc pipe.
 - The District truck will be taken to the dealer tomorrow for maintenance.
Jimmy Skipton:
 - If more than three (3) Board members plan to attend Commissioners Court next Tuesday the Open Meetings Act protocol must be followed requiring it to be posted.
Al Broun:
 - Attended a Technical Steering Group meeting hosted by the Cypress Creek Project this past Monday.
 - The District participated in Phase I of the Cypress Creek Project which was completed in 2008
 - Phase II will be focusing on the Cypress Creek/Jacobs Well area.
 - The goal is to come up with a watershed protection plan.
 - The Technical Steering Committee will outline a program plan using the Atlas and well data proved by the District. The plan will be submitted to the River Systems Institute for funding.
 - A plan requesting a Special Groundwater Management Area (SGMA) be carved out in the Jacobs Well area. The plan will be presented to the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)

- **Public Comments: Non-Agenda Items**
None provided

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Agenda Items:

Discuss and Possible Actions on:

- 1) **Dripping Springs Water Supply Update.....Jimmy Skipton**
- Board Meeting was held on June 13 concerning DSWSC
 - Notice of Violation and Demand Letter in the amount of \$101,400
 - The Board reserves the right to adjourn to Executive Session, Section 551.071, to consult with their attorney

Public Comments:
None Provided

Board & Staff:
Jimmy Skipton:

- A Notice of Violation and a Letter of Demand have been issued to DSWSC.

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- 2) **Update on lawsuit: Plaintiffs vs. HTGCD.....Jimmy Skipton**
- Wimberley Valley Watershed Association
 - Johanna L. Smith, H.K. Acord, Janet Acord, James McMeans and David Glenn

Board & Staff:
Jimmy Skipton:

- A Summary Judgment Hearing is set for July 16 in San Marcos.
- Information on the lawsuit is posted on District's website.

Public Comments:
The following presented: Jon Cobb

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- 3) **Compliance with Open Meetings Act.....Jimmy Skipton**
- David Glenn letter to District
 - Verbal communications with James McMeans

Board & Staff:
Jimmy Skipton:

- David Glenn and James McMeans have expressed that they are unhappy with District Board Meetings and the lack of information on agenda items. They would like to see more supporting documentation, get staff recommendations and voting intentions of the Board prior to the meetings.
- Mr. McMeans suggests conducting a workshop prior to Board Meetings
- The District follows the Open Meetings act as required by law, making sure that the public is aware of when and where meeting will be held and what agenda items will be discussed.
- Meeting Agendas have been modified to include more information on each subject matter.
- The District's lawyer says that HTGCD is more than compliant with the Open Meetings Act.

Joan Jemigan:

- Supports workshops on a case by case basis.

Ed Pope:

- Supporting documentation should be provided for items that are up for discussion and possible action or a list of possible actions should be provided.
- Progress has been made in adding more information to the Board packets.
- Would like to see staff recommendations on items that require action.
- Workshop could be dependent on agenda item

Public Comments:
The following presented: Jon Cobb, Linda Kay Rogers, Andrew Backus, Richard Sullivan, Susan Cook, Bill Davis and Louis Park

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6:45 p.m. Greg Nesbitt arrived
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4) Drought Stage Status.....Rick Broun

- Monitoring run well levels: north and south of Camp Ben
- Review trigger status, days of flow on the Pedernales and Blanco Rivers
- Recommended drought stage

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- From May to June wells north of Camp Ben McCulloch are down 5.5 foot, south of Camp Ben are down 3.7 foot
- Due to recent rains we are 1 day above flow triggers
- Recommends remaining in Voluntary Conservation Stage until further notice.

Public Comments:

None provided.

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5) Item #7 - GMA9 Update from June 11 meeting.....Rick Broun

- Possible financial contribution to the GMA9 for an analysis of water level data comparison to the DFC
- Study to be run by LBJ Guyton and Associates, Bill Hutchison
- Total cost of study, \$20,000 divided by the total number of Districts contributing

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Attended a GMA9 meeting last week in Bandera. A discussion of doing a water level study to help aid with the DFC took place during the meeting.
- The cost of the study would be split between participating Districts.
- The study would use well monitoring data collected from the District's and other District's within GMA9.
- Models would be using hard numbers instead of computer generated numbers.
- Recommends that the District participates.

Al Broun:

- Brian Hunt is already working on setting base levels to identify stratus of aquifer

Public Comments:

The following presented: Ron Fieseler, General Manager for the Blanco Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District and GMA 9 Chairman.

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Motion:

Joan Jernigan: To authorize up to \$3000 for the GMA9 study.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

Vote: 4-0 In Favor (Jimmy Skipton, Greg Nesbitt, Joan Jernigan and Ed Pope)

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6) District Board Election Update.....Tressy Gumbert

- November elections for three Board member positions
- Single member Districts 1, 3 and 5

Board & Staff:

Tressy Gumbert:

- Board member elections for single member districts 1, 3 and 5 will take place November 6, 2012
- Received a voter's registration list from Joyce Cowan with the Hays Co. Elections Office. Will be spot checking addresses on list against newly redistricted map.

Public Comments:

None provided

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7) Item #8 – Walnut Springs Elementary School presentation.....Rick Broun

- District staff held presentation on June 8, 2012
- Attended by students, teachers, and administration

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- o District was invited to do a water presentation for Walnut Springs Elementary. Pre-K through 5th grade, teachers and administration attended
- o Home Depot donated two 5 gallon buckets to use in the presentation.
- o Presented on water cycle, conservation, and information on conservation. Posters, coloring books and frisbees were handed out.

Jimmy Skipton:

- o Requests Rick sends a letter of thanks to Home Depot from the District Board.

Public Comments:

None provided

8) Item #5 – Lower Trinity Project.....Joan Jernigan

- Status of telemetry for W&L well
- Update on planned Aqua Texas no. 24 well
- Update from District Geologist, Al Broun P.G. 4845

Board & Staff:

Al Broun:

- o Aqua Texas is going to evaluate the Lower Trinity. They have been asked if they would agree to continue the drilling into the Paleozoic in order to gather information on: 1)bottom seal and 2)fraction porosity
- o The Lower Trinity project is divided into north and south. A north well has been drilled, logged and samples taken. Water samples have been sent in for chemical analysis.
- o A big thank you to Ron Fieseler and his group for supplying geo logs, Rene Barker for water sampling, and Whisenant and Lyle for developing a tool for the district to use in getting water levels using an air line.

Rick Broun:

- o Pat with Whisenant and Lyle is going to donate their transducer to the District once the telemetry equipment is installed.

Public Comments:

The following presented: Brent Reeh

Discussion Only:

9) Groundwater Management Area.....Ed Pope

- Discuss research possibilities to formulate a plan of action to create a GMA for the Jacob's Well and Cypress Creek area

Board & Staff:

Ed Pope:

- o A group of volunteers working on a study of the Jacob's Well Cypress Creek met Monday June 18th.
- o Studying different facts that would affect the flow of Jacob's Well.
- o Once information is gathered it will be presented to the District Board with the possibility of creating a SGMA.
- o The District is not associated with the group or study at this point.

Jimmy Skipton

- o Requests that the District office gets a copy of correspondence taking place within the group.
- o What happens in Blanco affects Jacob's Well therefore Blanco should be involved in the study

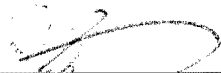
Al Broun:

- o The meeting was a technical steering committee meeting comprised of various government agencies who have conducted similar studies.

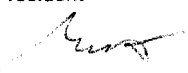
Public Comments:

The following presented: Jon Cobb, Bill Davis, Linda Kay Rogers, and Jimmy Skipton IV

8:02 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved: 
 Jimmy Skipton, President

Date: 8/15/2012

Approved: 
 Greg Nesbitt, Vice President

Date: 8/15/2012