



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

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2013
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Wimberley Community Center
Located: 14068 RR 12, Wimberley, Texas 78676

6:00 pm: Board Meeting Call to Order

Board Present: Jimmy Skipton-President, Mark Hastings-Secretary Treasurer, & Linda Kaye Rogers
Board Absent: Greg Nesbitt, Mike Cox-Vice President is in route to the meeting
Staff Present: Rick Broun-General Manager, Tressy Gumbert-Administrative Assistant & 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:
 - A quorum present
- **General Comments from Board & Staff:**
Rick Broun:
 - There were 12 new well registrations submitted in November, 125 YTD, 73 budgeted.
 - There were 20 public water connections submitted in November, 95 YTD, 56 budgeted.
 - Request that the Board please inform staff of any meetings, tours, events or lectures you attend concerning groundwater.
 - The District always wants to encourage the use of rainwater collection systems on all new homes, businesses and on existing buildings. We further promote artificial recharge of the aquifer through such means as proper brush management and re-establishing deep rooted native grasses. The District further promotes the use of surface water or other alternatives to groundwater in and around western Hays County.
- **Public Comments concerning non-agenda items:**
The following provided public comments: Susan Cook

Consent Items:

1. Approval of Bank Reconciliations and Monthly Invoices
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Report and Budget to Actual Report
3. Approval of November 18, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion

Mark Hastings Approve consent items one through three.
Linda Kaye Rogers: Seconded
Vote: 3-0 in Favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings & Linda Kaye Rogers)

Discussion and Possible Action Agenda Items:

Item #4 – Update on Contested Case Lawsuit: Plaintiffs vs. HTGCD

Public Comments:
No public comments provided

Board & Staff:
Jimmy Skipton:

- No updates to report.
- Information on lawsuit is available on the Hays County website.

Item #5 – Update on Travis County SOAH hearing

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

Board & Staff:

Jimmy Skipton:

- No updates to report.

Item #6 – Status of Drought Briefing

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Water level averages taken between November and December: south of Camp Ben are up 1'5", north of Camp Ben, up 4'.
- The Pedernales and Blanco Rivers have reached 60 days with flow above stage trigger .
- Recommends District move into Drought Stage Alarm .
- Presented the Palmer Drought Index map, the State Drought Preparedness Council report will be collected and latest table of water levels measured. 2013 Water Level information will be provided in the Annual Report.
- There have been no complaints of waste made to the District in the past quarter.

Item #7 – Drought Stage Conditions

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Presented to the Board Order #167 – Return to drought stage Alarm.

Motion:

Linda Kaye Rogers: Approve Board Order 167

Mark Hastings: Seconded

Jimmy Skipton: Recited aloud Board Order 167

Vote: 3-0 In favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings & Linda Kaye Rogers)

Discussion Only Agenda Items:

Item #11 – Update on Monthly Water Balance Report concerning pending permit applications, renewal and amendment applications

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- La Tierra WSC- Pending Permit
 - Submitted new operating permit application to District office on October 28, 2013
 - Requesting 1.85 AF
 - 5 Homes
 - Rainwater collection
 - District announced administratively complete October 30, 2013
 - Ten-day Deadline date to submit public comments expired on November 25, 2013.
 - District staff recommendations were posted on December 5, 2013. The twenty-day deadline date to submit formal contested case letters to the District office expires on December 24, 2013.
- Dripping Springs Water Supply Corp – Pending Permit Amendment
 - Submitted an operating permit amendment to District office on November 12, 2013
 - Requesting an additional 222 acre feet on existing 400 acre feet permit
 - 158 New home connections in 2014

- Ten-day Deadline date to submit public comments expired on December 2, 2013.
- District Staff working with the TCEQ prior to releasing recommendations.
- District staff is working with multiple Permit holders on Permit Renewals and Amendment requests not yet submitted.

6:16 p.m. – Mike Cox, arrives

Public Comments:

The following provided public comments: Jon Cobb

Item #8 – Brief Update: Alternate sources of water for Hays County.

Guest Speaker:

Commissioner Ray Whisenant:

- Presented an update on alternate sources of water for Hays County and answered questions from the audience.

Public Comments:

The following provided questions or public comments: Al Broun, Jon Cobb, Susan Cook & Jim McMeans

Item #9 – Presentation/Update concerning GMA9

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

Board & Staff:

Al Broun:

- Presented a Power Point presentation regarding the Texas Water Development Board's report to GMA 9 on Total Estimated Recoverable Storage (TERS)
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Item #10 – Presentation: District Staff to review 2013 Monitoring Data

Public Comments:


No public comments provided

Board & Staff:

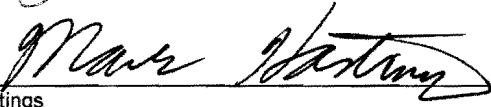
Rick Broun:

- Presented a Power Point Presentation on Year's end monitoring data as part of HTGCD Management Plan, 6.4 Performance standards.
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7:36 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved: 
Jimmy Skipton

President: 1-15-2014 ~~2013~~

Approved: 
Mark Hastings

Secretary/Treasurer: 1-15-2014 ~~2013~~