



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

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2015
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: Linda Kaye Rogers-President, Jimmy Skipton-Vice President, Mark Hastings-Secretary Treasurer, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones
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:
 - Called Roll. A quorum is present

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Discussion and Possible Action Items:

Item #10 – Review Electro Purification (EP) wells

Board & Staff:

- Linda Kaye Rogers:
 - Called on Brian Hunt with Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (BSEACD), to present data on the EP wells.
 - The Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) has specific legislative ability which does not include regulating the Trinity Aquifer.
 - Possible action is to annex the unregulated portion of the area into the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.
 - Annexation can be done by petition; or by the County Commissioners Court; or by Legislative action and will be a financial burden.
 - District funding from the County terminates as of October 2015 therefore the District must find other means of funding. Exploring the possibility of charging production fees in the future.
- Jimmy Skipton:
 - Very important that something is done but feels it's more feasible to annex the area into BSEACD. They have the budget, the employees and are already in GMA10
- Al Broun:
 - The geology is not straight forward there is a lack of continuity.
 - More data needs to be gathered and analyzed.
- Mark Hastings:
 - Presented comment submitted by Kim Bond.

Public Comments:

The following provided public comment: Commissioner Will Conley, Precinct 3; Michael Brown who works for Representative Jason Isaac; Mary Stone, BSEACD Board Representative; Nancy Weaver; George Hansen; Andy Gluesenkamp; Patrick Cox; Bob Gillispie; Janice Ryals-Rogers; Marshall Jennings; Jim McMeans; Susanne Teshera; Larry Landaker; Sue Sweat; Andrew Backus; Lea Wilder

7:52 pm: Into Executive Session

8:38 pm: Reconvene from Executive Session

Board & Staff:

- Linda Kaye Rogers:
 - No decisions were made during Executive Session
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Item #6 – Review and Approve Inter-local Agreement with Cow Creek GCD

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Presented the agreement “HTGCD to join with members of the GMA9 to be financially responsible for the equal sharing of costs over a three year payment period starting in 2015”.

Motion

Jimmy Skipton: Approve the agreement as presented.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

Vote: 5-0 in Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt and Doc Jones)

Hearing Items:

8:40 pm: Open Hearing

Item #11 – Interim La Ventana Operating Permit Amendment.

Public Comments:

The following provided public comment: Bill Davis

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Applicant is administratively complete. No public comments nor any formal contested case letters were submitted to by the posted deadline date.
- Applicant is requesting an annual increase from 78 acre feet to 98 acre feet including a 3-year term.
- Staff recommendation is to approve the request.

Motion

Greg Nesbitt: Approve Permit Amendment as presented.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Linda Kaye Rogers: Has issue with 3 year permit.

Vote: 4-1 in Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt and Doc Jones) (Jimmy Skipton – against)

8:47 pm: Close Hearing

Item #4 – Status of Drought Briefing

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Water levels are up 7.2' north of Camp Ben and 1.2' south of Camp Ben.
- District staff has completed the 2014 water table and will provide the total year's collection within the 2014 Annual Report.
- As of January 20th, the District's drought trigger, the Pedernales River, indicates 60 plus consecutive days of flow above drought stage Critical. The second trigger, the Blanco River, indicates 20 consecutive days of flow above drought stage Critical. To move into drought stage Alarm, both rivers must have 60 consecutive days of flow above drought stage Critical. The District's third trigger, the Palmer Drought Severity Index, shows "Near Normal" drought conditions.
- The latest US Drought Monitor map indicates that the majority of the District is within D0-"Abnormally Dry". The latest Palmer Drought Severity Index map indicates "Near Normal" conditions. These maps have been collected and will be part of the District's 2015 Annual Report.
- The Texas Drought Preparedness Council Situation has not released a new report since November 2014.
- Recommended Drought Stage for western Hays County is to remain within drought stage critical.

Discussion and Possible Action Items:

Item #9 – Cypress Creek Watershed Project

Public Comments:

The following provided public comment: Scott Johnson; Meredith Miller; Bill Davis

Board & Staff:

Jimmy Skipton:

- Has no problem supporting the CCWP plan however must see latest revision to the project plan before signing any document of support.

Motion

Jimmy Skipton: Table item until next Board Meeting so that the latest rendition of the plan can be reviewed.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

Vote: 4-1 in Favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt and Doc Jones) (Linda Kaye Rogers – against)

Item #5 – Update on Onion Creek Project

Public Comments:

No comments provided.

Board & Staff:

Al Broun:

- Project going well no updates to report.
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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 12 & 18, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Board & Staff:

Mark Hastings:

- The minutes and financials have been reviewed and appear in order.
- Income of \$164,461 is going into reserve.

Motion

Mark Hastings: I move to approve consent items one through three.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

Vote: 5-0 in Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones)

Discussion and Possible Action Items:

Item #7 – Meter Rebate for Existing 8 HTGCD non reporting permit holders

Public Comments:

No comments provided.

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Staff would like all permit holders to report their groundwater pumpage. The District has 8 existing permit holders who in the past have not been required to report.
- Would like to offer a \$300 rebate for meter installation.

Motion

Jimmy Skipton: Approve the meter rebate as requested by the General Manager.

Mark Hastings: Seconded

Vote: 5-0 in Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt and Doc Jones)

Future Agenda Items:

Motion

Jimmy Skipton: Motion that next meeting is held on February 25th or 26th.

No Second

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o Calling for a Special Meeting to be held on February 4, 2015 to review Rule 10 and other agenda items that were not cover during tonight's meeting and to discuss future District funding.

Motion

Doc Jones: Motion to have next regular meeting on February 25th.

Jimmy Skipton: Seconded

Vote: 5-0 in Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones)

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9:21 p.m. Meeting Adjourned
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Approved: *Linda Kaye Rogers* President: 2-26-15 2015
Linda Kaye Rogers

Approved: *Mark Hastings* Secretary/Treasurer 2-26- 2015
Mark Hastings