



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

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 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
- **General Comments from Board & Staff:**  
Rick Broun:
  - There were 8 Public Water Connections submitted in February, 21 YTD, 85 Budgeted
  - There were 12 new well registrations submitted in February, 17 YTD, 85 Budgeted
  - The District has received 2 new TCEQ projects: WISD Sports Complex and DS First United Methodist Church. Packets have been reviewed and responses have been sent to TCEQ.
  - The District office is updating the Open Records Request form to include costs associated with the requests. The form can be accessed going to the "Forms" section on the District's website.
  - 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.
  - The District encourages the public to view the District's two educational videos which have been made available on the District's website.
- **Public Comments concerning non-agenda items:**  
The following provided public comment(s): Jim McMeans

Consent Items:

1. Approval of Bank Reconciliations and Monthly Invoices
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Report and Budget to Actual Report
3. Approval of February 4, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

**Board & Staff:**

- Mark Hastings:
- The financials and meeting minutes have been reviewed and appear to be in order

Motion

Greg Nesbitt: I move to approve consent items one through three.  
Doc Jones: Seconded  
Vote: 5-0 in Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones)

Discussion and Possible Action Items:

- Item #4 – Status of Drought Briefing
- Item #5 – Board Order 175: Drought Stage Alarm
  - HTGCD Drought triggers move from critical to alarm, effective March 1, 2015

**Public Comments:**

No public comments provided

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- Presented the Status of Drought Briefing to the Board that included a handout of the March 2015 US Drought Monitor map and the Palmer Drought Severity Index Map
- Water levels are up 3.3' north of Camp Ben and 1.6' south of Camp Ben.
- District staff has updated the 2015 water table and will provide the total year's collection within the 2015 Annual Report.
- As of today, the District's drought trigger, the Pedernales River, indicates 4 consecutive days of flow below drought stage Alarm. The second trigger, the Blanco River, indicates 55 consecutive days of flow above drought stage Alarm. 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 any reports in the first quarter of 2015.
- Recommended Drought Stage for western Hays County is to move out of drought stage critical and into drought stage alarm starting March 1, 2015.

**Motion**

Jimmy Skipton: I move to approve Order 175 to move the District out of Drought Stage Critical into Drought Stage Alarm.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

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Item #6 – Update on HTGCD's role regarding Electro Purification

**Public Comments:**

No public comments were provided.

**Board & Staff:**

Al Broun:

- Data, from 7 wells has been released.
  - EP Project will require a long term Aquifer test.
  - Monitoring wells around the well field will be needed.
  - BSEACD has been assigned the lead roll and has been very active in research.
  - The City of Buda and Anthem have hired technical consultants.
  - Geophysical logs and sample cuttings have been provided and analyzed. More research and testing is necessary.
  - HTGCD is doing a lot of preliminary and primary work.
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Item #7 – Installation of new Telemetry Well System close to EP Well Fields.

**Public Comments:**

No public comments were provided.

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- An estimated cost of installing a telemetry system is between \$9,500 and \$10,000. There is some money available in the budget however donations to help with project would be appreciated.
- Neither the Cox nor the Hermosa Paloma well are good candidates for a telemetry system, those wells are open to different strata's of the aquifer.
- Recommends making the Downing well a telemetry well as it is the closest well within HTGCD that the District has water level history.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- A meeting is being scheduled next week to discuss and decide how the \$20,000 donation from EP will be divided up between the Districts.

**Motion**

Mark Hastings: To move forward with installation of transducer system in Downing well.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

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Item #8 – Update on Legislation and possible annexation of the unregulated portion of the Hays Trinity Aquifer.

7:00 p.m. Into Executive Session

7:44 p.m. Reconvene from Executive Session

**Board & Staff:**

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o No action was taken during executive session.
- o The District has received a notice letter from the Trinity Edwards Springs Protection Association (TESPA), stating that EP is in violation of District rules.
- o The District is mandated by law and has a statutory duty to investigate.
- o Legislative Bills have been filed to put the unregulated portion of the aquifer under the authority of HTGCD or BSEACD.

Jimmy Skipton:

- o To help fund the District, Jason Isaac has filed a bill to allow the District to charge permit holders up to \$.10 per 1000 gallons of permitted water.

**Public Comments:**

The following provided comment(s): Andrew Backus & Louie Bond

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Item #7 – Installation of new Telemetry Well System close to EP Well Fields.

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- o Need to revisit item #7. Motion was made for transducer system, it should have been for a telemetry system.

**Motion**

Mark Hastings: Withdrew his previous motion.

Greg Nesbitt: Withdrew his second.

Mark Hastings: Make a motion to spend up to \$10,000 on the installation of a telemetry system at the Downing well.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

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**Discussion Only Items:**

Item #10 – Review funding for monitoring equipment.

**Public Comments:**

No public comments provided

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- o If all transducer were to have to be replaced at one time the cost would be around \$9,000.
  - o Staff reviews the memory and battery life of each installed transducer during the quarterly monitoring run.
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Item #9 – Update on operating permit applications, renewal applications and amendment applications.

**Public Comments:**

No public comments provided

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- o March 31, 2015 is the 20 day deadline date to file a formal contested case against the 1521 Holding permit.
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Item #11 – Review areas outside of the HTGCD meeting rooms.

**Public Comments:**

No public comments provided

**Board & Staff:**

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o Consulted with Greg Ellis, the District has no jurisdiction over the area outside the meeting room unless the District has reserved that area as well.
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Item #12 – 2013 NOAV Receipts totaling 88% of penalty are due to HTGCD by March 30, 2015.

**Public Comments:**

No public comments provided

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- o The following permit holders have not yet provided receipts totaling 88% of their 2013 NOAV penalty. Failure to do so by March 30, 2015 will result in owing the District the remaining penalty portion.  
Aqua Texas: Woodcreek Phases I & II, Mountain Crest and Cardinal Valley  
Interim La Ventana  
Cielo Azul Ranch

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**Future Agenda Items:**

**Board & Staff:**

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o Update on legislation, annexation and funding.

Mark Hastings:

- o Re-issuance of 2014 NOAVs

**Motion**

Linda Kaye Rogers: Motion to adjourn.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

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**8:32 p.m. Meeting Adjourned**  
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Approved: Linda Kaye Rogers President: 4-15- 2015  
Linda Kaye Rogers

Approved: Mark Hastings Secretary/Treasurer: 4-15- 2015  
Mark Hastings