



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

Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2015
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Dripping Springs City Hall
Located: 511 Mercer Street, Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

6:02 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:**
 - Linda Kaye Rogers:
 - Requested that any person wishing to make a public comment sign up and be recognized prior to speaking.
 - Recognized Greg Pemin with Dripping Springs Water Supply Corp., Garrett Allen with Wimberley Water Supply Corp., Terry Franks with Representative Jason Isaac's office and Commissioner Ray Whisenant.
 - Rick Broun:
 - There were 10 Public Water Connections submitted in May, 65 YTD, 85 Budgeted
 - There were 9 new well registrations submitted in May, 47 YTD, 85 Budgeted
 - The District received 2 new TCEQ projects during the month of May
 - A "How-To" document created by TCEQ has been added to 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.
 - Recognized Tressy Gumbert for 5 years of service to the District.
- **Public Comments concerning non-agenda items:**
 - The following provided public comment(s): Greg Perrin and Mark Key

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 26 and March 18, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Board & Staff:

- Mark Hastings:
 - The financials have been reviewed and appear to be in order.
 - The Board Meeting Minutes will be reviewed and approved during the next Board Meeting.

Motion

Mark Hastings: I move to approve the financials.
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 #4 – Status of Drought Briefing

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Presented the Status of Drought Briefing to the Board
- The latest US Drought Monitor map indicates that our District is drought free, "None Category". The Palmer Drought Severity Index map indicates "Very Moist Spell" 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 during the second quarter.
- Water levels in May were up 3' south of Camp Ben and 5' north of Camp Ben.
- Water levels in June are up 3' south of Camp Ben and 10.2' north of Camp Ben.
- As of June 17th, the District's drought trigger, the Pedernales River, indicates 60 plus consecutive days of flow above drought stage Alarm. The second trigger, the Blanco River, indicates 60 consecutive days of flow above drought stage Alarm. The District's third trigger, the Palmer Drought Severity Index, shows "Very Moist Spell" drought conditions.
- Recommended Drought Stage for western Hays County is to move out of drought stage Alarm and into No Drought stage status beginning on July 1, 2015
- District staff is updating the 2015 water table monthly and will provide the total year's collection within the 2015 Annual Report.
- During the second quarter of 2015, no formal complaints of waste or possible waste were received by the District office.

Item #5 – GMA9/DFC Update

Public Comments:

The following provided public comment(s): Andrew Backus & Mark Key

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- During the last GMA9 meeting 8 out of 9 GMA9 representatives voted to continue with the 30' DFC. Recommend that the District continue with the 30' DFC along with the rest of GMA9 in order to remain compliant.
- Blanton and Associates have been hired to complete the report for compliancy.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Blanton & Associates will come to speak during a District Board Meeting if requested to so.
- Encourages the public to review and make comments on the DFC.

Al Broun:

- Provided a presentation.
 - The DFC is a regional planning tool
 - Presented a summary of estimated drawdown by county and model layer average water level drawdown contour map for scenario 6.
 - Feels the District is ahead of the model and can accept Blanton's report of a 30' DFC.
 - A new report will be due in 2017.

Item #6 – Review Reasoning Behind Loss of HTGCD Legislative Funding

Public Comments:

The following provided public comment(s): Andrew Backus, Ashley Whittenbuger, Terry Franks, Lewis Parks, Roger Kew, and Commissioner Ray Whisenant

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- HB4049 Production Fee Funding for HTGCD failed to make it through Senate.
- Spoke in favor of the Bill on behalf of the District
- Did not say it was a bad bill but did request that more money be considered.

Jimmy Skipton:

- Thanked Terry Franks & Representative Jason Isaac for their support concerning the Funding Bill.

7:52 p.m. Into Executive Session

8:37 p.m. Reconvene from Executive Session

Board & Staff:

- Linda Kaye Rogers:
 - o No action taken during Executive Session

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8:37 p.m. Open Contested Case Hearing Continuance

Item #7 & Item #8 – Continuance of Contested case hearing concerning Aqua Texas' 2014 NOAV

Motion

Mark Hastings: Motion to continue until the July 2015 District Board Meeting
 Doc Jones: Seconded
 Vote: 5-0 in favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones)

8:37 p.m. Hearing Closed

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Discussion Only Items:

#9 – Update on TESP v Electro Purification SOAH Hearing

Public Comments:

The following provided public comment(s): Bill Davis

Board & Staff:

- Linda Kaye Rogers:
 - o There is nothing new to report.

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Future Agenda Items:

Board & Staff:

- Linda Kaye Rogers:
 - o Next meeting will be July 15, 2015 in Wimberley if meeting area is available.
- Greg Nesbitt:
 - o Board should be proactive on budget would like to discuss possible budget cuts and set a date for a Budget Workshop in August.

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8:50 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

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 Approved: *Linda Kaye Rogers* President: _____, 2015
 Linda Kaye Rogers
 Approved: *Mark Hastings* Secretary/Treasurer *July 15,* 2015
 Mark Hastings