



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

Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2015
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Wimberley Community Center
Located: Wimberley, Texas 78676

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:**
Rick Broun:
 - There were 10 Public Water Connections submitted in June, 75 YTD, 85 Budgeted
 - There were 7 new well registrations submitted in June 56 YTD, 85 Budgeted
 - The District has received 7 existing well registrations YTD
 - Initial steps were completed in the installation of a telemetry system within the Downing well off of Lone Man Mountain Rd.
 - 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.
 - The District's server crashed we are working with Best Buy to repair and recovery data.
- **Public Comments concerning non-agenda items:**
No public comment(s) provided:

Consent Items:

1. Approval of Bank Reconciliations and Monthly Invoices
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Report and Budget to Actual Report
3. Approval of May 20 & June 17, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Board & Staff:

- Mark Hastings:
- Do to issues with the server the financials are not available at this time.

Motion

Mark Hastings: I move to approve the May 20th and June 17th Meeting Minutes.
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 no drought conditions. The Drought Severity Index map indicates "Very Moist Spell".
 - The District's drought trigger indicates the Pedernales River, remains 60 plus consecutive days of flow within Drought Stage 1. The Blanco River has slipped into 7 consecutive days of flow below drought stage Alarm, Stage 2.
 - Water well averages were up in July, wells north of Camp Ben were up 1.2' wells south of Camp Ben were up 1.1'
 - The Water Table measurements will be updated and presented during the August Board Meeting.
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Item #5 – Onion Creek Project Update.

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

Board & Staff:

Al Broun:

- Presented map of Onion Creek area a brief summary of the project status and several hydrographs of wells within HTGCD.
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Item #6 – Status Update on 2016 Management Plan

Public Comments:

No public comments were provided.

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Our District geologist and I have been working and will continue to work on the 2016 Management Plan. Some maps have been modified and some new ones created.
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Item #7 – Educational Rain Barrel Project

Public Comments:

No public comments were provided.

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Would like to raise awareness of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District by installing rain water collection barrels at various business locations throughout the District.

Mark Hasting:

- Supports the project as it encourages conservation through the use of rain water collection.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Advised Rick to research costs and put on the agenda for next month's meeting.
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Item #8 – 2016 Accounting Audit Fraud Forms

Public Comments:

No public comments were provided.

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Presented each Board Member with a blank form for completion and submission.
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Item #9 – Administrative Law Judge's Order remanding TESPA v EP to the HTGCD Board for dismissal.

Public Comments:

No public comments provided

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- o All parties have agreed to dismiss.
- o District will need to refund the remaining balance of the cost for SOAH back to the parties.

Motion

Linda Kaye Rogers: Move to accept the dismissal of the lawsuit between TESP A & EP and hold funding until the final bill has been received.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

Item #10 – Setting a date for HTGCD’s 2016 Budget Workshop

Public Comments:

No public comment provided:

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o Would like the District to conduct a budget workshop in early September.
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Item #11 – Consider Robert’s Rules of Order

Public Comments:

No public comment provided:

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o The Board is not functioning well we need to pull together and conduct ourselves in a more professional manner.
- o The meetings are difficult to manage. The District could have a group come in for Code of Conduct training.
- o Would like the Board to adopt “Robert’s Rules of Order”.

Jimmy Skipton:

- o The Bylaws govern the District, HTGCD Bylaws state that the District follows the “Parliamentary Procedures at a Glance”.
- o “Robert’s Rules of Order” are not used because we are elected Board Members not appointed.

Mark Hastings:

- o Get each Board member a copy of the “Parliamentary Procedures at a Glance” if we find that they are not being followed the consider changing to “Robert’s Rules of Order”.
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Discussion Only Items:

Item #12 – Funding Opportunities

Public Comments:

No public comment provided:

Board & Staff:

Jimmy Skipton:

- o Commissioner Whisenant has requested to meet to discuss funding for the District.

Rick Broun:

- o Greg Perrin with Dripping Springs Water Supply Corp. and I have spoke briefly about their assisting with funds.
- o District has ability to raise well construction and public water connection fees.

Doc Jones:

- o Many well owners in the community have expressed an interest in helping with funding for the District.
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6:53 p.m. Open Contested Case Hearing Continuance

Item #13 – On April 15, 2015, the HTGCD Board of Directors approved to grant a Contested Case Hearing to Aqua Texas concerning 2014 NOAV letters. On May 20, 2015, the HTGCD Board of Directors approved to postpone the matter until June’s Board meeting to allow attorneys from both parties to reach a settlement agreement and respond back to the HTGCD Board of Directors.

Public Comments:

No public comment(s) provided:

7:02 p.m. Hearing Closed

7:02 p.m. Into Executive Session

7:27 p.m. Reconvene from Executive Session

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- No action taken during Executive Session
 - Attorneys are still negotiating a settlement agreement between the District and Aqua Texas.
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Future Agenda Items:

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Review Drought Triggers.
 - Discuss code of conduct and possible training.
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7:30 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved:  President: 9-16- 2015
Linda Kaye Rogers

Approved:  Secretary/Treasurer: 9-16- 2015
Mark Hastings