



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

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Wimberley Community Center
Located: RR 12, Wimberley, Tx. 78676

6:15 p.m.: Board Meeting Call to Order

Board Present: Linda Kaye Rogers - President, Jimmy Skipton – Vice-President & Doc Jones

Board Not Present: Mark Hastings – Secretary-Treasurer & Greg Nesbitt

Staff Present: Rick Broun-General Manager, Tressy Gumbert-Office Administrator, Alex Broun-Geologist, P.G. 4845 & Jeff Watson-Hydrogeologist

- **Board Roll Call:**
 - Rick Broun:
 - Called Roll. A quorum is present
- **General Comments from Board & Staff & General Managers Report:**

Board & Staff:

Al Broun:

- District is taking over the flow station on Onion Creek and will be adding an additional flow meter. We have been borrowing equipment from other Districts for the project. I will be coming to the Board next month with a request to purchase equipment which includes additional transducers.
- The District has not had success in obtaining a location for the monitor well. The requests that were submitted to DSISD and to the City of Dripping to install a monitor well were denied. As was the request to a private land owner.
- Our part in phase 2 of the Onion Creek Project is complete.

Jeff Watson:

- Attended a GSA South Central meeting in San Antonio last week where I presented a report on the District's work and our findings regarding the Onion Creek Project.
- Presented a "Unit-3: Implications For Recharge Map to the Board and public.
- HTGCD & BSEACD were the only two Groundwater Districts to present at the GSA South Central meeting.

Rick Broun:

- There were 28 new Public Water Connections submitted in February, 56 YTD, 250 Budgeted for the year
- There were 10 new well registrations submitted in February, 16 YTD, 100 new wells were budgeted for 2017.
- The District received 3 new TCEQ packets: Cottages at Belterra Village Phase 2, Sawyer Ranch 33 Driveway and Crescent Belterra Phase 1 Section 21-2
- The District encourages 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.
- Reminded Board to inform staff of any meetings, tours, events or lectures they attend concerning groundwater.
- The District encourages the public to view the District's two educational videos which have been made available on the District's website.

Consent Items:

1. Approval of Bank Reconciliations & Monthly Invoices
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Report, Balance Sheet and Budget to Actual Report
3. Approval of February 15, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Due to the absence of the Board's Secretary/Treasurer the consent items are being tabled until next month's Board Meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action

Item #4 – Address and respond to recent HB3677 and SB1814. HTGCD Resolutions and consultation with HTGCD attorney Greg Ellis

- HB3677 – Creation of 5 County Heart of Texas Groundwater District from existing groundwater Districts: Hays Trinity GCD, Blanco-Pedemales GCD, Cow Creek GCD, Comal Trinity GCD, and Central Texas GCD
- SB1814 – Transference of certain territory from one Groundwater Conservation District to another

Board Member(s):

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Presented Resolution 20170322-B which addresses HB3677

Motion:

Doc Jones: To accept and approve Resolution 20170322-B

Linda Kaye Rogers: Seconded

Jimmy Skipton: The Resolution is fine with the exception of having the General Counsel work with Representative Isaac on behalf of HTGCD. The bill was not procedurally filed correctly and will not move forward therefore it isn't necessary to spend money on legal counsel.

Amended Motion:

Doc Jones: To amend Resolution 20170322-B to read "The Board of Directors hereby instructs the District General Manager and Board President Linda Kaye Rogers to work with State Representative Jason Isaac and the rest of the Legislature to ensure protection of the groundwater resources of Hays County".

Linda Kaye Rogers: Seconded

Vote: 3-0 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton & Doc Jones)

Public Comments: The following provided comment(s): Susan Cook & Bill Davis

Board Member(s):

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Presented Resolution 20170322-A which addresses SB1814 & HB4122

Public Comments: The following provided comment(s): Vicki Hujsak

Motion:

Doc Jones: To accept and approve Resolution 20170322-A

Linda Kaye Rogers: Seconded

Jimmy Skipton: Again, doesn't believe it is necessary for the District to spend money on legal counsel.

Amended Motion:

Doc Jones: To amend Resolution 20170322-A to read "The Board of Directors hereby instructs the District General Manager, Board President Linda Kaye Rogers and General Counsel (up to \$1000) to work with State Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa and State Representative Kyle Kacal and the rest of the Legislature to ensure protection of the groundwater resources of Hays County".

Linda Kaye Rogers: Seconded

Vote: 3-0 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton & Doc Jones)

Item #5 – Update on Draft Settlement Agreement between City of Dripping Springs and the City of Austin

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- The meeting that was scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2017 was canceled.
 - I reached out to the City offices as well as BSEACD. Suggested that the agreement contain language which addresses contracts and storage. The suggestion was well received and I feel positive about the direction the agreement is headed.
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Item #6 – Prochnow Country Homes

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Joe Peter submitted a Permit Application, Prochnow Country Homes, for a Tier 1 permit to supply water to 5 homes. His plan is to eventually have 12 to 14 homes operating off of the Prochnow well. The current well was drilled in 1988 it's an open hole and does not comply with the HTGCD well completion rules.

Public Comments: The following provided comment(s): Joe Peter – Been working with TCEQ and was given permission by them to operate the well as a PWS. I have already begun working on the District's requirements for a Tier 2 permit. I feel the application for the Tier 1 permit should move forward and be approved.

Board & Staff:

Al Broun:

- The well was drilled as a domestic well in 1988 and is now being changed to a PWS well. It has only 20 feet of casing. District rules say Aquifers must be isolated so comingling does not occur.

Jeff Watson:

- Presented a diagram of the Prochnow well and gave a brief description of the well's schematic.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- District rules are in place to protect the Aquifer and I have been advised by TCEQ lawyers that GCD rules would take precedence in management of groundwater permits.

Motion:

Linda Kaye Rogers: That the well be brought up to completion standards prior to the approval of the permit.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Joe Peter: HTGCD's connection fee for 12 homes is \$9,600. I would like to request that the fee be lowered to offset the cost of the work required to be done on the well.

Linda Kaye Rogers: Request to reduce connection fees can be put on next month's meeting agenda for discussion & possible action.

Vote: 3-0 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton & Doc Jones)

Item #7 – Quarterly Status of Drought Briefing

Public Comments: No public comment(s) provided

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Presented to the Board copies of the Status of Drought Briefing report which includes the US Drought Monitor map the Palmer Drought Severity Index map, hydrographs and the Monitoring Well Water Level Table.
- The latest US Drought Monitor map indicates that our District is within no drought category "None". The Palmer Drought Severity Index map indicates "Unusual Moist Spell" conditions. First quarter maps have been collected and will be part of the District's 2017 Annual Report.
- There have been no new "Texas Drought Preparedness Council Situation Reports" released or posted.
- As of March 21st, the District's drought trigger, the Pedernales River, indicates 60 consecutive days of flow above drought stage Alarm, the Blanco River indicates 60 plus days of flow above drought stage Alarm. Both Rivers must have 30 consecutive days of flow below drought stage Alarm in order to move the District into Stage 2 Alarm.
- The drought recommendation for western Hays County is to remain within drought stage 1, No Drought Voluntary Conservation.
- Comparing February to March, water levels north of Camp Ben McCulloch are up 3.1' and water levels south of Camp Ben McCulloch are up 1.7'
- There were no formally submitted complaints of waste or possible waste received at the District office during the first quarter.

Motion:

Jimmy Skipton: To approve Rick's Drought Briefing as presented.

Linda Kaye Rogers: Seconded

Vote: Vote: 3-0 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton & Doc Jones)

Item #8 – Permit Holder Water Connection Audit Update.

Public Comments: No public comment(s) provided

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Presented list of the permit holders who have and who have not submitted data for the connection audit.
 - Met with Patrick King of PGMS this afternoon he said we should be getting a list of connections from them sometime next week.
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Item #9 – Update 2016 NOAV

- Wizard Academy \$172.58 (exceeded by 34,516 g)
- Serenity Farmhouse Inn \$559.63 (exceeded by 111,925 g)
- Camp Young Judaea \$2,447.19 (exceeded by 489,438 g)

Public Comments: No public comment(s) provided

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Presented to the Board copies of paid invoices from each of the permit holders who received a 2016 NOAV
 - Wizard Academy: Invoice in the amount of \$1998 for repairs.
 - Serenity Farmhouse: Invoice in the amount of \$1800 for lead detection and repair.
 - Camp Young Judaea: Invoice in the amount of \$9510 for installation of rainwater collection.

Motion:

Linda Kaye Rogers: To waive the 2016 NOAV penalties in light of efforts made by the permit holders to improve their water systems and conservation measures.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Vote: Vote: 3-0 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Jimmy Skipton & Doc Jones)

7:55 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved:

Linda Kaye Rogers

President:

4-19-2017

Approved

Mark Hastings

Secretary/Treasurer

4-19-2017