



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

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Dripping Springs City Hall
Located: 511 Mercer, Dripping Springs, Tx. 78620

6:15 p.m.: 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: Jeff Watson-Hydrogeologist & Tressy Gumbert (arrived at 6:28)

• **Board Roll Call:**

Jeff Watson:

- Called Roll. A quorum is present

• **General Comments from Board & Staff:**

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Rick and I met with Jason Isaac this morning. HB 3667, relating to the creation of the Heart of Texas Aquifer Conservation District, does not appear to be moving. The conversation was positive and productive. Representative Isaac was pleased to hear the Groundwater Districts are working together with GMA9 on conformity within GCD's.
- Was at the capitol on Monday to testify against HB 3028 and SB 1392 as advised by Greg Ellis.

Jeff Watson:

- Provided update on last week's meeting with the Commissioners.

Discussion and Possible Action

Item #4 – Address and Respond to activities in the 85th Legislative session of interest to HTGCD

Public Comments: The following provided public comment(s): Louie Bond, Commissioner Ray Whisenant & Susan Cook

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- There were several Bills filed during this Legislative session which could affect the Groundwater District. Greg Ellis emailed a list of the bills, including his recommendation, to the District office. I trust Greg's judgment and opinion and would like for the Board to review the list and make a motion to oppose the Bills he recommends opposition to.

Motion:

Doc Jones: Oppose HB3028.

Mark Hastings: Seconded

Jimmy Skipton: I have not read the HB therefore I will not be voting to oppose.

Doc Jones: I trust Greg Ellis and TAGD. Board should follow advise of attorney or TAGD for support or opposition instead of trying to go over each individual Bill.

Linda Kaye Rogers: Would like to speak on behalf of the District but needs the support and vote from the Board.

Vote: 4-1 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones). Abstain (Jimmy Skipton)

Board & Staff:

Greg Nesbitt:

- As a courtesy the Board should examine and vote on the Bill's Louie Bond has concern with.

Motion:

Jimmy Skipton: Oppose HB4122, SB1814 & SB2254 including companion bills as they are currently written and any amendments to the said bills.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

Motion:

Linda Kaye Rogers: Register opposition to HB3037.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Vote: 4-1 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Mark Hastings, Greg Nesbitt & Doc Jones). Abstain (Jimmy Skipton)

Motion:

Doc Jones: Register opposition to HB4045.

Mark Hastings: Seconded

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

Motion:

Mark Hastings: Support HB3417.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Vote: 3-2 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Mark Hastings & Doc Jones). Abstain (Jimmy Skipton & Greg Nesbitt)

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8:14 p.m. Meeting Adjourned
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Approved: *Linda Kaye Rogers* President: 5/17/ 2017
Linda Kaye Rogers

Approved: *Mark Hastings* Secretary/Treasurer: 5-17 2017
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