



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

Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Wimberley Community Center
Located: RR 12, Wimberley, Tx. 78676

6:02 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: Rick Broun-General Manager, Tressy Gumbert-Office Administrator, Al Broun-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:

Jeff Watson:

- Gave a brief update on the sink hole near Cypress Creek. Visited and evaluated the site with Doug Wierman and Aqua Texas. There is no evidence that the aquifer is being affected. Jeff has composed a report regarding the dam failure.
- The dye trace project is coming along nicely. EAA has voiced their interest in participation and support in the dye trace study.
- District received notice from BSEACD that the Electro Purification report has been submitted.

Al Broun:

- A water conference was put together by David Glenn. The conference took place on July 13.
- The HTGCD was well represented with four attendees. The concept of the meeting was to bring neighbors together to understand and address the challenge of water management when confronted with rapid growth. The speakers were very knowledgeable and well received by the large crowd.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Per Commissioners, the county has put \$100K aside for monitoring wells within the District.
- Linda Kaye will be speaking about Groundwater District's at the San Antonio College in August.
- A huge leak in one of Aqua Texas' unused water lines in the Woodcreek area went on for close to an hour earlier today.

Rick Broun:

- There were 33 new Public Water Connections submitted in June, 211 YTD, 250 Budgeted for the year.
- 41 RV water Connections YTD.
- There were 11 new well registrations submitted in June, 46 YTD, 100 new wells were budgeted for 2017.
- 301 Geothermal wells registered YTD.
- The District received 3 new TCEQ packets: Hill Country Rim Rock Estates, Belterra Section 20-1 & 20-2, and Founders Ridge phases 3 & 4.
- Drilling of the Skipton monitoring well has been pushed to the first week of August. A temporary fence will be erected prior to the drilling allowing access to the property from the road.
- 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.
- 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 "Moderate Drought Condition". The Palmer Drought Severity Index map indicates "Near Normal" Drought Conditions. The maps have been collected and will be part of the District's 2017 Annual Report.

- As of July 18th, the District's drought trigger, the Pedemales River, indicates 14 consecutive days of flow within 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 within 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 June to July, water levels north of Camp Ben McCulloch are down 10.3' and water levels south of Camp Ben McCulloch are down 5.6'

• **Public Comments Non-Agenda Items:** None

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 June 21, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Board & Staff:

Mark Hastings:

- I have reviewed all financials which appear to be in order. The budget is over in revenue and under in expenses. The meeting minutes for June, 2017 look good as well.

Motion:

Mark Hastings: To approve the meeting minutes and financials as presented.

Doc Jones: Seconded

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

Discussion and Possible Action:

Item #4 – Planning for the 86th Legislative Session

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- In preparation for the next legislative session, would like for the Board to approve the formation of a Legislative Committee.

Jimmy Skipton:

- This is an elected Board capable of working together with legislation. Linda Kaye did a good job staying informed and active this past legislative session. A committee is unnecessary.

Doc Jones:

- In support of forming a committee.

Public Comments: None

Item #5 – Consideration to enact Drought Stage 2

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Would like the District to automatically go into Drought Stage 2 from June 1st to September unless a significant amount of rainfall has been received.

Rick Broun:

- District Rue 13 addresses Drought Management. Suggests declaring a drought stage based on conditions instead of time would be more appropriate. Rainfall could be considered a condition; however the District Rules would have to be adjusted accordingly. Then the rules would need to go before the public for review and the Board for approval and adoption.

Greg Nesbitt:

- Is opposed as it would cause more problems than it solves.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Requests to keep this as an agenda item and continue to research.

Public Comments: None.

Item #6 – Center Lake Business Park parking update

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- The owner of Center Lake Business Park said that the District could park the work truck in the back part of the complex.

Jimmy Skipton:

- Has also spoken with the owner of the Center Lake Business Park regarding the parking situation. She requested that we give her a month or two to sort things out.

Public Comments: None.

Item #7 – Operating Permit Applications without a well

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- District has received applications for an Operating Permit for businesses who do not yet have a well drilled. It doesn't seem right to permit something that doesn't exist.
- Consider approval of application with a pending status and the requirement of a groundwater well for final permit creation.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Sounds reasonable. Make the necessary changes in the rules during the drafting of the rule updates.

Public Comments: None

Item #8 – District's 3rd Court of Appeals: Judgment Rendered May 19, 2017

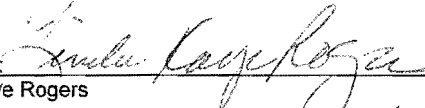
Board & Staff:

Jimmy Skipton:

- No new updates to report. Put on next month's meeting agenda

Public Comments: None

7:08 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved:  , President: 8-16-2017
Linda Kaye Rogers

Approved:  , Secretary/Treasurer: 8-16-2017
Mark Hastings