



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

Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2017
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Wimberley Community Center
Located: RR 12, Wimberley, Tx. 78676

6:05 p.m.: Board Meeting Call to Order

Board Present: Linda Kaye Rogers - President, Mark Hastings – Secretary-Treasurer & Doc Jones

Board Not Present: Jimmy Skipton – Vice-President & Greg Nesbitt

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:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Attended the TAGD summit. Some of the discussion included collaboration among GCDs to become more alike in rules and procedures. There were many water bills passed this legislative session. The need to educate political Representatives on what GCD's do and how they do it was discussed.
- There has been at least one GWD that has met their MAG and are no longer issuing permits.
- I was asked to join the Legislative Committee with TAGD and I accepted.

Rick Broun:

- There were 24 new Public Water Connections submitted in August, 288 YTD, 250 Budgeted for the year.
- 41 RV water Connections YTD.
- There were 12 new well registrations submitted in August, 72 YTD, 100 new wells were budgeted for 2017.
- 301 Geothermal wells and 5 existing wells registered YTD.
- The District received 3 new TCEQ packets: Medlin Creek Ranch, Mark Black Wedding Venue and Purewash Dripping Springs. Response letters will be created and submitted to TCEQ.
- 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.

• **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 August 16, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Board & Staff:

Mark Hastings:

- I have reviewed all financials and the August minutes, all appear to be in order. The District currently has \$700,295.00 in savings and \$74,000.99 in checking.

Motion:

Mark Hastings: To approve the meeting minutes and financials.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Vote: 3-0 In favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Mark Hastings & Doc Jones)

Discussion and Possible Action:

Item #4 – Quarterly Status of Drought Briefing

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 a drought category intensity of "None".
- As of September 19th, the District drought trigger, the Pedemales River, indicates 19 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 District's third trigger, the Palmer Drought Severity Index map, indicates "Unusual Moist Spell" conditions.
- The drought recommendation for western Hays County is to remain within drought stage 1, No Drought Voluntary Conservation. Citizens are advised to conserve as summer temperatures remain. There were no formal complaints of waste or possible waste submitted to the District during the 3rd Qtr.
- Comparing August to September, water levels north of Camp Ben McCulloch are up .9' and water levels south of Camp Ben McCulloch are up 0.7'

Public Comments: None:

Motion:

Mark Hastings: To approve the General Manager's Drought Report.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Vote: 3-0 In favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Mark Hastings & Doc Jones)

Item #5 – Dedicated Skipton Monitoring Well Project: Update

Board & Staff:

Jeff Watson:

- The well has been drilled, cased and grouted. Joe Vickers completed the pump test and the data looks good. Geo Projects did a great job; they were able to get 130' of rock core. Due to miscommunication on well depth the project may go a little over what was budgeted.

Al Broun:

- The information collected from the Skipton well is being shared with neighboring districts. There has been much communication and collaboration between Districts. A Geophysical-log was run by BPGCD and a downhole camera was lowered down the borehole to get video (BSEACD). BEG (UT) came to the site and collected the core samples. Discovered that there is Lower Trinity water in that area however not sure of the quality. There were a few generator issues which slowed the project down a little. The contractors absorbed the costs for the generator issues. Would like to thank the neighbors, the drilling contractor and Joe Vickers who was on site long hours daily. Once the core is slabbled it will be analyzed and described and a report will be written.

Mark Hastings:

- Rick, Al, Jeff and me met with Dripping Springs ISD regarding a location for the District's 2nd dedicated monitoring well. We are waiting to hear back from the DSISD Board of Trustees..

Public Comments: None.

Hearing Items:

Item #6 – Discussion and Possible Action:

Operating Permit Application: **Atlantis Realty-Easy Mix** - 10656 Signal Hill Road, Austin

- Application Production Request: 304,200 gallons per year
- Use: Commercial
- District staff recommendation: 1-Year renewable permit to produce 304,200 gallons annually
- Public Comment Deadline Date: August 12, 2017
- Formal Contested Case Letter Deadline Date: September 19, 2017

6:31 p.m.: Hearing Open

Applicant:

Bill Heath & Ronnie Carlson:

- o The company is a concrete truck reloading facility, not a concrete plant. We are waiting to get approval from the WTCPUA for water. Not requesting a lot of water. Currently using water from a WTCPUA metered fire hydrant. It takes about 400 gallons of water to fill a truck. The dry and wet components are carried separately in the truck and mixed once the truck gets to the job site.

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- o The District received four contested case letters. Two of the contestants have a registered well within a 1/4 mile of the applicant's well.

6:41 p.m.: Hearing Closed

6:41 p.m.: Prehearing Conference Open

Public Comments: Russ Balcerowicz on behalf of the Westendorfs, Chad Geeslin, Bill Wagner and Dustin Lindig – spoke against the operating permit application.

7:01 p.m.: Into Executive Session

7:22 p.m.: Out of Executive Session and reconvene Prehearing Conference

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o There were no decisions made during executive session.
- o The Wagners and Mr. Lindig have registered wells within 1/4 mile of the applicant's well; the Board concludes that these Protestants have standing.
- o The Board heard nothing from Mr. Geeslin or Mr. Upham that would allow them to have standing.

Rick Broun:

- o The District did not receive a contested case letter in the mail from the Westendorfs.

Mark Hastings:

- o Read aloud the District's rule concerning contested cases.

7:29 p.m.: Prehearing Conference Closed

Motion:

Mark Hastings: I make a motion recommending that the Applicant and Protestants work together to see if they can come to an agreement.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Vote: 3-0 In favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Mark Hastings & Doc Jones)

Public Comments: Mr. Wagner requested more time.

Motion:

Mark Hastings: I make a motion to continue the Contested Case Hearing at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting,

Doc Jones: Seconded

Vote: 3-0 In favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Mark Hastings & Doc Jones)

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Item #7 – Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of the HTGCD 2018 Budget and Possible Adjustment of the 2017 Budget

8:05 p.m.: Hearing Open

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o Due to the absence of two of the Board Members I recommend a continuance of this agenda item.

Motion:

Mark Hastings: I make a motion to continue the Hearing at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Vote: 3-0 In favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Mark Hastings & Doc Jones)

8:05 p.m.: Hearing Closed.

8:06 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved: Linda Kaye Rogers President: 10-18- 2017
Linda Kaye Rogers

Approved: Mark Hastings Secretary/Treasurer 10-18- 2017
Mark Hastings