



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

Date: Wednesday, December 20, 2017
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Dripping Springs City Hall
Located: Mercer St. Dripping Springs Tx. 78620

6:01 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-District Geologist, P.G. 4845 & Jeff Watson-Hydrogeologist

- **Board Roll Call:**

Rick Broun:

- Called Roll. A quorum is present

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

Jeff Watson:

- Update on the Dye Trace Study: On December 4, 2018 three sites were injected with dye. Lab results are not yet back. District received reports of pink water observed in 3 wells. Water samples from those wells were collected and sent for testing. There are 23 monitoring wells and 10 surface monitoring points being used for the study.

- **General Managers Report:**

Rick Broun:

- There were 36 new Public Water Connections submitted in November, 400 YTD, 250 Budgeted for the year.
- 41 RV water Connections YTD.
- There were 16 new well registrations submitted in November, 108 YTD, 100 new wells were budgeted for 2017.
- 301 Geothermal wells and 9 existing wells registered YTD.
- The District received 3 new TCEQ packets: Cortaro Subdivision, Windmill Center & Roughhouse Brewery. Response letters will be created and submitted to TCEQ.
- On December 11 the DSISD School Board reviewed and approved the Memorandum of Understanding between our two agencies to drill our second dedicated monitoring well.
- 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. A third video concerning the dye trace study is under construction

6:13 p.m.: Adjourn Into Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Section 551.071

6:25 p.m.: Reconvene from Executive Session

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- No decisions were made or votes taken during executive session.

- **Public Comments Non-Agenda Items:** The following made public comment(s): Jeff Shaw, Holton Burns, Reed Burns & Andrew Backus

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 November 15 & 27, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Board & Staff:

Mark Hastings:

- o I have reviewed all financials and the minutes for November, all appear to be in order. The District currently has \$700,670.00 in savings and \$65,098.00 in checking.

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 – Quarterly Drought Briefing

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- o 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.
- o The latest US Drought Monitor map indicates that our District is within a drought category intensity of “DO Abnormally Dry”. The Palmer Drought Severity Index map indicates “Unusual Moist Spell” conditions.
- o As of December 19th, the District drought trigger, the Pedernales River, indicates 30 consecutive days of flow within drought stage Alarm. The second trigger, 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.
- o The drought recommendation for western Hays County is to remain within drought stage 1, No Drought Voluntary Conservation.
- o Comparing November to December, water levels north of Camp Ben McCulloch are up 0.2’ and water levels south of Camp Ben McCulloch are down 0.3’
- o The District did not receive any formally submitted complaints of waste or possible waste during the 4th quarter.
- o District staff has no recommendations to the Board to amend rules concerning waste at this time.

Public Comments: None

Motion:

Mark Hastings: To approve the Quarterly Drought Briefing as presented.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

Item #5 – 2017 Year End Monitoring Data Review & Presentation

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- o Presented the 2017 Year End Monitoring data to Board and public.

Public Comments: None

Discussion Only:

Item #6 – Discuss New HTGCD Office Site Scenarios

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- o Presented packets to the Board which included information on available land, small commercial and condo sites for sale and a 2600 sq ft house that could be converted to office and meeting space.
- o The house is on the market for \$275,000 as is. It appears to need a considerable amount of work done to it and he isn't sure the location is convenient for public access.

Jimmy Skipton:

- o Location isn't an issue. Comprise and submit a Letter of Intent. Then have inspectors come out to inspect the property.

Greg Nesbitt:

- o Get remodeling prices from contractors.

Linda Kay Rogers:

- o Get a tax evaluation

Public Comments: None

Hearing Item(s):

7:06p.m.: Open Hearing

Hearing Continuance on Discussion and Possible Action concerning updates to the HTGCD Rules

Board & Staff:

Jimmy Skipton:

- Had some concern with a change in Rule 11 regarding aquifer testing but concern has been resolved.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Rick does a good job at working with the public. The District tries to be flexible and conscious of the people we serve.
- With the growth that is taking place and less water I foresee tighter rules as it is our job to manage and protect the aquifer.

Public Comments: Roger Kew & Andrew Backus


Motion:

Mark Hastings: To accept and approve the Rules as presented during the meeting with the allowance of minor grammatical changes that do not substantially affect the Rules.

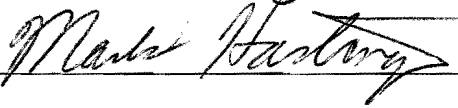
Doc Jones: Seconded

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

7:26 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved: 
Linda Kaye Rogers

President: 2-21-2018

Approved: 
Mark Hastings

Secretary/Treasurer 2-21-18 2018