



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

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2018
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Wimberley Community Center
Located: RR 12, Wimberley, Tx. 78676

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 & Jeff Watson-Hydrogeologist

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

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- o There were 102 new Public Water Connections submitted in December, 502 YTD, 250 Budgeted for the year.
- o 41 RV water Connections YTD.
- o There were 11 new well registrations submitted in December, 119 YTD, 100 new wells were budgeted for 2017.
- o 301 Geothermal wells and 10 existing wells registered within 2017.
- o The District received 3 new TCEQ packets: Junction Truckyard, Wimberley Assisted Living & Gateway Plaza. Response letters will be created and submitted to TCEQ.
- o Reminded Board to inform staff of any meetings, tours, events or lectures they attend concerning groundwater.
- o The District encourages the public to view the District's two educational videos which have been made available on the District's website.
- 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".
- o As of January 16th, the District drought trigger, the Pedernales River, indicates 1 day of flow within drought stage Critical, 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 "Near Normal" conditions.
- o The drought recommendation for western Hays County is to remain within drought stage 1, No Drought Voluntary Conservation.
- o Comparing January to December, water levels north of Camp Ben McCulloch are up 1.7' and water levels south of Camp Ben McCulloch are up 0.2'

- **Public Comments Non-Agenda Items:** Commissioner- Ray Whisenant commented on current burn band and thanked the HTGCD Board & Staff for their service.

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 December 20, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Board & Staff:

Mark Hastings:

- o I have reviewed all financials which appear to be in order. The District currently has \$761,123 in savings and \$60,708 in checking.
- o The Meeting Minutes for December have not yet been submitted.

Motion:

Mark Hastings: To approve the financials.

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 – HTGCD 2017 Audit Forms

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- In order to complete the 2016 District Audit, the Auditors are requesting that the Fraud Audit forms provided to the Board be completed, signed and submitted.

Public Comments: None

Item #6– Update on New Office Project

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Presented projected costs associated with the purchase of new office space.
- After talking with contractors and reviewing costs it seems we would be better off in a new building than trying to do a remodel.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Doc and I looked at the property on Fitzhugh. There are minor and major concerns. There are problems with the foundation, electrical and stucco. The location is also a concern.

Doc Jones:

- The place needs a lot of work. Not too concerned with the 20 year old metal roof however I am concerned about the resale value.

Mark Hastings:

- Moving into our own place is wise however there is no rush.

Jimmy Skipton:

- Renting office space is throwing away money.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Directed Rick to work on drafting a floor plan for building a new office.

Public Comments: None

Item #5 – Amend 2018 HTGCD Budget

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- Request to add a line item, Capital Office Project, to the budget for the expenses associated with the investigation of new District Office space.

Public Comments: None

Motion:

Mark Hastings: To add a new budget line item under General Operations in the amount of \$1000 for investigating new office space, reducing the line item "Directors Insurance" by \$1000 .

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

Item #7 – Update on HTGCD/DSISD Dedicated Monitoring Well

Board & Staff:

Jeff Watson:

- The plan is to start drilling next week at which time video will be recorded for the creation of an educational video.

Mark Hastings:

- Suggests speaking with DSISD regarding what they would like to include in the video.

Public Comments: None:

Discussion Only:

Item #12 – Review Preliminary Dye Trace Study Report

Board & Staff:

Jeff Watson:

- The preliminary interagency document was sent out on January 11, 2018.
- Presented map showing injection and detection sites.

Public Comments: Commissioner- Ray Whisenant

Discussion and Possible Action:

Item #8 – Dripping Springs Waste Water Treatment Plant (TPDES)

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- There hasn't been any new information received.
- The District may be able to get standing if a Preliminary Hearing is granted

Public Comments: None

Item #9 – Capital Round Table: Educational Film

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- A compilation of the Capital Round Table meeting videos is being created. I will acquire a copy for the District to review to possibly use for Public Education & Outreach

Public Comments: None

Item #10 – Review Contested Case Lawsuit: Reimbursement of funds to HTGCD

Public Comments: None

Motion:

Jimmy Skipton: To direct the District's attorney to move forward on collecting reimbursement of attorney fees.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

Discussion Only:

Item #11 – Registering Existing Exempt Wells

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- It is important for the District to have a better handle on existing wells. I suggest that the District start a campaign to request people to register their wells.

Jimmy Skipton:

- Suggest that the District budget money to help cap or plug abandoned or deteriorated wells.

Public Comments: None

The next Board Meeting will be February 21, 2018 in Dripping Springs if the meeting room available.

7:14 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved: Linda Kaye Rogers President: 2-21-18 2018
Linda Kaye Rogers

Approved: Mark Hastings Secretary/Treasurer 2-18-18 2018
Mark Hastings