



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

Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2018  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Place: Wimberley Community Center  
Located: RR 12, Wimberley, Tx. 78676

**6:07 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:
  - Called Roll. A quorum is present
- **General Comments from Board & Staff & General Managers Report:**

**Board & Staff:**

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Attended a Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District presentation in Bee Cave last week. Due to lack of funding their election is being postponed until 2019

Rick Broun:

- There were 21 new Public Water Connections submitted in February, 49 YTD, 275 Budgeted for the year.
- There were 12 new well registrations submitted in February, 19 YTD, 100 new wells budgeted for 2018.
- The District received 5 new TCEQ packets: Darden Hill Storage, Collective Retreats, Headwaters at Barton Creek Phase 2, Ridge at Headwaters Apartments and Howard Ranch Garden Homes. Response letters will be created and submitted to TCEQ.
- 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.

Jeff Watson:

- We are in the final phase of the Onion Creek dye trace study.
- BSEACD and EAA are going to be conducting a dye trace study in the Wimberley area.

- **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 February 21, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

**Board & Staff:**

Mark Hastings:

- I have reviewed the minutes and financials, all appear to be in order. The District currently has \$766,123.00 in savings and \$111,296.00 in checking.

**Motion:**

Mark Hastings: To approve consent items 1-3 regarding the financials and meeting minutes.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

**Discussion & Possible Action:**

Item #6 – 2017 NOAV Recipients

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- Serenity Farmhouse Inn: Exceeded Permit by 1,014,760 gallons (\$5,073.80) / Submitted receipts
- Dripping Springs Ranch Park: Exceeded Permit by 18,813 gallons (\$94.07) / Submitted receipts
- Camp Young Judaea: Exceeded Permit by 2,123,518 gallons (\$10,617.59). Requests to be heard by the HTGCD Board.

**Public Comments:** Frank Silverlick, Director with Camp Young Judaea – Camp Young Judaea is a summer camp and retreat center which opened in 1970. It averages about 32,500 people per year. It includes a full kitchen and laundry facility. A 10,000 gallon rainwater harvesting system was installed last year to use for irrigation and plan to add more rainwater collection. The toilets have been changed out to low flow. A consultant has been contacted to come out to the camp to conduct leak detection and analyze water usage and needs. The camp is requesting that the board waive the NOAV penalty and allow them to use the money for cost of consultant and equipment upgrades.

**Board & Staff:**

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Suggests the permit is small for the number of people being served by the camp and should be amended.
- Request that leak detection reports be provided to the District and copies of invoices for upgrades or repairs.

**Motion:**

Linda Kaye Rogers: To postpone any decisions until further review. Give the camp 30 days to review leaks and provide estimate for repairs to the District. Continue item for consideration during next month's Board Meeting.

Greg Nesbitt: Seconded

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

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- Serenity Farmhouse and Dripping Springs Ranch Park submitted receipts for repairs to the District in excess of their NOAV penalties.

**Motion:**

Greg Nesbitt: To accept receipts and dismiss NOAV penalties for Serenity Farmhouse and Dripping Springs Ranch Park.

Linda Kaye Rogers: Seconded

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

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**Item #4 – Quarterly 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 "D1 Moderate drought". The Palmer Drought Severity Index map indicates "Near Normal" conditions.
- As of March the 20th, the District drought trigger, the Pedernales River, indicates 20 consecutive days of flow within drought stage Alarm. The second trigger, the Blanco River indicates 4 plus days of flow within 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 February to March, water levels north of Camp Ben McCulloch are down 1.6' and water levels south of Camp Ben McCulloch are down 0.9'
- The District did not receive any formally submitted complaints of waste or possible waste during the 1st quarter.
- 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 – Update on Dedicated Monitoring Well Project

**Board & Staff:**

Jeff Watson:

- The Dedicated DSISD wells have been drilled and a report has been started.
- Staff is in the process of scouting out location in Wimberley for the third monitoring well.

**Public Comments:** None:

Item #7 – HTGCD Well Plugging Project

**Board & Staff:**

Rick Broun:

- Costs to plug a well depend on the depth and diameter. Voids would impact costs.

Jimmy Skipton:

- Would like to allocate money to assist in plugging wells that are abandoned or deteriorated. Parameters would need to be set for allocation.

Mark Hastings:

- Jimmy and I can work together on the administrative details for a plugging program and revisit this item next month.

**Public Comments:** None

Discussion Only:

Item #8 – Endangered Species


**Board & Staff:**


Linda Kaye Rogers:

- The email from Greg Ellis regarding the blind salamander prompted me to invite Kirk Holland to speak and answer questions.

**Public Comments:** Kirk Holland – Provided maps of approximate preferential flow routes and covered species locations in the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer. Creating a Habitat Conservation Plan is a long and costly process “approximately 10 years and a half million dollars”. The Trinity Aquifer has not been studied as extensively as the Edwards Aquifer. Much more information from the Trinity Aquifer would need to be gathered before beginning an HCP process.

7:14 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Approved:  , President: 4-18 , 2018  
 Linda Kaye Rogers

Approved:  , Secretary/Treasurer 4-18- , 2018  
 Mark Hastings