



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

Date: Monday, July 17, 2019
Time: 5:30 pm
Place: Precinct 3 Meeting Room
Located: 200 Stillwater, Wimberley, TX. 78639

5:34 p.m.: Board Meeting Called to Order

Board Present: Linda Kaye Rogers - President, Doc Jones – Vice President, Jeff Shaw, & Holly Fults
Board Not Present: John Worrall

Staff Present: Rick Broun - General Manager, Philip Webster - Hydrogeologist, Al Broun – Geologist, P.G. 4845, Keaton Hoelscher - Geo-Tech & Tressy Gumbert – Office Administrator

- **Board Roll Call:**

Rick Broun:

- Roll call, a quorum of the Board is present.

- **Presentation Regarding the Jacob's Well Special Management Zone Recommendations**

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Acknowledged members of the Jacobs Well Project Stakeholders group and Technical Group to include, Commissioners Lon Shell and Will Conley, Joe Day, Robert Mace, Ashley with WWSA, Garrett Allen, Jeff Watson, Marcus Gary, Dough Wierman, Brian Hunt and Brian Smith

Marcus Gary:

- Presented a Hydrogeologic Evaluation for Jacob's Well & Scientific Technical Committee Report

- **General Comments from Board & Staff**

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Will be attending a Cypress Creek Work Shop tomorrow.

- **General Managers Report**

Rick Broun:

- There were 28 new Public Water Connections submitted in June, 365 YTD and 7 RV water connections YTD.
- There were 6 new wells registered in June, 50 YTD.
- EP Cow Creek Dedicated Monitoring Well update: On Monday, July 15th the District received the revised copy of the easement agreement between HTGCD and the Burton family. The updated copy has been sent to Greg Ellis for review. The Goal is to drill and complete the well this year.
- 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 four educational videos which have been made available on the District's website.
- 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.
- 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 condition "No Drought". The Palmer Drought Severity Index map indicates "Near Normal" conditions.
- As of July 15, the District's drought trigger, the Pedemales River, indicates 60 plus consecutive days of flow above stage Alarm and the Blanco River indicate 60 plus consecutive days of flow above drought stage Alarm.
- The drought recommendation for western Hays County is to remain in Drought Stage 1 No Drought.
- Comparing June to July, water level averages were down 5.3' north of Camp Ben McCulloch and down 5.6' south of Camp Ben McCulloch.

- **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 19, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes**

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Postpone until John Worrall is present.

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- **Science Update**

Philip Webster:

- Has been working with AI on various projects.

Keaton Hoelscher:

- The District received 2 new TCEQ packets – Arrow Head Phase 4 and Texas Regional Bank of Dripping Springs

- **General Public Comment(s): None**

Discussion Only

Item #7 – Hays County Commissioners Court Groundwater Task Force

Lon Shell:

- The Groundwater Task Force was put together to help the county understand what is going on with groundwater modeling and to help identify local needs.

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- The last modeling done by the Texas Water Development Board was in 2005 and based on sectors of 1 square mile. The hope is that the next model will focus on smaller sectors.

Public Comment(s): None

Item #5 – HTGCD Drought Triggers

Board & Staff:

Philip Webster:

- The recommendation for the drought triggers is to drop the Pedernales River and pick up the Dedicated Skipton Monitoring well as the trigger. Remove the 30 consecutive days to go into a drought stage and reduce the 60 consecutive days to 30 consecutive days to come out of a drought stage.

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- Put Drought Triggers on next month's agenda for "Discussion and Possible Action".

Public Comment(s): None

Item #6 – Update from the Dripping Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant Utility Commission Representative

Roger Kew:

- The commissioners were to meet on July 10th to tour plant that meeting had to be postponed.
- Positioning of lines was discussed during the public meeting held on Monday the 15th.
- The next meeting is scheduled to take place at the Dripping Springs City hall on the 2nd Wednesday in August at 4:00p.m.

Public Comment(s): None

Discussion & Possible Action

Item #9 – Black Market Wedding Venue

Board & Staff:

Rick Broun:

- District staff visited the well site to do a final inspection; we collected a water level and took a picture of the meter.

Public Comment(s): None

Item #10 – Education & Outreach

Board & Staff:

Holly Fults:

- Plan is to target and get involved in local activities and events to educate the public on groundwater.

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Public Comment(s): None

7:20 p.m.: Break

7:35 p.m.: Into Executive Session

7:51 p.m.: Reconvene into Regular Session.

Item #8 – Hiring an Administrative Assistant

Board & Staff:

Linda Kaye Rogers:

- o No votes taken or decisions made during Executive Session.

Public Comment(s): None

Motion:

Holly Fults: Rick and Tressy work to update the job description and responsibilities and begin the interview process

Jeff Shaw: Seconded

Amend Motion:

Jeff Shaw: Amend the motion, adding that the salary be set at \$36,000.

Doc Jones: Seconded

Vote: 4-0 In Favor (Linda Kaye Rogers, Doc Jones, Holly Fults & Jeff Shaw) Motion passes.

Approved: Linda Kaye Rogers , President: Aug 27 - 2019
Linda Kaye Rogers

Approved: John Worrall , Secretary/Treasurer: Aug. 27 2019
John Worrall