



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

**Meeting Date: Thursday, August 6, 2020  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Teleconference**

**The Hays Trinity Groundwater District Board of Directors met in a Public Meeting and Hearing and was called to order by the President, Linda Kaye Rogers, at 6:01 p.m.**

**The initial quorum call was answered as follows:** Linda Kaye Rogers, President; Holly Fults, Vice President; John Worrall, Secretary/Treasurer; Doc Jones, Director; Jeff Shaw, Director.

**A quorum was present.**

**Staff Present:** Charlie Flatten, General Manager; Philip Webster, Hydrogeologist; Keaton Hoelscher, Geo-Technician; Laura Thomas, Office Administrator.

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**General Comments and Announcements from Board & Staff:**

- President Rogers recognized District Staff for their extra effort and hard work while the District was without an Administrator.

**General Public Comment(s):** Jimmy Skipton

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**General Manager's Report:**

Charlie Flatten:

- Kinder Morgan Pipeline update. County and HTGCD Staff will observe 3 Hays County road boring sites.
- Continuing to receive voluntary well registrations of previously unregistered wells in the 5 mile KM pipeline ROW.
- Braatwurst Ground/Surface Water Interaction Model Phase II – grant process moving forward.
- Jacob's Well/Zara led dye tracing project being developed, Zara/Meadows/HTGCD/BSEACD are participants.
- Introduced new HTGCD Office Administrator, Laura Thomas.
- Election planning continues for Places 2 and 4.
- Continuing to work on website improvements.
- Request in to TWDB to participate in regional flood planning groups.
- Water Vision 2021 (Education & Outreach) RFP Response.
- July 2020: 18 new well registrations, 78 new public water supply connections (one WSC moved to quarterly payments).

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**Status of Drought Briefing:**

Charlie Flatten:

- As of July 31, the drought triggers at the Pedernales River and Blanco River remain below drought levels. However, if weather conditions persist for the next 22 consecutive days, the entire District will be in drought.
- The Palmer Hydrologic Drought Index (NOAA) shows Severe Drought conditions for all of Hays County.
- The Jacobs Well Spring 10-Day average discharge rate as of July 1, 2020 is 4.129cfs, resulting in 20% curtailment for the JWGMZ by rule.

**Science Update:**

Keaton Hoelscher:

- 27 new existing-well registrations along the path of the KM Pipeline following District letter.
- District received notice of the 'Driftwood Club Core Phases 1 & 2;' Preparing TCEQ response.
- District received notice of the 'Bell Electric' project; Responded to TCEQ July 29.
- Election filing period open through August 17. Election must be ordered before August 17.
- Became Notary Public.
- Biannual testing of monitor wells completed with Philip.

Philip Webster:

- Burton Well report in last iteration of review.
- BSEACD funded Isotope sampling of 5 HTGCD wells, valuable data.
- Took samples of certain Deer Creek wells, determined issues (Iron, Sulphur) not related to pipeline.
- Al Broun extraordinary collection of well cutting samples and detailed notes turned over to Bureau of Economic Geology at UT Austin.

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**Consent Items**

**(John Worrall Absent Due to Technical Difficulties, 6:38pm).**

**President Rogers** stated that until we can get Director Worrall back in the meeting, we will move ahead to other business. The Public Hearing will be postponed until next meeting, so Agenda Items 1 & 2 will not be heard tonight.

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**Discussion and Possible Action**

**Item 1.** Postponed

**Item 2.** Postponed

**Item 4. Order #201 to Change JWGMZ Drought Stage to 20%**

**Board and Staff Discussion:**

President Rogers asked for General Manager Flatten to state what triggers the 20% cfs curtailment. GM Flatten stated that any amount below 5cfs on average for a ten-day running period the last ten days of the month trigger the curtailment and that July 1 was recorded at 4.129cfs. President Rogers asked if small rain event changed numbers later in month. Staff Hydrogeologist Philip Webster stated that flow is stable at around 4cfs and that the rain event would have been caught in the August 3 ten-day average.

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**Motion:**

Director Jones moved to accept Order #201 to change the Drought Stage to 20% in the Jacobs Well Groundwater Management Zone. Holly Fults seconded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Doc Jones, Jeff Shaw, Holly Fults, Linda Kaye Rogers

Nay: None

Absent: John Worrall.

**Item 3. Outreach and Education: 2021 Water Vision Consultant Recommendation**

**Board and Staff Discussion:**

Vice President Fults delivered a thorough presentation of the 2021 Strategic Water Vision project and recommends naming Ledbetter & Associates with Carollo Engineers as the project Consultant.

**(John Worrall now Present, 6:49pm)**

Director Worrall offered support for the project and its benefit to the District; praised Vice President Fults for her extensive work on the project on behalf of HTGCD; and thanked General Manager Flatten for his good work as well. Director Worrall expressed his support for moving forward quickly for the best benefit to District. Board Members and GM Flatten discussed funding options and working with consultants to find cost reductions. Vice President Fults asked the Board if they have questions for Mitzi Ellison, Project Manager, Nancy Ledbetter & Associates. Director Shaw invited Mitzi Ellison to address Board. Mitzi Ellison expressed thanks to the Committee and Board, expressed enthusiasm for and confidence in Project and her willingness to work with Board to right-size the scope to reduce costs.

**President Rogers** called a Special Meeting of the Board to be August 13, 2020 at 6:00pm via Teleconference to approve selection of consultant and proposal for the 2021 Water Vision and to approve the Order of Election.

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**Consent Items:**

**Item #1: Approval of Bank Reconciliations & Monthly Invoices**

**Item #2: Approval of June Financial Reports, Balance Sheets and, Budget to Actual Report**

**Item #3: Approval of July 2, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Board & Staff Discussion:**

Secretary/Treasurer Worrall discussed Item 1 & Item 2 and stated Staff have done a commendable job reducing expenses. Stated that Expense and Revenue is in pretty good shape. Looked for approval of items 1, 2, 3.

**Motion:**

Jeff Shaw moves to approve Consent Items 1, 2, 3. Doc Jones seconded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Doc Jones, Jeff Shaw, Holly Fults, Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall.

Nay: None

Absent: None.

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**Adjournment**

**Motion:**

Doc Jones moves to adjourn. Jeff Shaw seconded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Doc Jones, Jeff Shaw, Holly Fults, Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall.

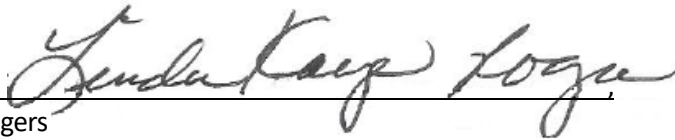
Nay: None

Absent: None.

**Meeting Adjourned, 7:36 p.m.**

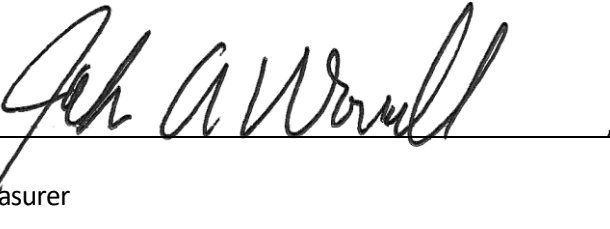
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Approved:



Linda Kaye Rogers  
President

Approved:



John Worrall  
Secretary/Treasurer