



Minutes for Regular Meeting of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District

**Meeting Date: Thursday, October 1, 2020
Time: 6:00 pm
Via Teleconference**

Pursuant to notice posted September 28, 2020, the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors met in a Public Meeting and was called to order by the President, Linda Kaye Rogers, at 6:03 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.

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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Public Comment(s): None.
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General Manager's Report:

Charlie Flatten:

- HTGCD Burton Dedicated Monitoring Well: Summary of Drilling Operations and Well Evaluation - Technical Report 2020-0908 is complete.
- Kinder Morgan Pipeline Site Visit Report- HTGCD Report 2020-0915 is complete.
- DRAFT 2021 Groundwater Management Report required by statute is in review at TWDB. The Board will have to approve the final Draft.
- Produced and delivered legally vetted invited testimony on the House Natural Resource Committee's Interim Charge "Emerging Issues in Groundwater and Surface Water Interaction, in Particular in Areas of Increasing Competition for Scarce Resources."
- Newspaper article in Nov. 9 Wimberley View.
- A Kinder Morgan funded Dye Trace Study by the Blanco Pedernales GCD has been cancelled due to refusal of property owners to allow access to properties.
- September 2020: 11 new well registrations, 13 new single-family public water supply connections.

Status of Drought Briefing:

Charlie Flatten: As of September 30, our drought triggers at:

- Pedernales River at Johnson City and the Blanco River at Wimberley are currently running in drought stage. Staff recommends the Board remain in 20% Alarm Drought Stage.
- The Palmer Hydrologic Drought Index (NOAA) shows Severe Drought conditions for all of Hays County.
- Jacobs Well Spring 10-Day average discharge rate as of September 1, 2020 is 4.14-cfs, resulting in a drop to 20% curtailment for the JWGMZ, by rule.

Science Update:

Keaton Hoelscher:

- TCEQ Project Notices Received: Bannockburn Baptist Church and Iconic.
- Election Map on website. Early voting begins October 13.
- August Water Level Report: Monitor Wells showing historically low water levels in NW portion of District. With recent rainfall, water levels rose modestly throughout District.

Consent Items

- 1. Approval of Bank Reconciliations & Monthly Invoices**
- 2. Approval of July Financial Reports, Balance Sheets and, Budget to Actual Report**
- 3. Approval of August 6 and 13, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes**

After brief discussion, the following motions were made:

Motions:

Director Jones moved to approve Consent Item 1. VP Fults seconded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Director Jeff Shaw.

Director Jones moved to approve Consent Item 2. VP Fults seconded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Director Shaw.

VP Fults moved to approve Consent Item 3. Director Jones seconded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Director Shaw.

Discussion and Possible Action

- 1. Approval of *Al Broun Cuttings Collection* donation to University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology:**

Board and Staff Discussion:

After discussion of his years of dedication to the District, the high caliber and vast breadth of the hydrogeologic research he performed, the acceptance of his cuttings collection and data by the esteemed University of Texas, and discussion of ways to further recognize his accomplishments and demonstrate a deep and enduring appreciation by the District for Mr. Brown, the following motion was made:

Motion:

Treasurer/Secretary Worrell moved to approve the donation of the Al Broun Cuttings Collection to the Bureau of Economic Geology and to seek formal recognition for Mr. Broun’s work for the District. Vice President Fults seconded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall, Doc Jones, Holly Fults
Nay: None
Absent: Director Shaw.

2. Approval of DRAFT 2021 Budget for Public Hearing on Nov. 5, 2020.

After discussing adjustments to the draft budget based on commentary during the last meeting, the following motion was made:

Motion:

Treasurer/Secretary Worrall moved approval of the DRAFT 2021 Budget as presented for the upcoming public comment period. Director Jones seconded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall, Doc Jones, Holly Fults
Nay: None
Absent: Director Shaw.

3. BSEACD JWGMZ Monitor Well ILA extension:

Board and Staff Discussion: GM Flatten explained Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District's request to extend the timeline of the Interlocal Agreement through August 2021.

Motion:

Treasurer/Secretary Worrall moved approval for the extension of the BSEACD JWGMZ Monitor Well ILA. VP Fults seconded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Holly Fults, Doc Jones, Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall
Nay: None
Absent: Director Shaw.

4. Item removed from Agenda for legal review.

5. Order #207 to change JWGMZ Drought Stage to 20% Curtailment:

Board and Staff Discussion: Director Jones asked Philip Webster, staff Hydrogeologist, to remind the Board how permit holders in the Zone are notified of drought stage changes. Discussion followed as to the number of methods (email, press releases, newspaper, signs, etc.) used by the District to communicate drought stage changes with permit holders and the community.

Motion:

Treasurer/Secretary Worrall moved to approve Order #207. Director Jones seconded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Doc Jones, Holly Fults, Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall
Nay: None
Absent: Director Shaw.

Executive Session

At 6:52pm, on Direction of the President and Pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551, including Section 551.071 and 551.074, the Board and GM Flatten moved into Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item #6: General Manager Evaluation and Compensation.

No Action was taken.

7:49p.m.: Reconvened from Executive Session.

Discussion Only

7. DRAFT 2021 Groundwater Management Plan:

Board and Staff Discussion: General Manager Flatten stated that District Staff has completed and turned in to the Texas Water Development Board the first draft of the 2021 Groundwater Management Plan. This is the 5-Year planning document required and reviewed by the TWDB. It is a big project, and staff look forward to TWDB returning it in a timely manner so that it may appear on the District's December hearing agenda.

8. Standstill Agreement with DSWSC:

Board and Staff Discussion: Treasurer/Secretary Worrell updated the Board on the latest meeting and that all are continuing to stand still; communicated DSWSC interest in being part of the Water Vision 2021 stakeholder group, which will provide valuable feedback for a thorough report; and discussed hope for a collaborative effort to work towards solutions.

10. Water Vision 2021 Status Report:

Board and Staff Discussion: VP Fults gave a brief update on project status: stakeholder group being identified; initial survey should go out mid-October; intent that stakeholder meetings begin in November. Treasurer/Secretary Worrall expressed intent that Board be available and open for feedback from stakeholder group and community and show Board's strong commitment to this collaborative process.

Future Agenda Items: President Rogers brought attention to Board Meeting schedule for the remainder of the year. Possibility of a Special Meeting on October 22 during business hours to discuss Notices of Alleged Violations with remaining two permittees. Regular November meeting/hearing will be the Thursday following the General Election, and Board will hold swearing in of directors and election of officers.

Motion to Adjourn:

Director Jones moved to adjourn. VP Fults seconded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

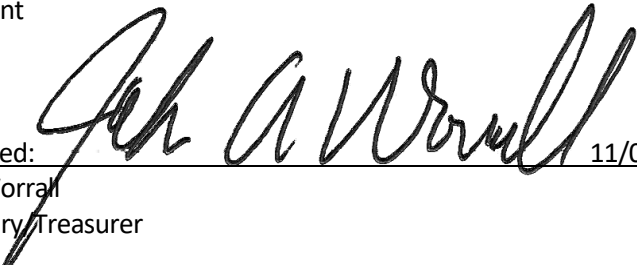
Aye: Doc Jones, John Worrall, Holly Fults, Linda Kaye Rogers

Nay: None

Absent: Director Shaw

Meeting Adjourned, 8:18 p.m.

Approved:  11/05/2020
Linda Kaye Rogers
President

Approved:  11/05/2020
John Worrall
Secretary/Treasurer