Minutes for Special Meeting of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021
Time: 6:00 pm
Via Teleconference

Pursuant to notice posted January 20, 2021, the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors met in a Public Meeting and was called to order by the President, Holly Fults, at 6:03 p.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Holly Fults, President; Linda Kaye Rogers, Vice President; John Worrall, Secretary/Treasurer; Doc Jones, Director; James "Toby" Shelton, Director.

A quorum was present.

Staff Present: Charlie Flatten, General Manager; Philip Webster, Hydrogeologist; Laura Thomas, Office Administrator.

Public Comment(s): Paul Polhemus, Wimberley Water Supply Corporation (WWSC); Gail Pigg, WWSC; Mark Key, Dripping Springs Water Supply Corporation Board of Directors, speaking on his own behalf; Jimmy Skipton.

Announcements: President Fults mentioned that Texas Water Development Board has grants open, including SWIFT Grants . Also noted that City of Woodcreek is seeking comment on growth at its January 28 meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action

1. Proposed draft amendments to the District Enabling Act

Following Public Comment and Board and Staff Discussion, the following motions were made.

a. Secretary/Treasurer Worrall moved that the Board include in the proposed legislation to move forward with a water service connection fee based on the American Water Works Association (AWWA) utility meter-size and assessed according to a schedule based on meter size with a maximum base fee of $1000. Vice President Rogers seconded.

Maximum base fee equals $1,000.00		
Meter Size	Multiplier	Total Fee
5/8"	1.0	$
3/4"	1.5	$
1"	2.5	$
1.5"	5.0	$
2"	8.0	$
3"	16.0	$
4"	25.0	$

The motion prevailed by the following vote:
Aye: Doc Jones, Holly Fults, Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall, James "Toby" Shelton

Nay: None
Absent: None.

b. Secretary/Treasurer Worrall moved that the Board include in the proposed legislation that the District may assess production fees as authorized by Section 36.205 Water Code, that the District may not charge for an annual period a production fee greater than 25 cents per 1,000 gallons authorized to be withdrawn under a permit issued by the District. Vice President Rogers seconded.
The motion prevailed by the following vote:
Aye: Doc Jones, Holly Fults, Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall
Nay: James "Toby" Shelton
Absent: None.

c. Vice President Rogers moved that the Board include in the proposed legislation that a well owner of a well used for commercial agricultural use shall register the well with the district, install a meter that meets district standards for accuracy, and annually report the total amount of groundwater production from the well on a form approved by the district. Director Shelton seconded.
The motion prevailed by the following vote:
Aye: Doc Jones, Holly Fults, Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall, James "Toby" Shelton
Nay: None
Absent: None.

d. Vice President Rogers moved that the Board include in the proposed legislation three items to repeal from the District's enabling legislation in order to better conform with other groundwater districts, these being the prohibition on the District's ability to establish well constructions standards for residential wells; the duplicative uniform election date requirement that already exists in current election law; and the requirement that County Commissioners delegate new District Directors in the event of a vacated position. Director Jones seconded.
The motion prevailed by the following vote:
Aye: Doc Jones, Holly Fults, Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall, James "Toby" Shelton
Nay: None
Absent: None.

No other motions were made.

Motion to Adjourn:

Vice President Rogers moved to adjourn. Director Jones seconded.
The motion prevailed by the following vote:
Aye: Doc Jones, John Worrall, Holly Fults, Linda Kaye Rogers, James "Toby" Shelton
Nay: None
Absent: None.

Meeting Adjourned, 9:18 p.m.

Approved: Holly Fults 2/04/2021
Holly Fults, President

Approved: John A Worrall 2/04/2021
John Worrall, Treasurer/Secretary