Minutes for Regular Meeting of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021
Time: 6:00 pm
Via Videoconference

Pursuant to notice posted March 1, 2021, the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors met in a Public Hearing & Meeting and was called to order by the President, Holly Fults, at 6:02 p.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Holly Fults, President; John Worrall, Secretary/Treasurer; Doc Jones, Director.

A quorum was present.

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

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Public Comment(s): None.

Invited Comment: Water Wise Speaker Series: James Grizzard, Harvest Rain; Greg Ellis.

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Water Wise Speaker Series: James Grizzard of Harvest Rain gave an excellent presentation on scalable rainwater harvesting systems, highlighting three large-scale catchment systems. This was the first of the District's new bimonthly speaker series.

Announcements: None.

General Manager's Report, Charlie Flatten:

- Introduction of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District's bi-monthly 2021-2022 Water Wise Speakers Series. The next presentation will be by Hays County Master Naturalists on Drought Tolerant Landscaping and will be held at the beginning of the May Board meeting.
- The EDF's JWGMZ article Groundwater in Texas: Case Studies of Effective Management was featured in the TAGD February 2021 Newsletter
- February 2021: 15 new well registrations, 6 new single-family public water supply connections.

Status of Drought Briefing: Our drought triggers at:

- As of March 3, 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.
- Jacobs Well Spring 10-Day average discharge rate as of February 28, 2021 is 2.2 cfs -- remaining in a 30% curtailment for the JWGMZ by rule.

- The Palmer Hydrologic Drought Index (NOAA) shows persistent moderate drought conditions for all of Hays County. NOAA 3-month weather forecast predict below average rainfall and above average temperatures. Polar Vortex brought second coldest week in Texas: coldest week in 1983.
- The District encourages a variety of groundwater conservation measures, including the cultivation of deep-rooted native grasses and robust rainwater storage systems. See more on our website.

Monitor Run Update, Keaton Hoelscher:

- February Monitoring Run Feb. 24/25 later than usual due to Polar Vortex freeze. Most wells showed stability from previous month, with a small decrease in Henly area wells.

Science Update:

- Developing studies about Trinity recharge from Barton Creek watershed.
- Finishing up pumping scenario modeling tool.
- Investigating potential surface water contributions to the Trinity Aquifer throughout Goldenwood and neighboring areas.
- Developing map of the District showing historical water level percentiles for the current month with a brief description and explanation. Also assesses surface water and springs flow health with a brief description and explanation.
- Assessing details of our monitoring network with goal is to add 2 more transducer monitoring wells.

Financial Report, Charlie Flatten:

- GM Flatten provided 2020 Financial Report.

6:58pm Vice President Rogers now Present.

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Consent Items

1. **Approval of February 2021 Bank Reconciliations & Monthly Invoices**
2. **Approval of January 2021 Financial Reports, Balance Sheets and, Budget to Actual Report**
3. **Approval of February 4, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**

After brief discussion, the following motions were made:

VP Rogers moved to approve Consent Items 1 through 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 Shelton.

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Discussion and Possible Action

1. Set scheduling guidelines for future Speaker Series to satisfy public notice and quorum requirements

No changes or action taken.

2. Approve Draft *Rule 15 Amendments* for publication and schedule a Public Hearing

Following discussion about potential adjustments to the rule, the following motion was made:

VP Rogers moved to propose amendments to Rule 15 for the purpose of obtaining public comment and call a Public Hearing on April 1, 2021. Secretary/Treasurer Worrall seconded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:
Aye: Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall, Doc Jones, Holly Fults
Nay: None
Absent: Director Shelton.

Discussion Only

3. Legislative Update: Greg Ellis talked about groundwater related bills filed at the Tex. Legislature.

4. Standstill Agreement with DSWSC status report: Communications continuing, discussed need to better understand growth and need for water availability workgroup.

Future Agenda Items:

5. Public Hearing/Action on Rule 15 Changes

Motion to Adjourn:

Director Jones moved to adjourn. Secretary/Treasurer Worrall seconded.
The motion prevailed by the following vote:
Aye: Doc Jones, John Worrall, Holly Fults, Linda Kaye Rogers,
Nay: None
Absent: Director Shelton.

Meeting Adjourned, 8:57 p.m.

Approved: Holly Fults 04/01/2021
Holly Fults
President

Approved: John A Worrall 04/01/2021
John Worrall
Secretary/Treasurer