**Minutes for Regular Meeting of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District**

**Meeting Date: Thursday, August 5, 2021**
**Time: 5:00 pm**
**Via Videoconference**

**Pursuant to notices posted August 2, 2021, the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors met in a Public Meeting and was called to order by the Vice President, Linda Kaye Rogers, at 5:00 p.m.**

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

**A quorum was present.**

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

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

**Invited Comment:** Greg Ellis.

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**Announcements: None.**

**General Manager's Report:**

- June 2021: 16 new well registrations, 4 new single-family public water supply connections.
- District letter of support written to Hays County Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Commission and the DS City Council in support of the DS Parks Department and the importance of the Rathgeber Park on recharge quality and quantity.
- Permit Application Update, and reminder that new permit and permit amendment apps are on website
- Development Update

**Status of Drought Briefing:** Our drought triggers:

- As of August 4, drought triggers at Pedernales River at Johnson City and the Blanco River at Wimberley have moved out of drought stage. Staff recommends District move into No Drought stage.
- Jacobs Well Spring 10-Day average discharge rate as of July 31, 2021 is 4.25 cfs – remain at 20% curtailment for the JWGMZ, by rule.
- The Palmer Hydrologic Drought Index (NOAA) shows a state of no atmospheric or agricultural drought conditions through September 2021 for Hays County. NOAA summer outlook predicts a 33% chance that average rainfall rates in August will be higher than those typically observed and average temperatures will be cooler (but might not *feel* cooler) than those typically observed at that time of year.
- The District encourages a variety of groundwater conservation measures, including the cultivation of deep-rooted native grasses and robust rainwater storage systems.

**Monitor Run and Science Update:**

- July Monitoring Run: July 14 and 15. Most wells increased slightly, 1-5 feet in levels, with NW area of District showing slight increases but generally remaining around the same low levels.
- July Aquifer and Surface Water Condition report as well as Middle Trinity Historical Percentile maps, updated to eliminate sliding baseline.
- Working on project combining Unit 3 mapping with flow measurements, water quality, and water level data to investigate the relationship between Barton Creek and the Trinity Aquifer.
- Regional Recharge Study Zone: Collecting water level data from about 60 wells through the Blanco and Cypress Creek watershed and Comal Co. to develop a Middle Trinity and Lower Trinity potentiometric surface map.
- Investigating potential surface water contributions to the Trinity Aquifer throughout Goldenwood and neighboring areas.
- On July 2nd, the District received notice of the 'Caliterra Phase 4 Section 12' project. The site is located SW of Misty Meadow and Premier Park Loop. It is described as the development of a 42-family residential lot covering roughly 65 acres within the Caliterra Subdivision. The District is working on its response to the TCEQ regarding this project.
- On July 13th, the District was notified of the 'Dripping Springs Commercial' project. This one is located at the intersection of Arrowhead Ranch Blvd. & Hwy. 290. It is a proposed 6.65-acre commercial lot used for a gas station and retail buildings. The District has not yet responded to the TCEQ about this project.
- On July 16th, the District received notice of the 'Bunker Ranch Cottages East' project, located near the intersection of Bunker Ranch Blvd. and Hwy. 290. It's described as the 3.65-acre development of residential garden homes with the typical associated impervious cover and water quality controls. The District has not yet responded to the TCEQ regarding this project.

**Consent Items**

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

After brief discussion, the following motions were made:
Director Jones moved to approve Consent Items 1 through 3. VP Rogers seconded.
The motion prevailed by the following vote:
Aye: Doc Jones, Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall,
Nay: None
Absent: Holly Fults, Toby Shelton.

**Discussion and Possible Action**

**4. Approval of Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer CD ILA Extension**

After GM Flatten explained the need for the extension being due to delays in acquiring well casing, which is due to global supply chain issues, the following motion was made:

Director Jones moved that the District approve the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer CD ILA Extension.
Treasurer/Secretary Worrall seconded.
The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**5. DSWSC Status Report**

Tabled due to absence of Subcommittee members.

**6. Drought Status Changes:**

Treasurer/Secretary Worrall moved that the District (with the exception of the JWGMZ) move into No Drought stage. Director Jones seconded.
The motion prevailed by the following vote:
Aye: Doc Jones, Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall,
Nay: None
Absent: Holly Fults, Toby Shelton.

**7. Redistricting**

No action taken.

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**Discussion Only**

**8. Jacobs Well Groundwater Management Zone Status Report**

GM Flatten updated the Board and attendees on the progress of the JWGMZ Rule 15 implementation.

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**Future Agenda Items:**
**9. Federal Holiday Update, Addition of Juneteenth to observed holidays**
**10. Water Wise Speaker Series: Wimberley One Water School – Innovative Conservation Design, Nik Dornak**

**Motion to Adjourn:**

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

**Meeting Adjourned, 5:48 p.m.**

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Approved: Linda Kaye Rogers 08/05/2021
Linda Kaye Rogers
Vice President

Approved: John A Worrall 08/05/2021
John Worrall
Secretary/Treasurer