



Minutes for Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District

**Meeting Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021
Time: 5:00 pm
Sunset Canyon Baptist Church**

Pursuant to notices posted October 14 and November 1, 2021, the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors met in a Public Hearing & Meeting and was called to order by the Vice President, Linda Kay Rogers, at 5:05 p.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: 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; Keaton Hoelscher, Geo Technician.

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General Public Comment(s): Bill Davis.

Public Hearing Comment(s): Bill Davis.
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Announcements: Reminder that GMA 9 will hold a public meeting November 15, 10am in Boerne at Cow Creek GCD.

General Manager's Report:

- October 2021: 10 new well registrations, 7 new single-family public water supply connections.
- Update on Groundwater Management Area 9 (GMA 9).
- 2020 HTGCD financial audit completed by Neffendorf & Blocker with no suggestions.
- Regions K&L beginning new 5-Year planning cycles.
- GMA 10 approved 2021 Explanatory Report.
- Q3 Investment Report.
- Website project: testing stage due Dec. 1.

Status of Drought Briefing: Our drought triggers at:

- As of November 1, drought triggers at Pedernales River at Johnson City and the Blanco River at Wimberley remain out of drought stage. Staff recommends District remain in Voluntary Conservation Stage.
- Jacobs Well Spring 10-Day average discharge rate as of November 1, 2021 is 11.4 cfs – move to Voluntary curtailment for the JWGMZ.
- The Palmer Hydrologic Drought Index (NOAA) is in a state of no **atmospheric** drought conditions for Hays County. NOAA 3-month weather forecast predicts that average rainfall rates will be lower and average temperatures will be higher than those typically observed. NOAA indicates return of La Nina pattern.

- 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:

- October Monitoring Run: October 20 and 21. Wells in NW area of District remain near historically low levels.
- Regional Recharge Study Zone: workplan developed outlining projects and data collection plans.
- Updated Aquifer & Surface Water Conditions maps with October 2021 data. These are posted on website and included in this Agenda posting on the website in the Science Report document.
- Philip gave thorough presentation of the initial results from the summer 2021 science project which focused on the Regional Recharge Study Zone in the southwestern portion of the District. The presentation included potentiometric maps created from data produced during the study. Philip will post the results of the study on the District website once final review is complete.

Consent Items

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

After brief discussion, including a note to correct a typo in the minutes, the following motion was made:
 Director Jones moved to approve Consent Items 1 through 3. Director Shelton seconded.
 The motion prevailed by the following vote:
 Aye: Doc Jones, Toby Shelton, Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall
 Nay: None
 Absent: Holly Fults.

Public Hearing 6:00 PM Public Hearing Open

- 4. 2022 Budget Approval:**
Public Comment: Bill Davis.

6:10PM PM Public Hearing Closed

Discussion and Possible Action

- 5. Election of Board Officers:**
 Director Jones moved that the current HTGCD officers be re-elected by acclamation. Director Shelton seconded.
 The motion prevailed by the following vote:
 Aye: Doc Jones, Toby Shelton, Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall
 Nay: None
 Absent: Holly Fults.

- 6. 2022 Budget Approval:**
 Taking into consideration public comment, review and discussion of the 2022 Budget Proposal during the October 2021 board meeting, and review of the 2022 Budget as posted, the following motion was made:
 Treasurer/Secretary Worrall moved that 2022 Budget be approved. Director Jones seconded.
 The motion prevailed by the following vote:
 Aye: Doc Jones, Toby Shelton, Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall
 Nay: None
 Absent: Holly Fults.

7. Drought Status Change:

After GM Flatten stated the trigger condition for the Jacob’s Well Groundwater Management Zone (JWGMZ) had moved into the Voluntary Curtailment/No Drought condition of 11.14 cubic feet per second (11.14 cfs) for a 10-day running average, the following motion was made:

Treasurer/Secretary Worrall moved that the JWGMZ be moved out of mandatory curtailment and into the Voluntary Curtailment stage and a Board Order be signed reflecting that change. Director Shelton seconded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Doc Jones, Toby Shelton, Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall

Nay: None

Absent: Holly Fults.

8. JWGMZ Baseline Adjustment for Wimberley Springs Partners: Item 8 was not taken up by the Board.

9. Well Construction Fee Waiver for Two BSEACD Monitor Wells in the JWGMZ:

GM Flatten and Board discussed the benefit of cooperation between neighboring groundwater districts and that Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (BSEACD) is constructing two monitor wells within the JWGMZ at its own expense for the mutual enrichment of aquifer science to both districts and the community.

Director Shelton moved that HTGCD well construction fees for the two BSEACD dedicated monitor wells in the JWGMZ be waived due to the fee amounts being greatly outweighed by the well construction cost savings and scientific benefit to the District, and an HTGCD Board Order be signed reflecting the decision. Director Jones seconded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aye: Doc Jones, Toby Shelton, Linda Kaye Rogers, John Worrall

Nay: None

Absent: Holly Fults.

10. Public Water Supply Status Report:

GM Flatten and Board discussed production numbers from top ten Public Water Supplies within HTGCD. Numbers were for calendar year 2020 and included groundwater produced, permitted amounts, line loss, and number of connections. No action was taken. Once the numbers have been finally reviewed, the report will be added to the District website.

Motion to Adjourn:

Treasurer/Secretary Worrall moved to adjourn. Director Jones seconded.


The motion prevailed by the following vote:

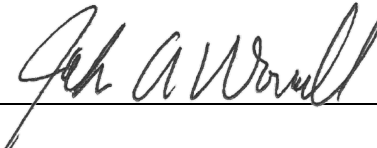
Aye: Doc Jones, John Worrall, Toby Shelton, Linda Kaye Rogers

Nay: None

Absent: Holly Fults.

Meeting Adjourned, 6:34 p.m.

Approved:  12/02/2021
Linda Kaye Rogers
Vice President

Approved:  12/02/2021
John Worrall
Secretary/Treasurer