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

**Meeting Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021**
**Time: 5:00 pm**
Hays County Extension Office (Meeting Room)
200 Stillwater Rd, Wimberley, TX 78676

**Pursuant to notice posted November 29, 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 5:00 p.m.**

**The initial quorum call was answered as follows:** Holly Fults, 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; Keaton Hoelscher, Geo Technician; Laura Thomas, Assistant General Manager.

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

**Announcements:** None.

**General Manager's Report:**

- November 2021: 10 new well registrations, 4 new single-family public water supply connections reported.
- New website testing phase due any day; live website in January with comprehensive interactive GIS map.
- GMA 9 and 10 have approved their Explanatory Reports in recent public meetings.
- WTCPUA to receive more water from LCRA.
- Dripping Springs development moratorium extended 3 months.
- Horseshoe Ridge RV completed two wells into the Lower Trinity. Developer adding a monitor well into the Middle Trinity to measure any effects on the MT caused by new LT wells. Aquifer tests next.
- Redistricting - awaiting new County voting precinct maps. Expected soon.

**Status of Drought Briefing:**

- As of December 2, drought triggers at Pedernales River at Johnson City and the Blanco River at Wimberley remain out of drought and in the Voluntary Conservation stage.
- Jacobs Well Spring 10-Day average discharge rate as of December 1, 2021 is 11.21 cfs – remain at Voluntary curtailment for the JWGMZ.
- The Palmer Hydrologic Drought Index (NOAA) shows a state of no atmospheric or agricultural drought conditions for Hays County. NOAA outlook predicts a 40% chance that December rainfall rates will be lower than those typically observed and seasonal rainfall will be lower than normal. NOAA predicts average temperatures to be warmer 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.

**5:23pm:** Linda Kaye Rogers, Vice President, now present.

**Monitor Run and Science Update:**

- November Monitoring Run: November 17 and 18. Most wells saw slight increase, except NW area of District showing decreases of 1-5 feet from last month.
- Keaton's year-long study of Northwest Hays County monitor wells shows that despite high rainfall, wells show *significantly reduced* recovery compared to similar years of rainfall following drought. The report will be added to district website.
- Philip's November Aquifer and Surface Water Condition report as well as Middle Trinity Historical Percentile maps are updated. 72% of the District remains below the 30$^{th}$ percentile of historic water levels!
- Investigating potential surface water contributions to Middle Trinity in Goldenwood area data collection to begin. Very positive community response to outreach.
- Update on Horseshoe Ridge RV and Mirasol.
- Continuing work on modeling tool.
- BRATWURST tech meeting scheduled for January.

**5:31pm:** Video/audio recorder ran out of battery. A short delay followed while the cord was located and plugged in. No discussion or action occurred until the recording began again at 5:34pm.

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**Consent Items**

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

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

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**Discussion and Possible Action**

4. **Proposed Amendment: Rule 3.10 for future Public Hearing:**

After brief discussion of potential changes to Rule 3.10, no action was taken.

5. **Drought Status Changes:**

Not taken up: no drought status changes to consider.

6. **Public Water Supply Status Report:**

Board and Staff discussed production status, line loss, and connection information of public water supplies within the District. Board asked for comprehensive list of types of line loss. Board interested in end-of-year check of production against DFC. Board asked for additional request to DSWSC for

timely payment and accounting of escrowed fees. Board asked what percentage of total permitted water these top ten producers represent and same for actual production.

**7. GM 2022 Incentive:**

Considered in Executive Session.

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**Executive Session**

At 6:45pm, 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 #7: GM 2022 Incentive.

No Action was taken.

7:41p.m.: Reconvened from Executive Session.

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**Discussion Only**

**8. Fee Adjustment:**

Board and Staff discussed current fees, cost to the district of accepting credit card payment, and legislature being unwilling to consider funding structure changes when district fees were not at allowed maximums. Following Board and Staff discussion of potential fee changes, no action was taken.

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**Future (Possible) Agenda Items:**

Water Wise Speakers Series: Benefits of Land Conservation on Water Resource, HELM Program (February); 2022 GM Incentive; Public Water Supply Line Loss; DFC Process; Modeling; Waste.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

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

**Meeting Adjourned, 8:03 p.m.**

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Approved: Holly Fults 01/06/2022
Holly Fults
President

Approved: John A Worrall 01/06/2022
John Worrall
Secretary/Treasurer