

**Hays Trinity Groundwater
Conservation District,
Hays County, Texas**

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Minutes of a Workshop of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District

A Workshop of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District was held for HTGCD Staff and Board

On: Thursday, June 11, 2009

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Place: Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District Offices and Boardroom

Located at: 14101 Hwy 290 W, Bldg 100, Suite 212, Austin, TX 78737

The purpose of the workshop is to give new staff and board members of the HTGCD an overview of the District, discuss historical projects, the status of current tasks, identify future priorities and potential resources, and effective ways of communicating with constituents of the District.

The following subjects were considered for discussion and/or action at said workshop:

6:00pm: Workshop Opens

Present: Jack A. Hollon (Interim Secretary/Treasurer), David G. Baker, Greg F. Nesbitt

Absent: Andrew H. Backus (President), Douglas A. Wierman (Vice President)

- 1) **Board & Staff Announcements:**
 - DGB announced:
 - Attended Woodcreek City Hall Meeting with JAH, and WS re: Aqua TX Drought letter
 - JAH announced:
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 - o Woodcreek City Hall meeting with DGB and WS re Aqua TX Drought letter
 - o BSEAD Drought Meeting
 - DRC announced:
 - Newly Elected Board Members have until 8/28/09 to take online training for:
 - o Open Meetings and Public Information Requests
 - o Groundwater 101 Training will be offered in College Station in October 2009

- 2) **Overview of the District and Historical Review:**
 - JAH offered a summary of the District functions and its history.
 - DRC showed:
 - TWDB Aquifer Map, GMA 9 Area, District Map, Regional Planning Zones
 - Monthly Monitoring Well Map
 - State Grid Map
 - Single Member District Map
 - PWS CCN map
 - Discussed: Web Site Reporting Capabilities, and Enforcement Issues
 - WS showed Stratigraphic Maps, offered an overview of Gamma Log and Sample process

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3) Compilation and Discussion of District projects, tasks, and priorities:

- GFN shared his priorities and interests:
 - Ran on platform of landowners rights and Conservation
 - Owns two businesses that are reliant on growth to the area (pool and septic construction)
 - Would like to understand "Limited Resource" better
 - o "How much is there?"
 - o "Where is it coming from?"
 - Understands the importance of Infrastructure by being a Member of the Fire Dept., and understands how the infrastructure can save lives.
 - Would like to learn and hear more about:
 - o Rainwater
 - o Surface Water
 - o Groundwater Conjunctive Use
 - o Conservation
 - o Building New Reservoirs
 - o Flood Control
 - o Infrastructure
 - o Desalinization
 - o Growth
- DGB shared his priorities and interests:
 - Primary Reason for running for Single Member District 4
 - o Service to the Community
 - o Property Rights Issues
 - o Correlative Rights – "What is fair based on land size?"
 - o Water Budgeting with Conjunctive Use or GW, SW, RW.
 - o Managed Growth
 - o Planning
 - o Economics
 - o Learning more about the Science
 - o Communicating and listening to the Community
 - o Drought Planning
 - o Sustainability
 - o Moving image of District from Regulation/Control to Listening/Educating

JAH solicited top priorities from Board Members:

Public Relations were a consensus amongst Board Members.

DGB added:

1. Promotion of Conjunctive Use and more Rainwater
2. Grant Writing
3. Establishing Relationships
4. Limiting GW use out of smaller lots (ex 1.5 acres use more RW, less GW)
5. Adopting a line loss rule of under 15%
6. Community Outreach
 - o Surveying the Community
 - o Request a Donation (Data and Funding)
 - o Fundraiser
7. Informational Packets

GFN added:

1. Leverage Print Media through local papers as an instrument for sharing good work & good information
2. Work on rebranding the District
3. Cedar Eradication
4. Promotion of fixing Leaky Faucets
5. Contests with local business Gift Certificates
6. Teach Ins
7. Public Outreach in Conservation Areas
8. Find Allies vs. Adversaries
9. Request Volunteer Meters on Exempt Wells
10. Work with Drillers
11. Alternative Funding Mechanisms

Continued 3) Compilation and Discussion of District projects, tasks, and priorities:

RB recommended:

1. Proper Signage
2. Updated Logo "More public Friendly"
3. Volunteer Water Audits with:
 - a. Installation of low fixtures
 - b. Tee shirts
 - c. Free education and results
4. Drought Colored Flags for different Drought Stages
5. Kids Essay Competition at Schools for Drought Plan with awards (like an X Box)

Vicky Wolf, Public Relations Business Owner recommended:

1. Establishing a Communication Plan prior to rolling something out
2. Water Conservation Idea of the Month

Susan Cook, District Resident, recommended:

1. Promote Sustainable Housing through Builders and Consumers

Jimmy Skipton, District Resident, recommended:

1. More Studies, science can show ____ at this time.
Ex. Recommended acreage per well.

4) **Current and Potential Future Resource Options:** Not Discussed

5) **District Communications:** Discussed in Public Information Request

8:17pm Adjourn