

Minutes for Open Meeting of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District

Thursday, August 20, 2009

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Woodcreek City Hall

Located at: 41 Champions Circle, Wimberley, TX 78676

6:01pm.: Regular Meeting Opens

Present: Douglas A Wierman (President), David G. Baker (Vice President), Jack A. Hollon (Secretary/Treasurer), Greg F. Nesbitt

Absent: Andrew H. Backus

Announcements/Reports/Public Comments

- **Consider approval of prior meeting Minutes:** Reviewed Minutes from July 9, 2009 Meeting.
- **General Manager's Report of Activities:** DRC reviewed material provided to County Commissioner's Court held on 8/18/09:
 - Income & Expenses By Month Chart 2009
 - P&L Previous Year Comparison
 - Budget vs. Actual Report
 - July 2009 Manager's Report
 - 2009 Legislative Funding Analysis
 - 1st & 2nd Qtr Pumpage Data and Comparison to 2008
 - Funding for Science Break Out
 - HTGCD Annual Registered Well Chart
 - Month by Month New Worth ChartAlso provided were:
 - January through July 2009 Registered Well Map
 - Well Decline Map June – August 2009
 - Discharge Flow Rates for Pedernales and Blanco Rivers
 - Based on flow rates: Board Declares Drought Continues to be Critical
- **Report from Staff Scientist, Wesley Schumacher:**
 - Attended GMA9 Meeting on 8/17/09 in Kerville (approval of new GAM)
 - Repairs being made to both e-lines (causing delay in Monthly Monitoring Program)
 - Announced Hydrogeologic Atlas target of January 2010
 - Al Broun is working cross sections from Hays into Travis County
- **Board & Staff Announcements:**
 - JAH announced:**
 - The Baptist Church of Wimberley inquired about dry vs. wet pond construction (previous letter, written by DAW, and sent by AHB, to TCEQ regarding HTGCD position on Wet Basin Construction will be distributed to the Board for review)
 - Attended the WWSC Board Meeting (Drought Planning Committee being formed, JAH recommended partnering).
 - DGB acknowledged the impact of the Drought on the:**
 - Cypress Trees lining the creeks and rivers
 - Jacob's Well
 - DAW announced:** HTGCD received \$100,000 from Hays County for the 2009/2010 County Budget Year.
- **Review of Board Meeting Protocol:**
 - DAW proposed:
 - Agenda Items be submitted in advance
 - Back up items and hand outs should be provided by the person who proposed the agenda item
 - Agenda Item will be discussed and there will be a Q&A time period at the end of the discussion.

• **General Public Comments:**

Wimberley ISD Superintendent, Dwain York, addressed the Board regarding:

Construction of Jacob's Well Elementary
Watering complaints we have received.
Several week watering time line for erosion control (a safety issue at the school).
Long term goal of Rainwater Harvesting. (Subsequently done at a WISD School Board Meeting).
Construction and Landscape Budget
Pressure washing for fire zones, handicap parking
Wash away of hydro mulch due to June rains
Adoption of Drought Plan
Exemptions of municipalities.

Dripping Springs resident, Jim Skipton, addressed the Board regarding:

His disappointment in the lack of attendance of a Board Member at the Hays County Commissioner's Court on 8/18/09 and the presence of our attorney at the meeting. DAW addressed his issues.

Dripping Springs resident, Mark Key questioned the cost to the District of having Greg Ellis represent us at the County Commissioner's Court meeting on 8/18/09. (Subsequently provided a copy of our Budget to him).

Agenda Items

The following subjects will be considered for discussion and/or action. Public Comment will be accepted for each agenda item.

1) Review of Pumpage Data – Presentation by Douglas A. Wierman:

- a. Historic Pumpage Charts by PWS company
- b. Precipitation and Trend Analysis

2) Line Loss Rule – Discussion Only

- a. Agenda Item for Rule Hearing on 9/17/09
- b. 15% Accounted for and Unaccounted for line loss
- c. Question regarding language: "may" vs. "shall" in the rule
- d. What are enforcement penalties? Should penalties be attached to the line loss rule or separate?
- e. Was recommended changing verbage in rule
 - i. From "reduce 50% unaccounted loss"
 - ii. To "Required loss reduction 50% above 15% max in first year, and remaining 50% in second year"
- f. Mike Mathis at TWDB is a good resource per DAW.
- g. Review period over average of 90 days vs. 60 days accepted due to reporting cycle.
- h. RB recommends change "Unaccounted for loss" to "Non Revenue" like that of the TWDB loss manual.
 - i. (RB will update rule to reflect TWDB Line Loss Manual Language)

3) Annual Report Review:

- a. DRC presented 2007 and 2008 Annual Reports for review.
- b. DAW recommended distributing the Reports electronically and adding the agenda item to the next Board meeting.

4) Confirmation of Current policy for Approval of Minutes:

- a. DAW reviewed current policy of:
 - i. Distribution of Draft Minutes to all Board Members
 - ii. President and Secretary/Treasurer have Approval Authority

All agreed to continue with Minute Approval Process above.

5) Possible Future Agenda Items:

- a. Next Board Meeting/Hearing Scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 5pm
 - i. Review of 3 permits
 - ii. Review of 3 NOV's
 - iii. One Rule Hearing
 - iv. Agenda Item #3 above on Annual Reports

7:49 Adjourn

Approved by: _____ Douglas A. Wierman (President) _____, 2009

Attested by: _____ Jack A. Hollon (Secretary/Treasurer) _____, 2009