

Minutes of Open Meeting of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District

Monday, October 19, 2009

Time: 9:00am

Place: Woodcreek City Hall

Located at: 41 Champions Circle, Wimberley, TX 78676

9:02 am Regular Meeting Opens

Board Present: Douglas A. Wierman (DAW) President, David G. Baker (DGB) Vice President, Jack A. Hollon (JAH) Secretary/Treasurer, Andrew H. Backus

Board Absent: Greg F. Nesbitt

Staff Present: Dana R. Carmean (DRC) Co General Manager, Wes Schumacher (WS) Staff Geologist

Staff Absent: Rick D. Broun, Cathy J. Balch

Announcements/Reports/Public Comments

- **Review of Board Meeting Protocol;** not provided
- **Consider approval of prior meeting Minutes;** None Considered
- **General Manager's Report of Activities:** DRC reported to the Board:
 - Meeting was held on 10/15/09 with Wimberley Springs Partners to review permit application. A second meeting is set for 10/29/09
 - Two new Dry Well Reports came in last week bringing the count, to 43 Dry Well Reports
- **Report from Staff Scientist, Wesley Schumacher;** none provided
- **Board & Staff Announcements;**
 - DGB reported:
 - Good turnout for the WVWA Fundraiser on 10/18/09
 - GW 101 Training on 10/14/09, "training was valuable."
 - Upcoming Dates:
 - 10/20/09 Water Quality Meeting for Cypress Creek
 - 10/21/09 Meeting with Representative Rose and Senator Wentworth at the Capitol.
 - 10/21/09 TCEQ Water Protection Plan Model of Cypress Creek
 - 10/22/09 Agri Life sponsoring all day Water Shed Steward Program
 - JAH reported the Eco Fest, held on 10/17/09, was successful and AHB concurred.
- **General Public Comments:**
 - Al Broun recommended a Rule Change for the Definition of "Recharge" to something similar to what EAA uses.

Agenda Items

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

- 1) **A Discussion of a HTGCD response to the TCEQ report titled "Groundwater Conservation District Recommendation for Hill Country Priority Groundwater Management Area"**

The following people made public comment:

Kirk Holland with BSEAD
Steve Musick, District resident
Al Broun, District Geologist and resident.
Jimmy Skipton, District resident
Paul Polhemus, with WWSC

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- a. AHB proposes to draft language for a response to TCEQ.
- b. DAW recommends a committee of DAW and AHB to work on the draft language.
- c. DAW ,with Board confirmation, recommends the following points to include in the Draft response letter:
 - i. Acknowledgement of Current Inadequacies in HTGCD Funding.
 - ii. Option 1:
HTGCD Support in keeping a local Groundwater Conservation District with Adequate Funding
 - iii. Option 2:
HTGCD support in a Multi County District with Adequate Funding.

DAW recommends a future Board meeting to review and approve a response letter to TCEQ regarding the TCEQ report titled "Groundwater Conservation District Recommendation for Hill Country Priority Groundwater Management Area."

The meeting date set for Monday, 10/26/09 at 9am at Woodcreek City Hall.

2) Examine Drought Triggers and update the Drought Status:

- a. WS presents the CFS levels for primary drought triggers on the Blanco and Pedernales rivers. CFS levels have been above the Drought levels for only ten days. (60 days required to come out of Drought)
- b. WS presents Secondary Drought Triggers for Water Level data on:
 - i. Mt. Baldy, which has declined 80 feet since the January 2008. The WL has come up only a couple of feet as of the end of September 2009.
 - ii. Henly Church has declined 22 feet since January 2008 and the WL continued to decline as of September 2009.
- c. **DAW declares the HTGCD continues to be in a Critical Drought even though:**
 - i. **There have been recent spikes in the river flows.**
 - ii. **There has been very little response to the Trinity Aquifer from the recent rains.**

AHB will draft a press release for the papers regarding the District Remaining in Critical Drought.

3) Possible Future Agenda Items: Not discussed.

11:09 am Adjourn

Approved By: _____ Douglas A. Wierman, President on _____, 2009

Attested By: _____ Jack A. Hollon, Secretary/Treasurer on _____, 2009