

**Minutes of October 25, 2006 Meeting, 5:45 p.m. Wimberley City Hall
Water & Wastewater Advisory Board**

Members Present: Burleson, Dehart, ^{HOLLON} DiTraglia, Estepp, and Jennett.
City of Wimberley represented by Councilman Busk.
GBRA represented by David Welch.
There were no public comments.

Under Wastewater Items, Councilman Busk reported a low turnout of potential sewer connection customers at two public meetings held on October 10th and 17th, 2006. The address list compiled from Hay County tax records was incomplete and out of date in many instances. Councilman Busk distributed copies of the mailing list used in the initial mailing. He described a similar situation in another city, requiring personal visits with business and home owners to get the necessary number of applicants signed up (Wastewater Service Reservation Agreement). David Welch (GBRA) recommended to be successful in getting enough sewer customers signed up, information concerning the application must be disseminated to all eligible individual residences and businesses located near the proposed sewer line route. In addition, public meetings should be held to answer questions.

Under Water Items, a draft resolution for supporting full Chapter 36 authority (Texas Water Code) for the Hay Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (HTGCD) was discussed. Under the legislation that created the HTGCD, the only fees it could collect were new well drilling fees and connection fees to existing public water supply systems. These fees are best, a minimum funding method. To enable the HTGCD to perform its important functions in monitoring the Trinity Aquifer, the full Chapter 36 authority is needed to increase its funding level. The draft resolution was slated for action under Consider and Act portion of this meeting.

Under Liaison Reports, continued water conservation was recommended despite the recent rains we have had.

Under Consider and Act, the draft resolution of support for full Chapter 36 authority (Texas Water Code) for the HTGCD was briefly recapped and passed for consideration by the City Council. Under the follow up of letter from Mayor Haley to GBRA, Rick Burleson will check with GBRA to verify they have received the letter, dated September 7, 2006. This is important to ensure GBRA has sufficient support for consideration of a fresh water pipeline for a future water supply, reducing dependence upon the Trinity Aquifer. The last item, a recommendation to Council regarding a proposed sewer implementation plan, was continued to the next board meeting as an action item.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, John D. Estepp

Next meeting 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, November 28th, 2006 at City Hall.