

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (“CAC”)  
Hays County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan**

**MINUTES**

**WHEN:** July 5, 2007

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Dripping Springs Independent School District, Board Room  
510 West Mercer, Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

**CAC Members:**

**Present:**

- Dr. William Avera
- David Baker
- Kathy Boydston
- Henry Brooks
- Chris Carson
- Eddie Gumbert
- T.J. Higginbotham
- Melani Howard
- Chuck Lemmond
- Catherine Livingston
- Dr. Glenn Longley
- Melinda Mallia
- Melanie Pavlas Snyder
- Dianne Wassenich
- Jeff Wilkinson

**Absent:**

- David Goodrum
- Dr. Todd Votteler

**Hays County Representatives:**

- Commissioner Will Conley
- Commissioner Karen Ford
- Sandy Irvin
- Jerry Pinnix

**HCP Consultant Team:**

- Smith|Robertson: Alan Glen, Melinda Taylor, David Hartman, Rebecca Hays
- Loomis Austin, Inc.: Clifton Ladd, Amanda Aurora, Jennifer Williams, Melinda Clary (Lopez-Garcia Group), Diane Cowin (Lopez-Garcia Group)

**Agency Representatives:**

- Allison Arnold (USFWS)

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks: The Commissioner Karen Ford called the meeting to order. Commissioner Ford and Commissioner Will Conley gave introductory remarks.
2. Remarks by Agency Personnel: Kathy Boydston of TPWD (TPWD-appointed member of CAC) and Allison Arnold of USFWS remarked on the RHCP.
3. Report on Hays County Natural Resources and Other Information: Amanda Aurora of Loomis Austin, Inc. ("LAI") made a brief presentation about natural resources in Hays County.
4. Report on the Endangered Species Act: Melinda Taylor of Smith|Robertson gave a presentation summarizing pertinent provisions of the Endangered Species Act.
5. Report on Hays County RHCP Workplan: Clif Ladd of LAI gave a presentation on the RHCP Workplan.
6. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on CAC: David Hartman gave an overview of the CAC process, a brief presentation on the Texas Open Meetings Act, addressed quorum issues, suggested adopting a charge to the CAC, and discussed the desirability of having a chair and/or co-chair of the CAC. Commissioner Conley suggested the CAC wait until the next meeting to decide upon a chair/co-chair.
7. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Biological Advisory Team ("BAT"), including Appointment to BAT by landowner-members of the CAC: Clif Ladd gave a presentation on the BAT, including a list of possible BAT candidates with short candidate biographies. Multiple CAC members suggested approaching the NRCS for a possible BAT member. Landowner-members will discuss and possibly take action on appointing a member to the BAT at the next CAC meeting.
8. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action Regarding Protocol for Citizens' Comments: T.J. Higginbotham made a motion to adopt the general approach for Citizen's Comments used by the Hays County Commissioners Court (Robert's Rules of Order, 3 minute time limit to speak, Citizen's Comments towards first of agenda) and that motion was seconded by Dr. Glen Longley. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Citizens' Comments: No formal citizen comments were made.
10. Questions and Other Items: CAC members addressed questions. CAC members requested a complete copy of the TPWD interlocal agreement, including appendices. CAC members requested information regarding other HCPs.

11. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Possible items for next meeting include:

- a. Selecting a CAC chair and/or co-chair;
- b. Adopting a CAC charge and rules of order;
- c. Presentation regarding basic HCP information (HCP "101");
- d. Presentation regarding a summary of other approved/in progress HCPs;  
and
- e. Presentation regarding sensitive natural resources and land development activities in Hays County (Baseline Study).

12. Closing Remarks: Commissioner Ford closed the meeting.

13. Adjourn.