



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Council Meeting Date: May 7, 2024

Agenda Item Wording: **Discuss and consider the Appointment of Zach West to the Utility Commission as a Representative of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District for an unexpired term ending June 30, 2024.**

Agenda Item Requestor: Dane Sorensen, Utilities Director

Summary/Background: The Utility Commission is a five-member advisory commission tasked with representing various citizen groups and their interests as part of the City Council's greater discussion of transportation, planning, and improvements. The Utility Commission shall assist the City in Wastewater Plant operations and reuse plans (including expansion), achieving the City's goal of 100% beneficial use and assisting the City with procedures and policies related to retail water services provided by the City.

Members of the Utility Commission are appointed by City Council with two members being nominated by the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (HTGCD). Current HTGCD representative Dr. Miller has requested to vacate his seat prior to his term ending June 30, 2024, and March 3, 2024, the HTGCD Board of Directors nominated Zach West to fill this seat for the remainder of the term.

Zach West interviewed with Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr. and Utilities Director Dane Sorensen on April 4, 2024, and is being recommended for appointment.

Recommended Council Actions: Staff recommends appointment of Zach West for an unexpired term ending June 30, 2024.

Attachments:

1. Zach West Application and Resume
2. HTGCD Nomination

Next Steps/Schedule:

1. Notify HTGCD and applicant of decision and send welcome letter
2. Update website and roster
3. Update email group and add to meeting invite
4. Notify Commission of appointment
5. Order name plate
6. Administer Oath and Statement of Officer at first meeting