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### Spring 2021 Newsletter



# Heartbeat of the Hickory

## “Be a Water Protector” Poster Contest Winners

Over 100 posters depicting the theme “Be a Water Protector” were received from area 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. They were judged at the March 18 Board Meeting. First place went to Mikaya Sneathen, a Brady Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grader, second to Ella Owen, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader from Cherokee, and third to Brady 4<sup>th</sup> grader Milly Pitcox. Winners received Walmart gift cards.



Mikaya Sneathen and Milly Pitcox



Ella Owen

## Owen Parks Retires

After 38, almost 39 years, of serving on the Hickory UWCD Board of Directors, W. Owen Parks of the City of San Saba officially resigned at the regular March 18 Board Meeting.

Owen Parks has been a part of groundwater district since the first official steering committee meeting on October 23, 1980. In 1982 at the first formal board meeting, Parks was elected to serve as Board President. He served in that capacity for 38 years and five months. Other members of the very first board of directors were Roy Carter, Earl Behrens, Mark Martin, and Dewey Eckert.

The board has not appointed anybody to replace Parks yet. They are still in the process of identifying potential candidates for the position as director for Precinct 1. The individual must be a resident of that precinct which is City of San Saba proper.

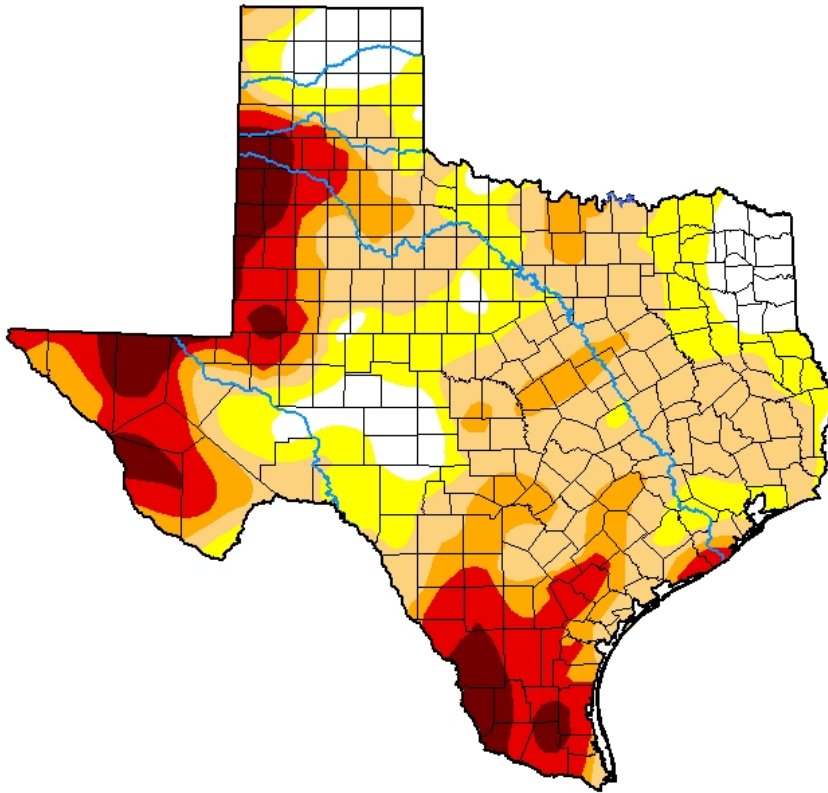
Currently the board is comprised of Amy Greer, President (Pct. 5); Bill Sloan, Vice-President (Pct 2); Gay Nesloney, Secretary (Pct 3) and Don Williams, Director (Pct 4).



Linda Parks, W. Owen Parks and David Huie (Manager)

**U.S. Drought Monitor**  
**Texas**

**March 30, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 1, 2021)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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## ***Drought worsening for most of Texas***

**Reminder**

**WATER USE REPORTS WERE DUE MARCH 15. IF YOU HAVE A PERMITTED WELL AND HAVE NOT RETURNED YOUR COMPLETED REPORT TO THE OFFICE, PLEASE, CONTACT US. WE WILL WORK WITH YOU TO COMPLETE THESE REPORTS. THEY ARE MANDATORY.**

## **Water Ambassadors Program**

The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program provides high school youth an opportunity to gain advanced knowledge and develop leadership skills related to the science, technology, engineering, and management of water in Texas. On-line applications for the 2021-2022 Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program accepted April 1 – May 15, 2021. Applicant must be 14 years of age or older as of August 31, 2021 and be entering the 9th, 10th, or 11th grades in the 2021-2022 school year. Once again, the District will be offering scholarships for area students. For more information visit and contact our office to apply for scholarships.

<https://www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com/>

**Board of Directors**

Amy Greer, President	Precinct 5
Bill Sloan, Vice-Resident	Precinct 2
Gay Nesloney, Secretary	Precinct 3
Don Williams, Director	Precinct 4
VACANCY	Precinct 1

**Staff**

David G. Huie	Manager
Angelina Deans	Assistant Manager
Ronnie Moore	Lab/Field Tech

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