

Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 10, 2014

Board members present at commencement: Bob Larsen, Craig Smith, Mary Stone and Blake Dorsett. Dr. Larsen served as Acting President and Presiding Officer in place of former Director Gary Franklin who had recently resigned from the Board. Staff present: John Dupnik, Brain Smith, Brian Hunt, Dana Wilson, and Tammy Raymond. Bill Dugat of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta also participated in the meeting. Also present were those on the attached sign-in sheet. These minutes represent a summarized version of the meeting; the complete discussion of the following items is recorded digitally.

1. Call to Order.

Dr. Larsen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

2. Citizen Communications (Public Comments).

There were no comments of a general nature.

3. Routine Business.

a. **Consent Agenda** Note: These items may be considered and approved as one motion. Directors or citizens may request any consent item be removed from the consent agenda, for consideration and possible approval as an item of Regular Business.

1. **Approval of Financial Reports under the Public Funds Investment Act, Directors' Compensation Claims, and Specified Expenditures greater than \$5,000.**

2. **Approval of minutes of the Board's March 27, 2014, Regular Meeting.**

Mr. Dupnik briefed the Board on the consent agenda items above.

Mr. Smith moved approval of consent agenda items 3a. 1 and 2, noting an invoice from Hicks & Company, in the amount of \$12,158.91.

Ms. Stone seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4 to 0.

3b. General Manager's Report. Note: Topics discussed in the General Manager's Report are intended for general administrative and operational information-transfer purposes. The Directors will not take any action on them in this meeting, unless the topic is specifically listed elsewhere in this as-posted agenda.

1. Standing Topics.

- i. Personnel matters and utilization;**
- ii. Upcoming public events of possible interest;**
- iii. Aquifer conditions and status of drought indicators.**

Mr. Dupnik and staff updated the Board and answered directors' questions on the items listed above.

2. Special Topics. *(Note: Individual topics listed below may be discussed by the Board in this meeting, but no action will be taken unless a topic is specifically posted elsewhere in this agenda as an item for possible action. A Director may request an individual topic that is presented only under this agenda item be placed on the posted agenda of some future meeting for Board discussion and possible action.)*

- i. Review of Status Update Report – at directors' discretion**
- ii. Update on activities related to GMA and regional water planning**
- iii. Update on efforts to characterize the saline zone of the Edwards Aquifer**
- iv. Update on the progress of area roadway projects**
- v. Update on activities related to the HCP project**
- vi. Update on the activities of the District's boundary review**

Mr. Dupnik and staff updated the Board and answered Directors' questions on the items listed above.

Directors' Reports. *(Note: Directors' comments under this item cannot address an agenda item posted elsewhere on this agenda and no substantive discussion among the Board Members or action will be allowed in this meeting. Communications reported under this item may be used to support Performance Standard 4-1 of the District's Management Plan related to demonstration of effective communication with District constituents.)*

Directors may report on their involvement in activities and dialogue that are of likely interest to the Board, in one or more of the following topical areas:

- **Meetings and conferences attended or that will be attended;**
- **Conversations with public officials, permittees, stakeholders, and other constituents;**
- **Recognition of people doing good things for groundwater management in the District;**
- **Issues or problems of concern.**

Ms. Stone reported the following:

Met with City of Buda Council Member Angela Kennedy to introduce the District

Met with Mark Jones in regard to Rainwater Ordinances for the City of Buda and the City of Kyle

Met with David Loftis of Centex regarding the use of effluent from the City of Buda

Mr. Dorsett reported the following:

Met with Creedmoor Maha WSC in regard to a contract with the City of Austin

Attended the Creedmoor Maha WSC Board Meeting

Mr. Smith reported the following:

Met with Daryl Slusher in regard to the Onion Creek Golf Club effluent issue

Dr. Larsen reported the following:

Met with the owner, general manager, and superintendent of the Onion Creek Golf Club on their water issue

Met with Onion Creek Homeowner Association members concerned with the lack of water in the ponds affecting the wildlife habitat

Met with Beck Brune regarding desalination and ASR

4. Presentations.

Presentation by the Aquifer Science Team on the progress of the 3-D visualization mapping project.

Mr. Hunt provided a demonstration of the 3-D visualization mapping project, and discussed how the software can help explain complex hydrogeological processes and concepts.

5. Discussion and Possible Action.

5c. Discussion and possible action related to amending the agreed order with Justin Foster to allow an increase in the temporary pumping authorization.

Mr. Dupnik explained that the requested order amendment had been withdrawn since an alternate disinfection method requiring less water was being implemented.

No action was taken.

5d. Discussion and possible action related to pursuing a TWDB grant to help fund efforts to characterize the saline Edwards Aquifer.

Dr. Larsen and Dr. Smith described the current effort to coordinate with Texas State and TDS to prepare a grant application for a TWDB grant related to providing new regional water supplies. The funding would facilitate the District's efforts to characterize the saline Edwards, but would require participation by TDS to commit to being the water provider.

The Board concluded that the application efforts could not proceed without a commitment from TDS, and elected to postpone action until the April 24th Board Meeting.

No action was taken.

5a. Discussion and possible action related to the acknowledgment of departing Precinct 2 Director, Gary Franklin, and his more than eight years of service to the District.

On behalf of the Board and staff, Dr. Larsen thanked Mr. Franklin for his service as Director of Precinct 2, stating that he contributed greatly to the mission of the District and was a positive member of the Board. He went on to say that it was a pleasure working with him, and as a valued colleague hated to see him go, but wished him well in his new position with the City of Austin.

Mr. Franklin said that it was an honor working with the Board and staff and hated to have to resign, but was excited about his new employment opportunity.

Dr. Larsen presented a plaque to Mr. Franklin and pictures were taken.

5b. Discussion and possible action related to filling the vacant Director position in Precinct 2.

The Board discussed the prospect and process of appointing a Director to fill the vacancy left by departing Director, Gary Franklin.

Ms. Stone moved approval to fill the vacancy of the Precinct 2 Director through Board appointment, and directed staff to send out a press release soliciting letters of interest with a submittal deadline of May 9, 2014.

Mr. Dorsett seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4 to 0.

5e. Discussion and possible action related to: 1) consideration of the draft elements of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Austin to coordinate activities associated with our respective HCPs, and 2) direction to staff on continuing negotiation of the ILA with the City of Austin.


After a brief discussion, Ms. Stone moved approval of the draft ILA and directed staff to continue negotiations with the City of Austin to produce a final document.


Mr. Dorsett seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4 to 0.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, Dr. Larsen adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Approved by the Board on April 24, 2014:

By: 
Robert D. Larsen, Acting President

Attest: 
Craig Smith, Secretary