

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
July 21, 2016**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Mary Stone, and Craig Smith. Blake Dorsett and Bob Larsen were absent. Staff present: John Dupnik, Brian Smith, Vanessa Escobar, Stephen Davis 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.

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

2. Citizen Communications (Public Comments of a General Nature).

There were no public 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 June 30, 2016 regular Meeting and Public Hearing.**

Mr. Smith moved approval of consent agenda items 1 and 2 noting an invoice from Integritek in the amount of \$6423.00.

Ms. Stone seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 to 0.

3. Routine Business.

- b. **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 unless the topic is specifically listed elsewhere in this agenda.)*

1. Standing Topics.

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

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 Regulatory Compliance Team activities**
- iv. Update on District grant projects and other Aquifer Science Team projects**
- v. Update on activities related to the SH 45 SW roadway project**
- vi. Update on activities related to the HCP and the associated draft EIS**
- vii. Update on activities related to upcoming elections**
- viii. Update on interim legislative activity**

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

4. Public Hearing (6:15 pm)

The Board will hold a public hearing on the Proposed FY 2017 Budget and Proposed FY 2017 Fee Schedule.

Ms. Stansberry opened the Public Hearing at 6:18 p.m.

Mr. Dupnik gave an overview of the proposed FY 2017 Budget and answered questions from the Board.

Ms. Escobar gave an overview of the proposed FY 2017 Fee Schedule and answered questions from the Board.

Ms. Stansberry asked for public comment.

Mr. Ed McCarthy stated that he was speaking on behalf of his clients Needmoor Ranch and Electro Purification. He said that he appreciated the breakdown of fees in the Fee Schedule

but that it still wasn't clear if the "Special Fees" would be assessed yearly, or just a one-time fee, and asked about overlapping categories.

After discussion, Ms. Stansberry closed the Public Hearing at 6:59 p.m.

5. Discussion and Possible Action.

5a. Discussion and possible action related to approval of the Proposed FY 2017 Budget

Mr. Dupnik stated that the staff recommended approval of the Proposed FY 2017 Budget.

Mr. Smith moved approval of the Proposed FY 2017 Budget as presented.

Ms. Stone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 3 to 0.

5b. Discussion and possible action related to approval of the FY 2017 Fee Schedule by Resolution No. 072116-01.

After discussion and comments from the Board, Mr. Dupnik suggested postponing action on the Fee Schedule until the next meeting in August, allowing the staff time to address the questions and concerns brought up in the Public Hearing.

No Board action was taken.

5c. Discussion and possible action related to approval of Resolution No. 072116-02 authorizing the General Manager or his designated representative to participate in discussion related to creation of the Hill Country Conservancy Trust.

Mr. Dupnik explained that the Hill Country Conservancy contacted him about a provision of the Develop Agreement between the City of Austin and Circle C Land Corp., which establishes a Hill Country Conservancy Trust. The Trust is intended to collect money based on office use categories of properties within this development, and the use of that money is governed by five Trustees, one of which is appointed by our District. Mr. George Cofer has requested this Resolution to initiate that process.

After discussion, Mr. Smith moved approval of Resolution No. 072116-02.

Ms. Stone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 3 to 0.

5d. Discussion and possible action related to the City of Dripping Springs TPDES permit application to authorize direct discharge of treated wastewater to Onion Creek in the contributing zone of the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer.

Ms. Emily Rogers of Bickerstaff gave an overview of the TCEQ's TPDES permitting process.

Ms. Stansberry stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), at 7:32 p.m. Ms. Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions would be made while in Executive Session.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:14 p.m. Ms. Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

3. Routine Business.

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Mr. Dupnik completed the General Manager's report.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, Ms. Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Approved by the Board on August 11, 2016:

By: 
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: 
Blake Dorsett, Secretary