

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
July 30, 2015**

Board members present at commencement: Mary Stone, Blayne Stansberry, Bob Larsen, Craig Smith and Blake Dorsett. Staff present: John Dupnik, Dana Wilson, Kendall Bell-Enders, Brian Hunt 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. Stone called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

2. Citizen Communications (Public Comments).

Brian Lillibridge, City of Buda Water Specialist, commended Brian Hunt for presenting at their Water and Wastewater workshop and being available to answer questions.

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 July 16, 2015 Regular Meeting.**

Ms. Stansberry moved approval of consent agenda item 3a 1, noting an invoice from Bickerstaff in the amount of \$5596.00, and Eureka Water Probes in the amount of \$6292.80.

Dr. Larsen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

Mr. Smith moved approval of consent agenda item 3a 2.

Dr. Larsen seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4 to 0. Ms. Stansberry abstained due to being absent from the meeting.

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. **Update on Team activities and highlights**
- ii. **Update on regulatory and enforcement activities**
- iii. **Update on activities related to annexation of the Shared Territory**
- iv. **Update on efforts to assess saline Edwards desalination and ASR feasibility**
- v. **Update on activities related to the HCP and the associated draft EIS**

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

4. Public Hearing (6:15)

The Board will hold a public hearing on the Proposed FY 2016 Budget and Proposed FY 2016 Fee Schedule.

Ms. Stone opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Dupnik gave a presentation on the Proposed FY 2016 Budget and Fee Schedule. He stated that there was one potential change in the Fee Schedule. He went on to say that a non profit in the newly annexed area had expressed a hardship in paying the \$500 Temporary Permit Fee along with production fees. He said that staff proposed modifying the Temporary Permit fee to \$0.00. He explained that this would only extend until the date of September 19, 2015.

Ms. Stone asked if staff proposed waiving fees for non-profits only.

Mr. Dupnik stated that staff wanted to be fair to every potential new permittee; therefore, waiving the fee for all temporary permits.

Dr. Larsen stated that there could be implications to waiving fees and did not agree with the change because of the potential precedent.

After further discussion, Ms. Stone asked for public comment.

Mr. Les Carnes stated that the Board would be in-line with other state agencies in waiving the fee for non-profits.

Ms. Stone closed the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.

5. Discussion and Possible Action.

5a. Discussion and possible action related to approval of the Proposed FY 2016 Budget.

Mr. Smith moved approval of the Proposed FY 2016 Budget as presented in the Board Backup material.

Ms. Stansberry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

5b. Discussion and possible action related to approval of the FY 2016 Fee Schedule by Resolution #073015-01.

After discussion, Mr. Smith moved approval of the FY 2016 Fee Schedule by resolution 073015-01 with the modification discussed and in the Board's additional backup material, to change the Temporary Permit fee from \$500.00 to \$0.00.

Ms. Stansberry seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a vote of 4 to 1. Dr. Larsen voted nay.

5c. Discussion and possible action related to conditional renewal of all annual Production Permits for FY 2016 contingent on compliance with District rules and renewal requirements

Mr. Dupnik stated that all but a couple of permittees were in good standing with District, and asked Ms. Wilson to explain.

Ms. Wilson explained that based on the past several years of non compliance concerning payment of fees, she did not feel that a renewal certificate should be sent to Manchaca Optimist Youth Sports Complex and Smith Academy, formally known as Jackie's Dance and Gymnastics, until fees are paid.

Dr. Larsen moved approval of the renewal of annual Production Permits for FY 2016 with the exception of Manchaca Optimist Youth Sports Complex and Smith Academy until payment has been received.

Mr. Dorsett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

5d. Presentation, discussion, and possible action related to Aquifer Science Team projects.

Mr. Hunt gave a presentation on projects and activities performed by the Aquifer Science Team over the past few months.

5e. Discussion and possible action related to activities associated with the District review of State Highway 45 Southwest design plans.

Mr. Dupnik gave an update of meetings and events that have occurred since the last Board meeting.

6. 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;
- Commendations; and
- Issues or problems of concern.

Mr. Dorsett reported the following:

Attended the Creedmoor Maha Board meeting
Spoke to EP representatives

Dr. Larsen reported the following:

Attended the Groundwater Trust conference
Attended meetings with TDS
Attended a meeting with Onion Creek HOA on Flood Control
Dinner with Paul Workman

Ms. Stone reported the following:

Attended a meeting with Representative Will Conley
Attended the Open House in Wimberley
Attended a meeting regarding SH45 at Bowie High School

Ms. Stansberry reported the following:

Attended several meetings regarding SH45

Attended the SOQ Interviews


Mr. Smith reported the following:

Is in the process of organizing a Happy Hour for the 10th Anniversary of the RWQPP


7. Adjournment.

Without objection, Ms. Stone adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Approved by the Board on August 27, 2015:

By: 

Mary Stone, President

Attest: 

Blayne Stansberry, Secretary