

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
September 24, 2015**

Board members present at commencement: Mary Stone, Blayne Stansberry, Blake Dorsett, and Craig Smith. Bob Larsen was absent. Staff present: John Dupnik, Brian Smith, Brian Hunt, Robin Gary, Vanessa Escobar, 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 6:06 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

2. Citizen Communications (Public Comments).

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 September 10, 2015 Regular Meeting.**
3. **Approval of issuing the earned Conservation Credits to permittees for FY 2015.**
4. **Approval of alternative dates for the November and December Board meetings.**
5. **Approval of rescheduling the bi-annual Groundwater Stewardship Awards pushing the award ceremony from this fall to next spring.**

Ms. Stansberry moved approval of consent agenda items 3a. 1 – 5, noting a change in Board meeting dates for the November and December meetings to November 19th and December 17th.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4 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. Update on Team activities and highlights
- ii. Update on regulatory and enforcement activities
- iii. Update on GMA planning activities
- iv. Update on ongoing grant projects
- v. Update on efforts to assess saline Edwards desalination and ASR feasibility
- vi. Update on the District's review of the SH 45 SW design plans
- vii. Update on the HCP/ITP application and the associated draft EIS

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

4. Discussion and Possible Action.

4a. Discussion and possible action related to the schedule and process for redistricting to include the annexed Shared Territory.

Mr. Bill Dugat gave a presentation on the proposed timeline for redistricting to include the newly annexed territory, and the timeline for the general election on November 8, 2016.

Ms. Gary gave an update on the boundary of the newly annexed territory. She informed the Board that the EAA has proposed a new boundary revision that has not been approved by the

TCEQ, but that needs to be included in our revision so that we start with an accurate boundary line.

4b. Briefing and discussion of activities related to annexation of the Shared Territory in Hays County including the status of implementation of the HB 3405 permitting process.

Mr. Dupnik stated that this is the first Board meeting since the September 19th deadline for the submission of temporary permit applications. He then asked Ms. Escobar to give an update.

Ms. Escobar explained that 21 out of 22 temporary permit applications were received by the deadline. She said that Hunter Chase Farms, Inc., a small horse farm, had been contacted by phone calls, letters, and a drop in visit, with no response thus far. She went on to say that the permits that were received are deemed administratively complete, and that staff is working with the applicants to start the process of installing meters and billing.

4c. Discussion related to setting the FY 2016 District Goals.

Mr. Dupnik provided an overview of the District's annual process of goal setting. He explained that each goal is tied to a specific team to help guide and focus the work for the year. He described six goals and the teams that would take the lead for FY 2016. He also gave the Board four alternate goals, including a recommendation by Mr. Smith to pursue the objectives of the RWQPP for the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer.

The Board discussed the goals presented by the General Manager and could not understand why all of the goals could not be incorporated and set as District goals.

Mr. Dupnik explained that the recommended goals were not an exclusive list and that staff would continue to work towards all of the performance standards of the management plan as well as anything new that comes up during the year. He reiterated that the goal setting provided helpful direction to staff to help with prioritizing tasks and allocating resources and money.

Since the item was not posted for action, Mr. Dupnik stated that he would revise the proposed goals based on the Board's input and bring them back to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

5. 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 Creedmoor Maha Board meetings
Met with Charles Laws in regard to a permit

Ms. Stone reported the following:

Attended a meeting with the City of Austin
Toured the Dahlstrom property
Attended Barton Springs University

Ms. Stansberry reported the following:

Attended Barton Springs University

Mr. Smith reported the following:

Attended Barton Springs University

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, Ms. Stone adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Approved by the Board on October 8, 2015:

By: Mary Stone
Mary Stone, President

Attest: Blayne Stansberry
Blayne Stansberry, Secretary