

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 11, 2018**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Mary Stone, and Craig Smith. Bob Larsen and Blake Dorsett were absent. Staff present: John Dupnik, Brian Smith, Vanessa Escobar, Kendall Bell-Enders, and Tammy Raymond. Bill Dugat of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, and Acosta 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.

President Stansberry called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

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

There were no comments of a general nature.

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 a separate item of Regular Business on this agenda.)*

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 December 14, 2017 regular Meeting.**

Director Smith moved approval of Consent Agenda items 1 and 2, noting invoices from Carollo in the amount of \$13,737 and Bickerstaff in the amount of \$13,520.25.

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

- 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 GMA and regional water planning**
- iii. **Update on regulatory and enforcement activities**
- iv. **Update on District grant projects and other Aquifer Science Team projects**
- v. **Update on the HCP and ITP application**
- iv. **Update on Board committee activity**

Mr. Dupnik announced that he has been offered, and has accepted, the position of Deputy Executive Administrator with the office of Water Science and Conservation, with the Texas Water Development Board. He said that it was a difficult announcement to make, and that he is committed to making the transition as smooth as possible. He has nothing but gratitude for his experience here at the District.

President Stansberry appointed a committee of Director Stone, herself, and several staff members for the process of hiring a new General Manager.

President Stansberry acknowledged how the District has excelled over the last many years with Mr. Dupnik as General Manager. She said that he has created a winning team that will continue to excel. She said that she was speaking for the Board in saying that he will be terribly missed, but wish him the best.

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

4. Presentation.

Presentation by the Aquifer Science Team on ongoing studies to investigate the interaction of surface water in Onion Creek with the Middle Trinity Aquifer including recent dye tracing results and preliminary findings.

Dr. Brian Smith gave a presentation on current dye tracing studies on the Upper Onion Creek Watershed in Hays County. He said that this study is in collaboration with Hays Trinity GCD, the City of Austin, and the Meadows Center.

5. Discussion and Possible Action.

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.

President Stansberry stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) at 7:11 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions would be made while in Executive Session.

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:58 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

6. Directors' Reports.

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;
- Committee formation and updates;
- Conversations with public officials, permittees, stakeholders, and other constituents;
- Commendations; and
- Issues or problems of concern.

No reports were given.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Approved by the Board on January 25, 2018

By: 
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: 
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary