

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Special Called Meeting & Work Session  
June 17, 2014**

Board members present at commencement: Bob Larsen, Craig Smith and Blake Dorsett. Mary Stone attended by Video Conference. Staff present: John Dupnik, Brian Smith, and Tammy Raymond. Stacey Steinbach representing the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Conservation Districts (TAGD) was also in attendance. No other members of the public attended. 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 6:00 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. Work Session**

**Discussion related to indentifying certain initiatives, strategies, or possible elements to be included in the District's legislative agenda for the upcoming session.**

Mr. Dupnik provided an overview of a list of possible legislative initiatives that the District may choose to support including a more general list of issues to be addressed under the legislature's interim charges.

The Board discussed the merits of each issue as they were presented. Stacey Steinbach was also on hand to contribute to the discussion from her perspective as the Executive Director of TAGD.

After discussion, the Board participated in an exercise to determine where the District's resources should be focused. The exercise included allocation of "Barton Bucks" to indicate the level of effort that should be directed to each initiative and a dot vote to determine which interim charges to either support, oppose, or follow. The results will be presented at the next Board meeting on June 26, 2014 at which time the Board may take action to set the legislative agenda.

**4. Discussion and Possible Action.**

**4a. Discussion and possible action related to authorizing the GM to provide testimony to the legislature in support of the District's legislative agenda and on other general issues of importance to Groundwater Conservation Districts.**

Mr. Dupnik informed the Board of the invitation from the Committee Coordinator of the House Natural Resources Committee to present testimony related to the interim charges on groundwater management. He presented an outline of requested information, and suggested that the testimony should be focused on the District's efforts to proactively plan and establish a regulatory framework to manage its brackish aquifers.

After discussion, Mr. Smith moved to authorize the General Manager to testify before the House Natural Resource Committee on their interim charge regarding brackish groundwater and outline our management zone.

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

**4b. Discussion and possible action related to issuing a request for qualifications for contracted legislative support.**

The Board discussed the possibility of issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit others in support of the District's legislative efforts. The Board commented and generally agreed that it was good policy, and transparency in Government, to periodically reassess and investigate what options and services others may be able to provide.

Mr. Smith moved to direct the General Manager to issue a RFQ for contracted legislative support in the upcoming session.

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

**4c. Discussion and possible action related to preliminary approval of the suggested edits in response to comments from the Management Advisory Committee.**

The Board briefly discussed the status of the HCP, and indicated that more time was needed to review the comments.

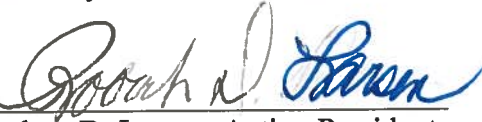
Mr. Dupnik informed the Board that the proposed schedule would involve Board review of the edited document on June 26, 2014, and if approved at that meeting, the edits would be accepted and the revised document would be made available for review during an extended public comment period. A public hearing could then be scheduled for the August 14, 2014 meeting, at which time the Board would have an opportunity to approve the draft HCP or delay action until the next meeting on August 28, 2014.

No action was taken.

**5. Adjournment.**

Without objection, Dr. Larsen adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Approved by the Board on June 26, 2014:

By:   
Robert D. Larsen, Acting President

Attest:   
Craig Smith, Secretary