

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
January 10, 2019**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Bob Larsen, Craig Smith, Mary Stone and Blake Dorsett. Staff present: Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, Brian Smith, Vanessa Escobar, Kendall Bell-Enders, Erin Swanson and Tammy Raymond. 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.

**Note:** The Board of Directors of the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on this agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551.087 (Economic Development) 418.183 (Homeland Security). No final action or decision will be made in Executive Session.

**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 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 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 13, 2018, Regular Meeting.**

Ms. Reinmund-Martinez stated that there was a revision to the minutes in the Directors folders.

Director Smith moved approval of Consent Agenda items 1 and 2 including the revision in the minutes and an invoice from Bickerstaff Heath in the amount of \$12,757.15.

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

**4. Discussion and Possible Action.**

**4a. Discussion and possible action related to the Permian Highway Pipeline project.**

Ms. Reinmund-Martinez gave a high level overview of the project. She said that the proposed natural gas pipeline will be a 42" pipe at an 8 foot depth across 430 miles. The project is expected to start later this year or early next year by Kinder Morgan in conjunction with Exxon Mobile. She showed a map of the proposed alignment through Hays County.

President Stansberry stated that the Board would hear public comment.

The following citizens spoke against the Permian Highway Pipeline.

Lucy Johnson - Landowner  
David Baker - Wimberly Valley Watershed Association  
Kurt Sauer - Landowner  
Susan "Purly" Gates - Landowner  
David Braun - Attorney representing a landowner

After discussion, Director Stone moved that the Board direct the staff to investigate this project to better understand the impact on the Trinity Aquifer, and report back to the Board as soon as possible.

Director Smith seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4 to 1. Director Larsen voted nay.

Director Larsen stated that the reason he voted nay is because our charge is groundwater and not land use. He stated that he had just heard about this issue and needs more information.

**4b. Discussion and possible action related to the activities on the sediment plume in Barton Springs pool.**

Ms. Escobar gave a presentation on the incident involving a sediment plume in Barton Springs pool. In her presentation, she summarized the District's activities in resolving the incident. The incident and follow-up activities occurred over the Christmas holidays.

David Johns of the City of Austin answered questions related to the City's investigation and enforcement activities.

No Board action was taken.

**4c. Discussion and possible action related to an update from Sledge Law Group on the 86th Legislative Session.**

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 7:42 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 8:46 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

**4d. Discussion and possible action related to the schedule for the February 2019 Board meetings.**

After discussion, Director Stone moved to cancel the February 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled meetings and schedule one meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Director Smith seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4 to 1. Director Larsen voted nay.

**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 for consideration.)*

**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 Report Update – at directors' discretion.**
- ii. Update on certain projects and activities of individual teams.**
- iii. Update on various development activities over aquifer recharge and contributing zones.**
- iv. Update on activities related to area roadway projects.**
- v. Update on activities related to the Habitat Conservation Plan.**
- vi. Update on GMA and Regional Water Planning activities.**
- vii. Update on the State Office of Administrative Hearings proceedings for the Electro Purification LLC and Needmore Water LLC permit applications.**

Updates were given by Ms. Reinmund-Martinez, Mr. Bill Dugat, and staff.

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

Due to the late hour President Stansberry postponed this item until the next meeting.

**6. Adjournment.**

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Approved by the Board on January 24, 2019

By: Blayne Stansberry  
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett  
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary