

Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting & Work Session
February 27, 2014

Board members present at commencement: Gary Franklin, Bob Larsen, Mary Stone, Craig Smith and Blake Dorsett. Staff present: John Dupnik, Brian Smith, Robin Gary, Vanessa Escobar, Kendall Bell-Enders and Tammy Raymond. Kirk Holland of Holland Groundwater Management and Kevin Connelly of US Fish and Wildlife Service 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.

Mr. Franklin called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

2. Citizen Communications (Public Comments).

There were no comments of a general nature.

5. Discussion and Possible Action.

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 February 13, 2014, Work Session and Regular Meeting.**

Mr. Dupnik briefed the Board on the consent agenda items above.

Mr. Smith moved approval of consent agenda items 3a. 1 and 2, noting invoices from USGS in the amount of \$7370.00 and Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta in the amount of \$7566.60.

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

3b. 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 on them in this meeting, unless the topic is specifically listed elsewhere in this as-posted agenda.

1. Standing Topics.

- i. Personnel matters and utilization;**
- ii. Upcoming public events of possible interest;**
- iii. Aquifer conditions and status of drought indicators.**

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

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 efforts to characterize the saline zone of the Edwards Aquifer**
- iv. Update on the progress of area roadway projects**

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

3c. 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;**
- Recognition of people doing good things for groundwater management in the District;**
- Issues or problems of concern.**

Mr. Smith reported the following:

Attended the Water Conservation and Reuse Projects in the Age of SWIFT conference

Meeting with Suzanne Schwartz regarding PGMA mediation.

Dr. Larsen reported the following:

Meeting with Gerald Daughtery, Ed Collins and others regarding State Hwy. 45 SW
Meeting with Wendy Braniff
Meeting with South Austin Neighborhood Alliance
Meeting with Superintendent of Onion Creek HOA
Attended the Water Conservation and Reuse Projects in the Age of SWIFT conference

Mr. Dorsett reported the following:

Meeting with Jimmy Gregory of TDS
Meeting with Creedmoor Maha Board members
Meeting with landowners regarding an alternate well site

Ms. Stone reported the following:

A Free Press article on the HCP
Attended the Water Conservation and Reuse Projects in the Age of SWIFT conference

Mr. Franklin reported the following:

An Environmental Education photo taken by Robin Gary made the social network rounds

4. Work Session.

The Board will hold a work session to review Chapters 5-11 of the review draft of the District's Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

Mr. Franklin opened the Work Session at 6:56 p.m.

Mr. Holland, the District's HCP consultant, provided a presentation of the pertinent sections of Chapters 5-11 of the District's review draft of the HCP.

During the work session, the Board asked questions and flagged sections that may need clarification or additional attention.

Mr. Franklin closed the Work Session at 10:00 p.m.

5. Discussion and Possible Action.

5a. Discussion and possible action related to approval of the District's review draft of the HCP, direction to submit to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin and the Management Advisory Committee for review and comment, and setting public meetings on the HCP.

Mr. Holland and Mr. Connelly described the upcoming process and schedule, and recommended that the Board delay action until the March 13, 2014 meeting to provide opportunity to address the issues that were discussed in the work session.

No action was taken by the Board.

5b. Discussion and possible action related to funding of the next round of joint-groundwater planning in GMA 10.

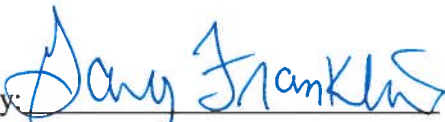
Mr. Dupnik presented a cost-sharing matrix being considered by GMA 10. He informed the Board that the District's projected cost to cover the explanatory report would be greater than what was budgeted, and would likely require a budget amendment.

No action was taken by the Board.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, Mr. Franklin adjourned the meeting at 10:14 p.m.

Approved by the Board on March 13, 2014:

By: 
Gary Franklin, President

Attest: 
Craig Smith, Secretary