

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 8, 2018**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Craig Smith, Bob Larsen, Mary Stone and Blake Dorsett. Staff present: Kirk Holland, Dana Wilson, 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 6:02 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

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

Pat Shriver from Rolling Oaks Subdivision and her neighbor Jen, reminded the Board that they are still concerned about their wells being impacted by EP. They thanked the Board and staff for the work regarding their application and asked them to continue the effort.

3. Routine Business.

3a. 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 February 22, 2018, Regular Meeting.**

Director Smith moved approval of Consent Agenda items 1 and 2, noting an invoice from Bickerstaff, Heath in the amount of \$24,116.42.

Director Stone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 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 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 Update Report – at directors’ discretion
- ii. Update on GMA and regional water planning
- iii. Update on initiation of Southwestern Travis County GCD
- iv. Update on regulatory and enforcement activities
- v. Update on status of the District HCP and ITP
- vi. Update on Aquifer Science Team projects and activities
- vii. Update on Board committee activity

Mr. Holland and staff updated the Board and answered Directors’ questions on the items listed above.

4. Discussion and Possible Action.

4a. Discussion and possible action related to reviewing and updating the subjects and composition of Board Committees.

The following changes to the Board Committees were discussed:

Shared Territory, 30th Anniversary, and Management Plan committees deleted.
Alternative Supplies (Desal/ASR/Recharge) made a Standing committee.
Scholarships committee – Blayne Stansberry membership deleted and Mary Stone added.

Director Stone moved approval of the updates discussed and identified above.

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

4b. Discussion and possible action related to the Sawyer Ranch application for a proposed TPDES permit to authorize direct discharge of treated wastewater to Barton Creek in the contributing zone of the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer.

Mr. Holland explained that Sawyer Ranch is a proposed TPDES permit to discharge treated wastewater into bar ditches and man-made ponds that will eventually reach Barton Creek in the contributing zone outside of our District.

Director Smith stated that he spoke to the developer about the concerns of this permit and about other options that could be taken.

Mr. David Venhuizen stated that he also spoke with the developer of the project and suggested alternatives to direct discharge.

This item was left open to be discussed in Executive Session with item 4c.

4c. 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, including the District's possible participation in ongoing settlement discussions.

Mr. Dugat gave the Board a brief update on the status of the parties to the SOAH hearing.

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 6:57 p.m. on items 4b. and 4c. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions would be made while in Executive Session.

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:29 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

No further actions on items 4.b or 4.c were taken in open session.

5. 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:

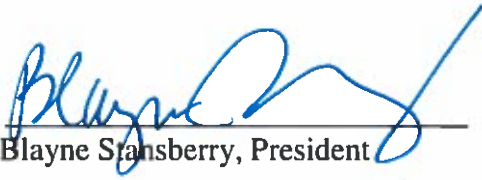
- Meetings and conferences attended or that will be attended;
- Committee formation and updates;
- Conversations with public officials, permittees, stakeholders, and other constituents;
- Commendations; and
- Issues or problems of concern.

The Directors reported on meetings and activities.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Approved by the Board on March 22, 2018

By: 
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: 
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary