

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2018**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Craig Smith, Bob Larsen, and Mary Stone. Blake Dorsett arrived at 6:20 p.m. Staff present: Kirk Holland, Dana Wilson, 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 6:02 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

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

Blake Neffendorf introduced himself as the new Water Resources Coordinator for the City of Buda.

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 March 22, 2018, Regular Meeting.**
3. **Approval of out of state travel for Justin Camp to attend Karst Geology Field Course, Cave City, KY, June 3-9, 2018.**

Director Smith moved approval of Consent Agenda items 1 through 3, noting invoices from Bickerstaff in the amount of \$11,382.14, The Standard in the amount of \$5548.55 and Holland Groundwater Management Consultants in the amount of \$7829.99.

Director Larsen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4 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. Update on HCP and ITP status
- ii. Update on regulatory and enforcement activities
- iii. Update on certain projects and activities of individual teams
- iv. 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 rules and regulatory approaches of other GCDs in GMA 10 and considering conforming changes to certain BSEACD rules.

Mr. Holland explained that the GCDs in GMA 10 provided input into an extensive spreadsheet that compared the characteristics and rules of each of the individual GCDs in various informational categories that were specified in proposed legislation last year. That legislation would have required that GCDs have similar rules for an aquifer that was being managed by a GMA to the greatest extent possible. He said that the legislation did not pass, but similar interim charges and prospective legislation will be coming back in the upcoming legislative session.

Director Larsen said that there are so many differences in each GCD that it will be difficult, but that we should take a look at it.

The Board recognized that it was important to assess such possibilities to reinforce its commitment to joint planning with stakeholders, including especially the Texas Legislature. It also recognized that BSEACD is rather unique in its aggregated characteristics as a groundwater management entity.

After discussion, Director Larsen moved to instruct the staff to evaluate a consistent set of rules as it relates to the report on the differences of rules of GMA 10 GDCs.

Director Stone seconded the motion and is passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

4b. Discussion and possible action related to suspending commencement of the required notifications by permittees of the calendar-driven Stage I Drought in anticipation of an imminent Stage II Alarm Stage Drought declaration in a future meeting.

Mr. Holland explained that the District's voluntary conservation period starts May 1st of each year and that we usually publicize it with email notices to permittees, press releases, road signs etc. He said that staff suggested holding off due to Stage II drought declaration with mandatory curtailments right around the corner and to avoid confusing end users as to curtailment requirements.

After discussion, Director Stone moved approval of the delay in publicizing the calendar driven Stage I drought status and to re-evaluate it in June.

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

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 updated the Board on events that have transpired since the last meeting.

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 7:45 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 8:20 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

No action was taken in open session.

5. 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.)*

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.

The Directors reported on meetings and activities.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Approved by the Board on May 10, 2018

By: Blayne Stansberry
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary