

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 13, 2017**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Craig Smith, and Bob Larsen. Blake Dorsett and Mary Stone were absent. Staff present: John Dupnik, Dana Wilson, Vanessa Escobar and Tammy Raymond. Bill Dugat of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta 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.

President Stansberry called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 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 March 23, 2017 regular Meeting.**

Director Smith moved approval of consent agenda items 1 and 2 noting an invoice from Bickerstaff in the amount of \$8878.73.

Director Larsen seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 to 0.

5. Discussion and Possible Action.

5a. Discussion and possible action related to a Well Drilling Authorization application submitted by Trinity Episcopal School to drill a well in the Lower Trinity Aquifer for the purpose of landscape and athletic field irrigation.

Ms. Escobar explained that The Trinity Episcopal School filed a well drilling Authorization application with the District on December 8, 2016 for a new nonexempt Lower Trinity well. She said that the purpose of the well will be for irrigating athletic fields and landscape on the school campus. She said that a separate Production Permit application will be required to operate and produce water from this well in the future. She said that staff has reviewed the application and has determined that they have satisfied all of the requirements pursuant to District Rule 3-1.4.A, and that the required documentation and payment of fees have been satisfied. She ended with saying that staff recommends approval of the well drilling authorization application.

After discussion, Director Smith moved approval of the Well Drilling Authorization application filed by The Trinity Episcopal School for irrigation purposes.

Director Larsen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 3 to 0.

3. Routine Business.

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.)*

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.)*

Topics:

- i. Review of Status Update Report – at directors' discretion
- ii. Update on GMA and regional water planning
- iii. Update on regulatory and enforcement activities
- iv. Update on District grant projects and other Aquifer Science Team projects
- v. Update on activities related to area roadway projects
- vi. Update on Board committee activity

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

4. Presentations.

4a. Overview of the Texas Public Information Act and associated compliance requirements.

Mr. Dugat gave a presentation to the Board on the laws of dealing with open records requests filed under the Texas Public Information Act.

4b. Presentation of webinar highlights provided by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission on email management.

Mr. Dupnik gave an overview of a webinar on email management that staff had viewed the prior week.

5. Discussion and Possible Action.

5b. Discussion and possible action related to a draft settlement agreement prepared in response 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.

5c. Discussion and possible action related to activities in the 85th Legislative session of interest to the District.

President Stansberry stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) on items 5b. and 5c. at 7:21 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 9:48 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Approved by the Board on April 27, 2017

By: Blayne Stansberry
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Jimmy Raymond
Blake Dorsch, Board Secretary
Deputy