

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 14, 2016**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Craig Smith, Bob Larsen, Mary Stone and Blake Dorsett. Staff present: John Dupnik, 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.**

Ms. 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).**

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 24, 2016 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing.**
3. **Approval of an Order of Appointment of Records Custodian and Agent for the November 2016 Election.**

Mr. Smith moved approval of Items 3a. 1 through 3, noting an invoice from Bickerstaff in the amount of \$5659.00.

Ms. Stone seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 5 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.)*

- i. **Review of Status Update Report – at directors' discretion**
- ii. **Update on activities related to GMA and regional water planning**
- iii. **Update on ongoing and prospective District grant projects**
- iv. **Update on the activities related to the SH 45 SW roadway project**
- v. **Update on activities related to the HCP and the associated draft EIS**
- vi. **Update on activities related to the City of Dripping Springs TPDES permit application**

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

**4. Presentations.**

**Presentation by Peter Sprouse on detection of Barton Springs Salamanders (*Eurycea sosorum*) within the Edwards Aquifer using well sampling.**

Mr. Peter Sprouse, owner of Zara Environmental LLC, gave a presentation on the discovery of a Barton Springs Salamander in his Edwards Aquifer well.

**5. Discussion and Possible Action.**

**5a. Discussion and possible action related to public comments received on proposed revisions to the District Rules and Bylaws presented in the public hearing held on March 24, 2016 and the proposed process for possible adoption.**

Mr. Dupnik went through the timeline of events on the proposed revisions to the District's Rules thus far.

Ms. Stansberry called on the following citizens that signed up to speak for and against the rules.

Lila Knight  
Kelly Davis  
Vanessa Puig-Williams  
Chris Elliott  
Karen McBee

Ms. Stansberry stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney at 6:55 p.m. Ms. Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions would be made while in Executive Session.

The Board re-convened into open session at 8:21 p.m. Ms. Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

Mr. Dupnik stated that after the review of the comments and discussion with the District's attorney and Board Rules committee, he recommended the following steps for completion of the rule making process:

- 1) Bill Dugat and staff will prepare a Response to Comments (RTC) document and will provide suggested Rule revisions responsive to certain comments and input from the Board and Board Rules committee.
- 2) Bill Dugat and staff will provide the RTC document with suggested Rule revisions prior to the regular Board meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The RTC and suggested edits may also be made available to the commenting stakeholders and the public via the website.
- 3) The Board may consider possible action on the Rules in the April 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Mr. Dupnik stated that given the outreach to stakeholders prior to the Rules hearing and due consideration of the submitted written comments as will be documented in the RTC document, it is the opinion of the staff that the written RTC should suffice to demonstrate that the District both considered and was responsive to the input received. He then recommended that the Board direct staff to follow the recommended procedure as presented in lieu of individual or collective meetings with the commenting stakeholders as previously directed by the Board.

Mr. Smith moved to adopt the proposed procedure given by Mr. Dupnik.

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

**5b. Discussion and possible action related to approval of revisions to the District's guidance document, *Guidelines for Hydrogeologic Reports and Aquifer Testing*.**

Mr. Dupnik suggested that this item should be returned to the next agenda due to the link between the Guidelines and the Rules.

No Board action was taken.

**5c. Discussion and possible action related to designating one or more draft redistricting plans as Illustrative Plan(s) to be proposed for public consideration and comment including scheduling one or more public hearings at which to receive public comments.**

Mr. Dugat gave a presentation on five proposed Illustrative Plans to be considered in one or more public hearings.

After Board discussion, Mr. Smith moved to adopt Illustrative Plans A, B & C for Precincts 1, 2 and 3, and Illustrative Plans D and E for Precincts 4 and 5 to be considered in a Public Hearing to be set for April 28, 2016.

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

**6. Adjournment.**

Without objection, Ms. Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Approved by the Board on April 28, 2016:

By: Blayne Stansberry  
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett  
Blake Dorsett, Secretary