

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 9, 2013**

Board members present at commencement: Mary Stone, Gary Franklin, and Bob Larsen. Craig Smith and Blake Dorsett were absent. Staff present: Kirk Holland, John Dupnik, Kendall Bell-Enders and Tammy Raymond. Claudia Russell of Bickerstaff 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. Stone 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 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 April 25, 2013, Regular Meeting.**
3. **Approval of co-sponsorship of the 2013 Texas Groundwater Summit in Austin in August 2013, at the Supporting Sponsor (\$1000) level.**

Mr. Holland stated that the District co-sponsored a breakfast at last year's Summit, but recommended the Supporting Sponsor level of \$1000 for the Texas Groundwater Summit in August.

Dr. Larsen moved approval of the consent agenda items 1 through 3, noting a co-sponsorship of \$1000 for the Texas Groundwater Summit.

Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 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.

- a. Personnel matters and utilization;**
- b. Upcoming public events of possible interest;**
- c. Aquifer conditions and status of drought indicators.**

2. Discussion related to current staff work areas and specific activities of staff teams and directors. 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 recent activities of teams and directors;**
- ii. Update on permitting and non-drought regulatory activities;**
- iii. Update on the progress of desalination demonstration projects;**

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

3c. Directors' Reports. Note: Board Member comments in this part of the agenda cannot address any aspect of an agenda item posted elsewhere on this agenda, and no substantive discussion among the Board Members or action by the Board on these comments will be allowed in this meeting.

Individual Board Members may, on a voluntary basis, make a brief report to the entire Board on their personal involvement in activities and dialogue that are of likely interest to the rest of 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, other stakeholders, and private citizens;
- Kudos and recognition of people doing good things for groundwater management in the District;
- Concerns about specific issues or problems for groundwater management in the District.

No reports were given.

4. Board Discussion and Possible Action.

4b. Update, discussion and possible action related to the pursuit of the District's legislative agenda in this legislative session, including the consideration of specific bills and bill language to be advanced, and a briefing on other introduced bills of particular interest to the District.

Mr. Holland and Ms. Claudia Russell provided the legislative update and presented a summary of key bills that have been filed that affect the District specifically, and GCDs generally. After discussion, the Board took no formal action.

4a. Discussion and possible action related to authorization of commencing negotiations with the recommended GM candidate, to be considered for approval as the new GM in a subsequent Board meeting.

Mr. Holland stated that the search and evaluation committee unanimously recommended John Dupnik as the best candidate for the General Manager position. He said that the next step would be to approve going into negotiations with Mr. Dupnik, and to bring that information back to the Board for approval.

After discussion, Mr. Franklin moved to authorize commencing negotiations with Mr. Dupnik to include a committee of Ms. Stone, Dr. Larsen, and Mr. Holland.

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

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, Ms. Stone adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Approved by the Board on May 23 2013:

By: Mary Stone
Mary Stone, President

Attest: Craig Smith
Craig Smith, Secretary