

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 10, 2018**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Craig Smith, Bob Larsen, and Blake Dorsett. Mary Stone was absent. Staff present: Kirk Holland, Dana Wilson, Vanessa Escobar, Kendall Bell-Enders, Brian Smith, Jackie Vay, and Tammy Raymond. 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.

Note: The Board of Directors of the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on this agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551.087 (Economic Development) 418.183 (Homeland Security). No final action or decision will be made in Executive Session.

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).

There were no citizen communications 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 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 April 12, 2018, Regular Meeting and April 17, 2018, Special Called Meeting.**
- 3. Approval of recommendation for Jennifer Walker, National Wildlife Federation, to continue to serve on the HCP Management Advisory Committee as the designated representative of the MAC's special interest group for the environmental community.**
- 4. Approval of designating Alicia Reinmund-Martinez as the District Representative to GMA 10, effective May 29, 2018.**

5. Approval of designating Alicia Reinmund-Martinez as the District's voting representative to the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts, effective May 29, 2018.

President Stansberry stated that she would be standing in for the General Manager on item 3. Routine Business.

Director Smith moved approval of items 1 through 5 noting invoices from Bickerstaff Heath in the amount \$7896.50, and Holland Groundwater Management in the amount of \$7709.00.

Director Dorsett seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4 to 0.

- 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 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 status of investigation to correct registered voter list for BSEACD elections in the Shared Territory in Hays County.**
- iii. Update on regulatory and enforcement activities**
- iv. Update on certain projects and activities of individual teams and of Board committees.**

Updates were given by President Stansberry, staff, and Bill Dugat.

4. Discussion and Possible Action.

4a. Discussion and possible action related to selecting the winning essay and naming the recipient of the 2018 Kent S Butler Memorial Groundwater Stewardship College Scholarship.

Ms. Jackie Vay stated that four essays were received this year from students of Bowie, Drippings Springs, Lanier, and McCallum High Schools. She explained that there was a panel of seven judges from various interests who scored the essays in originality, quality of writing, style of writing, accuracy of information, and research efforts. She said that Applicant #4 scored the highest among the judges with 93 points.

President Stansberry thanked all of the judges that participated including Director Smith and Director Stone, and asked for a motion to accept the committee's recommendation.

Director Smith moved approval of Applicant #4 as the winner of the 2018 Kent Butler Groundwater Stewardship College Scholarship.

Director Larsen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

Ms. Vay stated that the name of Applicant #4 and the winner is Elizabeth Beggs from Dripping Springs High School.

4b. Discussion and possible action related to the approval of a resolution to add the new General Manager Alicia Reinmund-Martinez and delete the former General Manager to those District representatives authorized to have check-signing authority, and for the staff to arrange with the District's financial institutions for her to have such authority effective May 29, 2018.

Director Smith moved approval of Resolution #051018-01 regarding check signing authority for the new General Manager Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, and other banking business.

Director Larsen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

4c. Discussion and possible action related to the approval of a resolution to authorize the District staff to utilize electronic funds transfers for payroll and disbursements in lieu of checks, at its discretion.

Director Larsen moved approval of Resolution #051018-02 regarding the use of electronic fund transfers.

Director Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

4d. Discussion and possible action related to the City of Dripping Springs application for a TPDES permit to authorize direct discharge of treated wastewater to Onion Creek in the contributing zone of the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer.

Mr. Dugat explained that mediation was scheduled and held on May 7th with TCEQ mediators. Those that were invited to the mediation were individuals or organizations that were named as affected persons by the TCEQ. He said that the District requested to participate but that the City of Dripping Springs did not allow us. He said that on May 21st there will be a SOAH hearing to determine if the District has standing.

No formal action was taken by the Board.

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.

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Approved by the Board on May 24, 2018

By: Blayne Stansberry Attest: Blake Dorsett
Blayne Stansberry, President Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary