

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 26, 2014**

Board members present at commencement: Bob Larsen, Mary Stone and Blake Dorsett. Craig Smith was absent. Staff present: John Dupnik, Brian Smith, Dana Wilson, Kendall Bell-Enders and Tammy Raymond. Bill Dugat of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta and Kirk Holland of Holland Groundwater Consultants, 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.

Dr. Larsen called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 June 12, 2014, Regular Meeting and the June 17, 2014 Work Session and Special-called Meeting.**
3. **Discussion and possible action related to an Order of Appointment of Records Custodian and Agent for the November 2014 Election.**

Mr. Dupnik briefed the Board on the consent agenda items above.

Ms. Stone moved approval of consent agenda items 3a. 1 through 3 as presented, noting the Appointment of Dana C. Wilson as Records Custodian and Agent for the November 2014 Election.

Mr. Dorsett seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 to 0.

4. Discussion and Possible Action.

- a. **Discussion and possible action related to: 1) approving the suggested edits in response to comments from the Management Advisory Committee, 2) releasing the edited draft HCP for public comments, and (3) setting a public hearing on the draft HCP.**

Mr. Holland gave a presentation of the suggested edits in response to MAC comments section by section, and the Board offered some additional edits to include. Mr. Dupnik then suggested that rather than set a public hearing, the draft HCP with suggested edits in response to any comments from the public and consultants could be presented at the August 14, 2014 Board meeting at which time the Board could then consider setting a public hearing at the August 28, 2014 Board meeting.

After discussion, Ms. Stone moved approval of the draft HCP with the changes discussed in this meeting and to release the draft for public comment and set the public comment period to expire on July 25th.

Mr. Dorsett seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 to 0.

- b. **Discussion and possible action related to reviewing the draft FY 2015 annual budget and fee schedule, and setting a public hearing.**

Ms. Wilson went through each line item of the draft FY 2015 Budget, and answered questions by the Board.

Ms. Stone moved to set a Public Hearing on July 24, 2014 on the FY 15 Fee Schedule and the draft FY 2015 Budget as presented.

Mr. Dorsett seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 to 0.

- c. **Discussion and possible action related to a declaration of “No Drought” conditions within the District’s jurisdictional area.**

Dr. Brian Smith presented the most current aquifer conditions to the Board indicating that conditions were above the threshold for “Stage II Alarm Drought” for both triggers with the Lovelady water levels having just crossed over recently. He also informed the Board that by the next meeting on July 24th, his best estimate projects conditions to be very close to the drought trigger at the Lovelady monitor well, at which time the Board may need to consider going back into drought.

After discussion, Ms. Stone moved to declare a “No Drought” status.

Mr. Dorsett seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 to 0.

- d. **Discussion and possible action related to the performance and compliance of District permittees with their User Drought Contingency Plan curtailments.**

Ms. Bell-Enders presented the drought compliance report with reported pumping vs. targets for the month of May. She also indicated that all permittees in the first tier compliance review (Tier 3 permittees and level C overpumpage) were in compliance and that no enforcement actions were recommended.

No action was taken.

e. **Discussion and possible action related to establishing a legislative agenda and defining near-term steps in pursuit of that agenda.**

Mr. Dupnik presented the findings of the previous work session and the staff recommendations for setting the legislative priorities.

After discussion, Ms. Stone moved to approve the Legislative agenda as presented on page 47 of the backup.

Mr. Dorsett seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 to 0.

f. **Discussion and possible action related to sponsorship of a table at the \$2,500 level at the Hill Country Conservancy's Hill Country Nights event.**

Mr. Dupnik described the request to sponsor a table for this event at the \$2500 dollar level noting that there was only one table left.

After a brief discussion and reference to the earlier budget notes on diminishing annual revenue, the Board declined to sponsor a table.

No formal action was taken.

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.

- i. **Personnel matters and utilization**
- ii. **Upcoming public events of possible interest**
- iii. **Aquifer conditions and status of drought indicators**

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

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 Team activities and highlights**
- ii. **Update on regulatory and enforcement activities**
- iii. **Update on current Aquifer Science Team projects**
- iv. **Update on efforts to characterize the saline zone of the Edwards Aquifer**
- v. **Update on status of area roadway projects**
- vi. **Update on the status of *SOS Alliance v. City of Kyle, Goodman et al., and the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District***

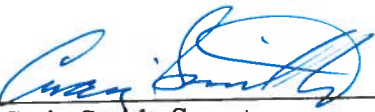
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5. Adjournment.

Without objection, Dr. Larsen adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Approved by the Board on July 24, 2014:

By: 
Robert D. Larsen, Acting President

Attest: 
Craig Smith, Secretary