

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 27, 2019**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Mary Stone, Bob Larsen, Craig Smith and Blake Dorsett. Staff present included: Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, Brian Smith, Dana Wilson, and Tammy Raymond. 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 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 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 June 13, 2019, Regular Meeting.**

Director Smith moved approval of Consent Agenda Items 1 and 2. There were no invoices over \$5000.

Director Larsen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 5 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.)*

Topics

1. Personnel matters.
2. Aquifer conditions and status of drought indicators.
3. Upcoming public events of possible interest.
4. Update on projects and activities of individual teams.
5. Update on Board Committee activity.
6. Update on development activities over aquifer recharge and contributing zones.
7. Update on activities related to area roadway projects.
8. Update on the Permian Highway Pipeline project.
9. Update on GMA and regional water planning activities.
10. Update on the State Office of Administrative Hearings proceedings for the Electro Purification LLC permit applications.

Updates were given by Ms. Reinmund-Martinez, Bill Dugat and staff.

4. Discussion and possible action.

a. Discussion and possible action related to amending the FY 2019 Budget with Revision 2.

Ms. Reinmund-Martinez explained the amendments needed to carry the District through FY 2019.

After discussion, Director Stone moved approval of Revision 2 as presented for the FY 2019 Budget.

Director Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

c. Discussion and possible action related to the Sawyer-Cleveland Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Ms. Reinmund-Martinez explained that at the last meeting Brian Smith summarized a presentation made by the City of Austin Watershed Protection Department to the Environmental Commission regarding their analysis of the impacts of the proposed Sawyer-Cleveland Wastewater Treatment Plant on the receiving tributary. She said the Sawyer-Cleveland development is seeking a permit to allow discharge into the tributary of Barton Creek, in the contributing zone of the Edwards Aquifer.

If approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the permit would allow a discharge of 92,000 gallons per day with an effluent concentration of 22 milligrams per liter of nitrogen and 4 milligrams per liter of phosphorous. The City's model shows that during

low flow conditions it would degrade water quality. She said that the permit is still in technical review and asked for direction from the Board to send a letter to TCEQ stating that these limits are unacceptable.

Director Larsen asked about timelines in terms of the TCEQ.

Ms. Reinmund-Martinez answered that there is no timeline on issuing a draft permit. The application is still under technical review. However, if we submitted a letter at this time, our comments would have a better chance of influencing the TCEQ's decision on the draft permit.

Director Smith stated that he met Mr. Cleveland in March of 2018 and he had already filed his application then. TCEQ is taking their time with it, and he was told that he is proposing a relatively small development and that he could have on-site treatment.

Director Smith moved to direct the General Manager to send a letter to TCEQ on behalf of the District stating the reasons why the Board opposes this discharge application.

Director Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4 to 1. Director Larsen voted nay.

b. Discussion and possible action on proposed amendments to the fee schedule and setting a Public Hearing for July 11, 2019.

President Stansberry stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) at 6:52 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 7:48 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

After the end of the Executive Session, Director Stone moved to set a Public Hearing on the FY 2020 Fee Schedule for July 11, 2019.

Director Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Approved by the Board on July 11, 2019

By: Blayne Stansberry
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary