

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
July 13, 2017**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Mary Stone, Craig Smith, Blake Dorsett and Bob Larsen. Staff present: John Dupnik, Dana Wilson, Vanessa Escobar, Zach Garza 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.

1. Call to Order.

President 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 of a General Nature).

Dr. Joni Charles stated that she is doing research interviews with various Boards of Directors across the state to get people's perceptions and knowledge of groundwater and groundwater management. She invited our Board members to participate in her study.

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 22, 2017 regular Meeting.**

Director Smith moved approval of consent agenda items 1 and 2.

Director Stone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 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 GMA and regional water planning
- iii. Update on regulatory and enforcement activities
- iv. Update on District grant projects and other Aquifer Science Team projects
- v. Update on activities related to area roadway projects
- vi. Update on Board committee activity

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

4. Discussion and possible action.

4a. Discussion and possible action to adopt FY 2018 fee schedule by Resolution No. 071317-01.

Ms. Wilson stated that the only change in the fee schedule is the production fee for new Class A, B, or C Conditional Permits. She said that the fee was lowered by 2 cents. She explained that the reason for the change is that we align those fees with LCRA’s raw water rate which was lowered by that amount.

After discussion, Director Smith moved adoption of Resolution #071317-01 approving the 2018 Fee Schedule.

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

4b. Discussion and possible action related to reviewing the draft FY 2018 annual budget and setting a public hearing.

Mr. Dupnik stated that there was one adjustment needed in the budget. He explained that the Budget Committee caught that the election would not take place until FY 2019 and suggested reducing that line item from \$12,000 to \$5,000.

The Board then discussed uncommitted dollars left in the budget and how they may be used.

Mr. Dupnik recommended to set a public hearing for August 10th. He said that Board authorization is needed to refine the plan and incorporate the uncommitted dollars into the draft budget that would be the subject of a public hearing.

After further discussion, Director Smith moved to set the public hearing for August 10th and to authorize the Board Budget and Finance subcommittee to make changes to the draft budget for that hearing.

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

4c. Discussion and possible action related to conditional renewal of annual Production Permits for FY 2018 contingent on compliance with District rules and renewal requirements.

Ms. Escobar explained that this is the time of year to renew annual production permits. She said that all permittees were in compliance with the District's rules, and that staff recommended approval of all permits.

Director Smith moved to approve all the of the District's annual production permits.

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

4d. Discussion and possible action related to approval of the preliminary draft of the 2018 District Management Plan for submittal to the TWDB for pre-review.

Mr. Dupnik gave a quick overview of the changes to the management plan and the description of the management of the District, and the goals and strategies.

Director Larsen suggested that in the mission statement there should be a comma between enhancing and recharge. He said that the comma is in the wrong place and would like it changed to fit into what we are doing.

Director Stone said that she doesn't have a problem with that but suggests looking at it at a later date.

President Stansberry agreed and doesn't feel comfortable with changing it tonight.

Director Larsen said that he disagreed. Director Larsen then pointed out other sections in the draft plan where there were typos to be corrected or that required clarification. Director Larsen also stated his objection to the idea of encouraging the use of conservation-oriented rate structures on permittees as described in the draft Objective 6-2.

The other Directors said that the wording was changed previously and didn't feel a need to change it again.

After further discussion, Director Stone moved approval of the revised management plan with the following changes:

Section 2.9 change language to a five-year plan
Add missing quotation mark on Objective 5-4 on page 52
Table 2.4 in section 2.8 on page 39 revised to equal 100%

Director Smith seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4 to 1.

Director Larsen voted nay due to lack of change in the Mission Statement and the overreaching on conservation rates.

4e. Discussion and possible action related to the status of the District's draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Incidental Take Permit (ITP) application.

Mr. Holland gave an update on the status of the HCP informing the Board that the application was approved by the USFWS to be published in the federal register on July 18, 2017 for public review and comment which was a major milestone. Mr. Holland also informed the Board of the need for a public meeting to be held during the 60-day comment period. He then laid out the next steps in the process by providing a calendar of remaining activities for the ITP issuance which could extend into late 2018.

No Board action was needed.

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

President Stansberry stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) on item 4f. at 8:02 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 8:46 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

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. Communications reported under this item may be used to support Performance Standard 4-1 of the District's Management Plan related to demonstration of effective communication with District constituents.)*

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;
- Committee formation and updates;
- Conversations with public officials, permittees, stakeholders, and other constituents;
- Commendations; and
- Issues or problems of concern.

Director Stone reported the following:

Nothing to report

Director Smith reported the following:

Attended an award ceremony at Barton Springs for the COA HCP
Visited Eliza Spring

Director Stansberry reported the following:

Subcommittee meetings

Director Larsen reported the following:

Subcommittee meetings

Director Dorsett reported the following:

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6. Adjournment.

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Approved by the Board on August 10, 2017

By: Blayne Stansberry
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary

