

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting & Work Session  
September 22, 2016**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Craig Smith, and Bob Larsen. Mary Stone was absent. Blake Dorsett arrived at 6:11 p.m. Staff present: John Dupnik, Brian Smith, Dana Wilson, Robin Gary, Vanessa Escobar, Stephen Davis and Tammy Raymond. Bill Dugat of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta 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.**

President Stansberry called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

**2. Citizen Communications (Public Comments of a General Nature).**

Eliot Reynolds, a camp scholarship winner, addressed the Board saying that his experience at camp was amazing and spoke of the highlights of his stay. He thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to learn about the aquifer in a fun environment.

Director Dorsett arrived at 6:11 p.m.

**4. 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 September 8, 2016 regular Meeting.**
3. **Approval of District support of the Amicus Brief filed in support of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District.**

Director Smith moved approval of consent agenda items 1 through 3.

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

### **3. Work Session.**

#### **The Board will hold a work session to discuss District strategic planning and setting FY 2017 District Goals and Performance Objectives for the General Manager.**

Mr. Dupnik explained that the purpose of this item is to solicit direction from the Board on where priorities should be focused this year.

Director Larsen stated that the FY 2016 goals are still valid with more work to be done. He said that goals are never achieved and are open-ended.

Mr. Dupnik stated that he understood and had received similar comments from Director Smith. He said that we could possibly update those goals to reflect new phases that are consistent with those projects.

The Team Leaders presented the outlook of what they anticipate their teams will be focused on this coming fiscal year.

After discussion, Mr. Dupnik stated that he received a general concurrence from the Board and would use the information to draft goals and performance objectives for discussion and possible action at the next Board meeting.

#### **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 District grant projects and other Aquifer Science Team projects
- iv. Update on activities related to area roadway projects
- v. Update on the HCP/ITP application and the associated draft EIS
- vi. Update on activities related to the Travis County PGMA
- vii. Update on interim legislative activity

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

### **5. Discussion and Possible Action.**

#### **5a. Discussion and possible action related to the District's process to conduct a contested permit case.**

Mr. Dugat gave a presentation on the rules and timelines of a contested case hearing.

No action was taken by the Board.

**5b. 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.**

Mr. Dupnik gave an update on the permit application and stated that a public meeting has been set for November 10<sup>th</sup>.

President Stansberry stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) at 8:14 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 8:48 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

Director Smith made a motion to direct the General Manager to wait until the draft permit for Dripping Springs is published in the newspaper, and if and when that occurs to send the second round of comments with the revisions that were discussed in Executive Session.

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

**6. 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;
- Conversations with public officials, permittees, stakeholders, and other constituents;
- Commendations; and
- Issues or problems of concern.

**Director Dorsett reported the following:**

Met with Goforth Water Utility

Met with District staff to run a camera in the Creedmoor well while in artesian mode

**Director Larsen reported the following:**

Subcommittee meeting on transportation

Met with the President of the Onion Creek HOA  
Attended a fund raiser for Representative Workman

**Director Stansberry reported the following:**

Subcommittee meeting on transportation  
Attended the Leadership Summit in Dripping Springs

**Director Smith reported the following:**

Attended the RWQPP meeting on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and the next meeting will be October 7th

**7. Adjournment.**

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Approved by the Board on October 6, 2016:

By: Blayne Stansberry  
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett  
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary