

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
September 27, 2018**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Craig Smith, Bob Larsen, and Blake Dorsett. Mary Stone arrived at 6:34 p.m. Staff present: Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, Brian Smith, Vanessa Escobar, 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 6:03 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 September 13, 2018, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing.**
- 3. Approval of issuing the earned Conservation Credits to permittees for FY 2018.**

Director Smith moved approval of Consent Agenda items 1 through 3, noting an invoice from Bickerstaff Heath in the amount of \$11,683.65.

Director Dorsett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 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. Update on certain projects and activities of individual teams.**
- ii. Update on the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Incidental Take Permit Number TE10607C- 0.**
- iii. Update on activities related to the Travis County ILA.**
- iv. Update on Board committee activity.**
- v. Update on various development activity over aquifer recharge and contributing zones.**

Updates were given by Ms. Reinmund-Martinez and staff.

4. Public Hearing.

The Board will hold a public hearing on two well drilling applications for the Gragg Tract LP. for wells proposed to be discretely completed in either the Middle Trinity or Lower Trinity aquifers, located in Hays County on a 224.16 acre tract at Old Bliss Spillar Rd (30.131450°, -97.868006° and 30.130811°, 97.861608°), and planned to be part of a public water supply well field used to support a future mixed-use development along the future SH 45 corridor which is not within an existing CCN. Note: A separate Production Permit Application will be required to operate and produce from these wells in the future.

President Stansberry opened the Public Hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Ms. Escobar explained that the applicant requested to drill two wells in the Lower Trinity Aquifer for the purpose of supporting mixed use development, which may include public water supply and/or irrigation use. She said that a separate Production Permit Application will be required in order to operate and produce from these wells in the future. She said that Kevin Langford from Bee Caves Drilling and John Mikels, the Hydrogeologist Consultant on the project were both present. She went on to say that the applicant has met all of the requirements of the District and that staff recommends approval of the request.

President Stansberry closed the Public Hearing at 6:44 p.m.

5. Discussion and Possible Action.

a. Discussion and possible action to approve the two well drilling applications for the Gragg Tract LP. for wells proposed to be discretely completed in either the Middle Trinity or Lower Trinity aquifers, located in Hays County on a 224.16 acre tract at Old Bliss Spillar Rd (30.131450°, -97.868006° and 30.130811°, 97.861608°), and planned to be part of a public water supply well field used to support a future mixed-use development along the future SH 45 corridor which is not within an existing CCN. Note: A separate Production Permit Application will be required to operate and produce from these wells in the future.

After discussion, Director Stone moved approval of two well drilling applications for the Gragg Tract L.P. as stated.

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

b. Discussion and possible action related to the approval of the amended and restated water pipeline easement from the District to the Alliance Regional Water Authority - formerly the Hays Caldwell Public Utility Agency.

Mr. Graham Moore, the Director of Alliance Regional Water Authority, explained that they would like to extend the current temporary easement through April 30, 2020. He stated that the extension would allow them to construct a driveway on the Antioch property from FM 2770 among other things.

President Stansberry asked that they also maintain the new driveway.

Mr. Moore agreed, and it was written into the amended contract.

Director Stone moved approval of the amended water pipeline easement between the District and the Alliance Regional Water Authority, with the maintenance of the new driveway included.

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

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

Ms. Escobar explained the process and steps that staff takes when the District goes into a drought Stage, including informing permittees, sending out a press release, updating the website, changing the flag etc. She then provided a comprehensive overview of the "horse blanket" which is a large spreadsheet that the database generates showing every permittee and their water usage for the month. She ended with saying that there are fees associated with overpumping, and in some cases enforcements that have to be taken.

No action was needed.

e. Discussion and possible action related to scheduling of hearing and procedural matters relating to Needmore Water LLC permit application.

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 7:35 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 8:32 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

No action was taken in open session.

d. Discussion related to assessment of progress made towards achievement of the District Goals set for FY 2018 and identification of possible District goals for FY 2019.

Ms. Reinmund-Martinez presented the FY 2018 Goals and the progress made by staff throughout the year. She then presented possible FY 2019 Goals for each team.

Dr. Larsen stated that he would like to see alternative water sources in the Aquatic Science goal, and that they should be called objectives and not goals. Director Stone and President Stansberry requested changes to Education and Outreach goal.


After discussion, Director Smith moved that the Board confirms that the District achieved FY 2018 goals #1-5 and made substantial progress on goal #6.

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

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Approved by the Board on October 11, 2018

By: 
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: 
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary