

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
October 6, 2016**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Craig Smith, and Mary Stone. Bob Larsen and Blake Dorsett were absent. Staff present: John Dupnik, Stephen Davis, Brian Hunt 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 6:04 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

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

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 September 22, 2016 regular Meeting and Work Session.**
3. **Approval of issuing the earned Conservation Credits to permittees for FY 2016.**

Director Smith moved approval of consent agenda items 1 through 3, noting invoices from Bickerstaff in the amount of \$9065.47, Westbay Instruments in the amount of \$20,174.56, and Texas Municipal League in the amount of \$7884.10.

Director Stone seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 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.)*

**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 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. Updates on Board committee activity
- vii. Update on interim legislative 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 related to setting the FY 2017 District Goals.**

Mr. Dupnik presented possible District Goals for FY 2017. He said that they are team based goals and that each team would strive for achievement or substantial progress on each of them.

Director Smith stated that he had suggested that we need a legislative goal that would be deliberately defensive in defending our regulatory framework.

Mr. Dupnik stated that the 5th goal of the General Manager's draft Objectives speaks to that.

Ms. Stansberry opened item 4b. for discussion and possible action.

Mr. Dupnik said that it certainly rises to an overarching goal that should be the District's focus, and offered the following verbiage.

Advocate for the District's interests and support other related initiatives as needed to preserve the regulatory framework and groundwater management objectives of the District and the overall authority of Groundwater Conservation Districts.

President Stansberry and Director Stone agreed and Director Smith moved to adopt the FY 2017 District Goals 1 through 7 as amended.

Director Stone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 3 to 0.

**4b. Discussion and possible action related to setting the FY 2017 performance objectives for the General Manager.**

After discussion, Director Stone moved approval of the General Manager's Objectives for FY 2017 with item 5 removed.

Director Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 3 to 0.

**4c. Discussion and possible action related to the Travis County portion of the Hill Country Priority Groundwater Management Area (PGMA).**

Mr. Dupnik stated that this was put on the agenda because there has been a lot of activity over the summer involving what will be the fate of the unmanaged portion of the priority groundwater management area (PGMA.) He then gave a recap of the history from 1990 – 2015 prepared by Tom Weber of Travis County. He stated that new activity was initiated this spring when Representative Workman offered a draft bill that would create a single-area southwestern Travis County GCD. The bill was almost a mirror image of the enabling legislation that is in place for the Hays Trinity District. The bill was put out for people to react to and a work session of the Travis County Commissioners was held for discussion. He said that he provided comments at the work session. District staff was asked to be part of a working group led by Tom Weber, of Travis County, to do well inventory and revenue analysis. Guiding Principles were also developed for the County Commissioner's consideration, however, Representative Workman requested that Travis County give him until December 1<sup>st</sup> to rework the bill.

The Board elected to return this item to a future agenda, no action was taken.

**4d. 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 notice that was published.

Mr. Dugat stated that this is the second notice, the first was the notice of application, and this is the notice of the preliminary decision of the draft permit. He said that we have submitted comments, and the next round will be the response to comments which will be around January. He then suggested meeting in Executive Session for discussion.

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 7:52 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 8:40 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

No action was taken.

**5. Adjournment.**

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Approved by the Board on October 20, 2016:

By: Blayne Stansberry  
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett  
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary