

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
October 10, 2019**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Bob Larsen, and Blake Dorsett. Mary Stone and Craig Smith arrived at 4:04 p.m. Staff present included: Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, Dana Wilson, Brian Smith, Brian Hunt, Vanessa Escobar, Lane Cockrell, Justin Camp, Jackie Vay 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 4:02 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

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

No public comments of a general nature were given.

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 August 22, 2019 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing and September 12, 2019 Regular Meeting.**
 3. **Approval of the First Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Contract with the State Office of Administrative Hearings in connection with the application of Electro Purification, LLC.**
 4. **Approval of issuing the earned Conservation Credits to permittees for FY 2019.**

Director Smith moved approval of Consent Agenda Items 1 through 4 noting an invoice from Bickerstaff Heath in the amount of \$7881.25 and Texas Municipal League in the amount of \$9211.02.

Director Dorsett seconded the motion and it passed 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. 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.)

Topics

1. Personnel matters.
2. Aquifer conditions and status of drought indicators.
3. Upcoming public events of possible interest.
4. Review of Status Report Update – at directors' discretion.
5. Update on projects and activities of individual teams.
6. Update on roadway projects.
7. Update on development activities over aquifer recharge and contributing zones.
8. Update on GMA and regional water planning activities.
9. Update on the Budget.
10. Update on the HCP.
11. Update on the State Office of Administrative Hearings proceedings for the Electro Purification LLC permit application.
12. Update on Needmore Water LLC proceeding.

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

4. Discussion and possible action.

4a. Discussion and possible action of the Western Travis County Hydrogeologic Atlas – Results of the Travis County ILA Phase 1.

Brian Hunt gave a presentation on the Hydrogeologic Atlas. He explained that it is a collaborative document of studies completed in the Southwest Travis County area divided into four zones. He then answered questions of the Board.

4c. Discussion and possible action on the Sustainable Yield Study of the Trinity Aquifer.

Dr. Brian Smith gave a presentation on the overview of the study to determine the Sustainable Yield of the Trinity Aquifer. His presentation included a comparison of this study of the Trinity Aquifer with the District's previous Sustainable Yield study of the Edwards Aquifer.

He gave definitions, key objectives of the study, policy and timelines. He then answered questions from the Board.

Director Larsen left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

4b. Discussion and possible action on a Hays County/BSEACD ILA for monitoring wells at Jacob's Well.

After discussion, Director Stone moved approval of the ILA between the District and Hays County for monitoring wells at Jacob's Well.

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

4d. Discussion and possible action on legal options for protection of water quality and endangered species vulnerable to or potentially adversely affected by the Permian Highway Pipeline.

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 7:18 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 7:45 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

Director Smith moved to authorize the Board President with legal counsel to take all necessary action to prepare for litigation by the District or the District in cooperation with others in connection with the Permian Highway Pipeline.

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

5. Directors' Reports.

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

President Stanberry stated that this item would be deferred until the next meeting.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Approved by the Board on October 24, 2019

By: Blayne Stansberry
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary