

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
November 17, 2016**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Craig Smith, Bob Larsen, and Mary Stone. Blake Dorsett was absent. Staff present: John Dupnik, Brian Smith, Brian Hunt, Dana Wilson, Robin Gary, Vanessa Escobar, 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 6:02 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

4. Discussion and Possible Action.

4e. Discussion and possible action for finalizing November 8, 2016 general elections including presentation of Certificate of Election to newly-elected directors; completion of statement of officer; administering oath of office to directors; and approval of bond.

The Statement of Officers was executed, and Director Stone and Director Larsen took the Oath of Office for their re-elected positions.

Director Smith moved approval of the bonds for Director's Stone, Larsen and Dorsett.

Ms. Stansberry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

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 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 October 20, 2016 regular Meeting.

Director Smith moved approval of consent agenda items 1 and 2, noting invoices from Montemayor Britton Bender PC in the amount of \$5125.00, and USGS in the amount of \$9000.00.

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

4. Discussion and Possible Action

4b. Discussion and possible action related to consideration of a Well Drilling Authorization Application submitted by Gragg Tract LP to drill a well in the Lower Trinity Aquifer and to be used for mixed use development, which may include public water supply use and irrigation.

Ms. Escobar stated that the Gragg Tract LP submitted an application in September to drill a new Lower Trinity well for the purpose of proposed future developments. She explained that this could include a public water supply or irrigation. A separate Production Permit Application will be required in order to operate and produce from this well in the future. She said that the application is administratively complete and notice was published. The comment period ended November 14th. No comments were received and staff recommends approval of this application.

After discussion, Director Larsen moved approval of a Well Drilling Authorization Application submitted by Gragg Tract LP to drill a well in the Lower Trinity Aquifer and to be used for mixed use development, which may include public water supply use and irrigation.

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

4a. Discussion and possible action related to approval of the District's progress towards achieving goals and objectives in the District Management Plan in FY 2016, to be included in the District's Annual Report.

Mr. Dupnik stated that this is the time of year when we wrap up FY 2016 activities. That involves compilation of our Annual Report, and a key component is our assessment of our progress towards our Management Plan's objectives. Appendix B of the report is the detail of staff's assessment and the Board's evaluation of what we have done. He provided an overview of the framework of the management plan Goals and Objectives along with staff's assessment of progress towards satisfaction of the Performance Standards and Metrics. He asked the Board to determine if the Objectives were satisfied.

After discussion Director Stone moved approval of the entire document stating that all of the Objectives and Standards were met including Performance Standard 1-6.

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

4c. Discussion and possible action related to approval of a Resolution on the Travis County portion of the Priority Groundwater Management Area.

Mr. Dupnik stated that a Resolution was drafted to adopt Guiding Principles for the creation of a Groundwater Conservation District for the Travis County portion of the Hill County Priority Groundwater Management Area.

Director Larsen stated that this is an issue that has been around for a long period of time. Years ago the District determined that there were not enough resources to accommodate annexing this area, and that he does not agree with Principle Number 8 because it implies that the District is interested in annexing the area.

Director Smith commented that by adopting these Principles we do not want to imply that we want to annex, but that he wouldn't want to rule it out at this point.

Director Stone noted that Principle Number 8 was contingent on a District's support of consolidation and stated that she does not feel that it commits the District.

Director Stone moved approval of Resolution #111716-01.

Director Smith seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 to 1. Director Larsen voted nay.

4d. Discussion and possible action related to approval of an access agreement with the Hays County Emergency Services District No. 4) (dba Wimberley Volunteer Fire Department) to install and collect data from a multiport monitor well on their property.

Ms. Stansberry stated that this item would be returned to the next agenda.

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 the HCP/ITP application and the associated draft EIS**

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

4f. Discussion and possible action related to interim legislative activity of interest to the District.

Mr. Sledge gave an update on legislative activity.

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 7:50 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 9:12 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

President Stansberry commended Director Larsen for his efforts on flood control.

4g. 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 public meeting held in Dripping Springs on November 10th.

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;
- Committee formation and updates;
- Conversations with public officials, permittees, stakeholders, and other constituents;

- Commendations; and
- Issues or problems of concern.

Director Smith reported the following:

Attended the Dripping Springs meeting
Attended the RWQPP working group
Was asked to join the Barton Springs Conservancy
May be asked to administer the Barton Springs Salamander Conservation Fund

Director Stone reported the following:

Sat on the TAGD Leadership Panel
Attended the Dripping Springs meeting
Attended a subcommittee meeting on the 30th Anniversary
Met with Hays Trinity staff

Director Stansberry reported the following:

Attended a subcommittee meeting on the 30th Anniversary
Attended the Dripping Springs meeting
Attended legislative subcommittee meeting
Attended City of Austin Flood Mitigation

Director Larsen reported the following:

Attended Legislative subcommittee meetings
Attended a City of Austin Watershed Management meeting

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Approved by the Board on December 15, 2016:

By: Blayne Stansberry
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Sammy Raymond
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary
Deputy