

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
November 8, 2018**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Craig Smith, Bob Larsen and Blake Dorsett. Mary Stone was absent. Staff present: Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, Brian Smith, Vanessa Escobar, Jackie Vay 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 6:00 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 October 11, 2018, Regular Meeting.

Director Smith moved approval of Consent Agenda items 1 and 2, noting an invoice from Bickerstaff Heath in the amount of \$6503.60.

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. Review of Status Report Update – at directors’ discretion.**
- ii. Update on certain projects and activities of individual teams.**
- 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.**
- vi. Update on activities related to area roadway projects.**
- vii. Update on GMA and regional water planning.**
- viii. Update on Electro Purification LLC SOAH proceedings.**

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

4. Presentations.

4a. Presentation on the science behind NOAA Atlas 14 – the precipitation frequency values for the U.S. - by Texas State Climatologist, Dr. John Neilson-Gammon.

Dr. John Neilson-Gammon gave a presentation on past and future rainfall, runoff and flooding in Texas, and how climate change is affecting our weather patterns.

The Board asked several questions of Dr. Neilson-Gammon. Discussion followed.

4b. Presentation on the concepts behind a sustainable yield study for the Trinity Aquifers by Dr. Brian Smith.

Dr. Brian Smith presented an outline of the approach to study the sustainable yield of the Trinity Aquifers.

The Board asked several questions of Dr. Smith. Discussion followed.

5. Discussion and Possible Action.

5a. Discussion and possible action related to the Status Report Update and Weekly Highlights reports to the Board.

Ms. Reinmund-Martinez asked for Director input on whether the Status Report and Weekly Highlights were useful to the Board, and if they would like to continue to receive them.

Director Larsen stated that he liked the new Weekly Highlights but that the Status Report was very hard to read.

President Stansberry agreed with Dr. Larsen, and asked if the Status Report could be formatted differently.

No formal action was taken.

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.

The Directors gave reports on their activities for the month.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Approved by the Board on December 13, 2018

By: Blayne Stansberry Attest: Blake Dorsett
Blayne Stansberry, President Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary