

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 14, 2015**

Board members present at commencement: Mary Stone, Craig Smith, Blayne Stansberry, and Blake Dorsett. Bob Larsen was absent. Staff present: John Dupnik, Brian Smith, Kendall Bell-Enders, Vanessa Escobar, Justin Camp 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.**

Ms. Stone called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

**2. Citizen Communications (Public Comments).**

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 April 23, 2015 Regular Meeting.**
3. **Approval of the revised FY 15 incentive projects for individual staff.**

Ms. Stansberry moved approval of consent agenda items 1 through 3.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion and it passed 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.)*

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 activities related to GMA and regional water planning
- iii. Update on efforts to assess saline Edwards desalination/ASR feasibility
- iv. Update on area roadway projects
- v. Update on activities related to the HCP and the associated draft EIS
- vi. Update on annual goals

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

#### **4. Discussion and Possible Action.**

##### **4a. Discussion and possible action related to an application for a well drilling authorization submitted by Onion Creek Golf Club, L.P. to drill a new well located at the Northeast corner of FM 1626 and Wayne Riddell Loop, in the Knolls of Slaughter Creek Subdivision to produce groundwater from the Middle Trinity Aquifer for the proposed purpose of golf course irrigation.**

Ms. Escobar stated that the Onion Creek Golf Club (Golf Club) is a current permittee holder of the District. She explained that during the October 2013 flood, the Golf Club experienced significant damage to their golf course in addition to the destruction of the City of Austin’s Water Treatment Plant, which provided them with reclaimed water for irrigation. After the flood, the City of Austin decided not to rebuild the Water Treatment Plant forcing the Golf Club to find alternative sources for irrigation water. She said that the Golf Club submitted a well drilling authorization application on October 16, 2014 to drill a new Middle Trinity well to reduce their demand on City of Austin potable water, which they are temporarily receiving in place of the reclaimed water. The proposed irrigation well will be located on a seven acre tract of land owned by the Knolls of Slaughter Creek HOA and leased to the Golf Club. The water will be used primarily for golf course irrigation, with a small portion to be allocated to the HOA for their common area landscape needs. She ended with saying that staff recommends approval of the well drilling authorization application.

Mr. Dorsett wanted to make sure that backflow preventers would be installed.

Ms. Stone asked how much water they would be asking for.

Justin Jafarian, general manager of the Golf Club, stated that they need 65 to 75 million gallons per year.

After discussion, Ms. Stansberry moved approval of the Onion Creek Golf Club well drilling authorization application.

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

**4b. Discussion and possible action related to an update on activities related to the Electro Purification Trinity well field located just outside of the District's boundaries**

Dr. Brian Smith updated the Board on activities taking place in the "white zone". He also explained that the Aquifer Science Team of the District is preparing a technical note that presents: 1) a current conceptual model of the Trinity Aquifers of central Hays County, 2) summarizes the work that Electro Purification (EP) has conducted with their test wells and other recent studies, and 3) describes tests and analyses that should be conducted to evaluate the potential for impacts from pumping of the EP wells on nearby wells and other water resources. He went on to say that the technical note is currently undergoing review by District staff, and will soon be reviewed by the staff of the other three collaborating groundwater conservation districts in the area (Hays Trinity, Plum Creek and EAA). He ended with saying that they anticipate finalizing the technical note by the end of May.

Ms. Stone stated that there has been a lot of confusion about the area and believes that this paper will be helpful to everyone as a resource.

**4c. Discussion and possible action related to pursuit of the District's legislative agenda including proposed legislation to expand the District's territory.**

Ms. Stone stated that the Board would adjourn into Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney at 7:07 p.m. Ms. Stone stated that no final actions or decisions would be made while in Executive Session.

The Board re-convened into open session at 8:20 p.m. Ms. Stone stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

**5. Adjournment.**

Without objection, Ms. Stone adjourned the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

Approved by the Board on June 11, 2015:

By: Mary Stone  
Mary Stone, President

Attest: Blayne Stansberry  
Blayne Stansberry, Secretary