

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 11, 2015**

Board members present at commencement: Craig Smith, Blayne Stansberry, Bob Larsen and Blake Dorsett. Mary Stone was absent. Staff present: John Dupnik, Brian Smith, Brian Hunt, Robin Gary, Kendall Bell-Enders, 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.

Mr. Smith acting as the presiding officer in Ms. Stone's absence, called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 May 7, 2015 Special Called Meeting, May 14, 2015 and May 28, 2015 Regular Meetings.**

Ms. Stansberry moved approval of consent agenda item 1, noting an invoice from Bickerstaff in the amount of \$6447.00, and the minutes of May 7th and May 28th of item 2, with the addition of Brian Smith as a member of the SH 45 Subcommittee on page three of the May 28th minutes.

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

Ms. Stansberry moved approval of the May 14th minutes.

Mr. Dorsett seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 to 1. Dr. Larsen abstained due to being absent at that meeting.

4. Presentation.

Award of the Kent S. Butler Memorial Groundwater Stewardship College Scholarship to Julia Claire Pitre.

Ms. Pitre was honored by the Board for her outstanding essay, and was presented with a framed certificate and flowers. Congratulations were given and pictures were taken.

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

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

5. Discussion and Possible Action.

5a. Discussion and possible action related to activities associated with implementation of HB 3405 and adding to the District the territory comprised of the unregulated Trinity Aquifer in Hays County.

Mr. Dupnik gave a presentation on the overview of HB3405 and how it will affect the District. He then described tasks that would be assigned to each team upon implementation.

5b. Discussion and possible action related to approval of rule concepts for implementation of HB 3405 and other legislation from the 84th Legislative Session including direction to initiate rule making and scheduling of a public hearing.

Mr. Dupnik gave a presentation on potential rule concepts going forward, including the following:

- Trinity exemption criteria
- Limited production permits
- Temporary permits
- Permitting process timelines
- Contested case process
- Factors for action on permits
- Other related changes

After discussion, Ms. Stansberry moved approval of the proposed rule concepts, and directed staff to initiate rulemaking by setting a Special Called Meeting on June 16th to consider draft rule language, and possible action to set a public hearing.

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

5c. Discussion and possible action related to an update on the ongoing technical evaluation of the Trinity Aquifer in Central Hays County

Dr. Brian Smith gave a presentation on work performed by the staff of the District and other surrounding District's. He also showed interesting snapshots of a down-hole camera video that was taken in a well drilled by Electro Purification.

5d. Discussion and possible action related to 1) selecting a first-choice firm to provide engineering and technical support services associated with review of the SH 45 Southwest roadway design and associated stormwater controls and 2) authorizing the General Manager to negotiate and execute a contract.

Mr. Dupnik explained that at a meeting in May with CTRMA, it was concluded that the District needed engineering support due to their design process being between 30% and 60% complete. An RFQ was sent out and the District received four SOQs by the June 1st deadline. He went on to say that the subcommittee reviewed the submittals and a top rate firm stood out above the rest. The subcommittee interviewed Water Resources Associated, and unanimously concluded that they would be the first-choice firm to be recommended to the full Board.

Dr. Larsen stated that the interview process was informal yet was very revealing. He went on to say that the principals of the firm are very qualified and possess the expertise that we need.

Ms. Stansberry stated that the firm has kept up with the latest cutting edge technology and appreciated that their focus was not only on permanent BMPs, but understands how critical construction activity is in the temporary BMPs as well.

Mr. Dupnik stated that the subcommittee's recommendation is to select Water Resources Associated (WRA), as the first choice firm for engineering technical support services associated with the review of SH 45 Southwest and associated storm water controls, and authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with WRA.

After discussion, Dr. Larsen moved approval to select Water Resources Associated as the first choice firm for engineering technical support services associated with the review of SH 45 Southwest and associated storm water controls, and authorize the General Manager to negotiate a contract.

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

5e. Discussion and possible action related to the 84th Legislative session including bills affecting the District.

Mr. Dupnik explained that Brian Sledge agreed to provide a debriefing at the next regular Board meeting on June 25th, and recommended deferring this item until that meeting.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Approved by the Board on June 25, 2015:

By: Mary Stone
Mary Stone, President

Attest: Blayne Stansberry
Blayne Stansberry, Secretary