

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
September 12, 2019**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Bob Larsen, Mary Stone, Craig Smith and Blake Dorsett. Staff present included: Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, Brian Smith, Brian Hunt, Lane Cockrell, Erin Swanson, 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 6:01 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.**
3. **Approval of Alicia Reinmund-Martinez as the District's representative to the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) General Assembly.**

Director Smith moved approval of Consent Agenda Items 1, 2 and 3, noting an invoice from Sledge Law in the amount of \$9113.30.

Director Stone seconded the motion.

Director Larsen noted an error in the minutes.

Director Smith amended his previous motion deleting item 3a.2.

Director Stone seconded the updated motion and it passed unanimously 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 development activities over aquifer recharge and contributing zones.
7. Update on the Permian Highway Pipeline project.
8. Update on GMA and regional water planning activities.
9. Update on Budget.

Updates were given by Ms. Reinmund-Martinez and staff.

4. Discussion and possible action.

a. Discussion and possible action to approving an Interlocal Funding Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with Travis County for conducting investigations related to Groundwater Studies in Southwestern Travis County.

Ms. Reinmund-Martinez explained that this Agreement would provide \$75,000 from Travis County to continue the groundwater studies in Southwestern Travis County. She said that this agreement is the second phase and would take us through August 31, 2020.

After discussion, Director Smith moved approval of the Interlocal Funding Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with Travis County for conducting groundwater studies in Southwestern Travis County.

Director Larsen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

b. Discussion and possible action on an order adopting findings of fact and conclusions of law in connection with the July 29, 2019 Board decision on the application of Needmore Water LLC for conversion of a Temporary Production Permit to a Regular Historical Production Permit to authorize the withdrawal of an annual permitted volume of approximately 289,000,000 gallons per year of groundwater from the Trinity Aquifer.

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 6:43 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 7:48 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

Director Smith moved that the Board adopt the order with findings of fact and conclusions of law on the Needmore Water LLC matter as presented by the Board's legal counsel in Executive Session.

Director Larsen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

c. Discussion and possible action on a schedule for regular Board meetings.

Ms. Reinmund-Martinez presented the following three scenarios for the Board to consider.

1. One regular meeting per month on the 2nd Thursday; Special called meeting (if needed) on the 4th Thursday. Meetings to start at 4 PM.
2. One regular meeting per month on the 3rd Thursday. Meetings to start at 4 PM.
3. Status quo.

After Board discussion, Director Smith moved to adopt option 1 for regular meetings.

Director Stone seconded the motion, but added a six month trial as a friendly amendment.

Director Smith accepted the friendly amendment.

President Stansberry called for a vote. The motion passed with a vote of 4 to 1.

Director Larsen voted nay, explaining that one meeting a month could go longer than four hours, and that the public may not be able to attend a 4:00 PM meeting.

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 7:59 p.m.

Approved by the Board on October 10, 2019

By: Blayne Stansberry
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary