

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
September 13, 2012**

Board members present at commencement: Mary Stone, Jack Goodman, and Craig Smith. Gary Franklin arrived at 6:05 p.m. Bob Larsen was absent. Staff present: Kirk Holland, John Dupnik, Dana Wilson, Brian Smith, Kendall Bell Enders, and Tammy Raymond. Bill Dugat of Bickerstaff 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 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 from the Board's August 23, 2012, Regular Meeting.**
3. **Approval and setting of new dates for the November 2012 and December 2012 Regular Meetings of the Board.**
4. **Approval of sponsorship of the Austin Youth River Watch's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and selection of the desired sponsorship level within existing FY 2013 budget.**
5. **Approval of a small, fixed-price contract with former intern Richard Casteel to complete the grant project report titled "Evaluating the Hydrologic Connection of the Blanco River and Barton Springs Using Discharge and Geochemical Data."**

After discussion by Mr. Holland and among the directors, Mr. Goodman moved approval of the consent agenda items 1 through 5, noting the inclusion of: a Citibank Visa invoice in the amount of \$6076.92, Board meeting dates of November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>, a Gold level sponsorship of the Austin Youth River Watch's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and an \$800 contract for Richard Casteel.

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

**3.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 on them in this meeting, unless the topic is specifically listed elsewhere in this as-posted agenda.

**1. Standing Topics**

- i. Personnel matters and utilization;**
- ii. Upcoming public events of possible interest;**
- iii. Aquifer conditions and status of drought indicators.**

Mr. Holland updated the Board on the Standing Topics.

**2. Discussion related to current staff work areas and specific activities of staff teams and directors. 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 recent activities of staff and teams.**
- ii. Update on recent permitting and non-drought regulatory activities.**

Mr. Holland and staff updated the Board and answered directors' questions on the teams' activities concerning the items listed above.

**3.c. Directors' Reports.** Note: Board Member comments in this part of the agenda cannot address any aspect of an agenda item posted elsewhere on this agenda, and no substantive discussion among the Board Members or action by the Board on these comments will be allowed in this meeting.

**Individual Board Members may, on a voluntary basis, make a brief report to the entire Board on their personal involvement in activities and dialogue that are of likely interest to the rest of the Board, in one or more of the following topical areas:**

- Meetings and conferences attended or that will be attended;**
- Conversations with public officials, permittees, other stakeholders, and private citizens;**

- **Kudos and recognition of people doing good things for groundwater management in the District;**
- **Concerns about specific issues or problems for groundwater management in the District.**

All four Directors gave reports.

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

**4a. Discussion and possible action related to the November 6, 2012, director elections including amending the order calling the general election on November 6, 2012, for Directors of Precinct 1, 3 & 4; approving election services contracts and joint election agreements; approving election day polling places; approving location, dates and times of early voting; and, any other action necessary for the November 6, 2012, general election.**

Mr. Dugat explained the need for approval of election documents.

After Board discussion, Mr. Smith moved approval of the consolidated Order approving election service agreements, establishing dates, times, and locations for early voting by personal appearance, approving joint election agreements, and voting day polling places and locations.

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

**4b. Discussion and possible action related to establishing the FY 2013 District goals and objectives and approving the FY 2013 goals and objectives for the General Manager.**

After Board discussion, Mr. Franklin moved to establish the FY 2013 District goals and objectives as listed in the draft backup, and approval of the FY 2013 goals and objectives for the General Manager, also listed in the draft backup.

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

**4c. Discussion and possible action related to planned saline zone investigations and initiatives, including engaging a drilling contractor for minor well rehabilitation and/or sampling.**

Staff updated the Board on the saline zone investigations and initiatives.

After Board discussion, Mr. Smith moved to authorize the General Manager to accept a bid not to exceed \$9220.00, for engaging a contractor for well rehabilitation and/or sampling.

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

**4d. Discussion and possible action related to comments received from TWDB on the proposed revisions to the District Management Plan and authorizing a course of action.**

Mr. Holland updated the Board on the proposed revision to the Management Plan. He stated that the Board would adopt the plan in a future Board meeting, because the TWDB needed to issue a revised report with some updated data to us before the Plan could be finally revised.

No action was needed.

**4. Board Discussion and Possible Action.**

**4e. Discussion and possible action related to the Austin Court of Appeals decision in *SOS Alliance v. City of Kyle, Goodman et al., and the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District.***

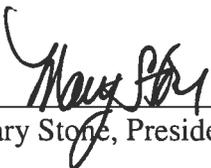
The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. Ms. Stone stated that no decisions or actions would be made while in Executive Session.

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:29 p.m. Ms. Stone stated that no decisions or actions were made while in Executive Session.

**5. Adjournment.**

Without objection, Ms. Stone adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Approved by the Board on September 27, 2012:

By:   
Mary Stone, President

Attest:   
Craig Smith, Secretary