

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 22, 2018**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Craig Smith, Bob Larsen, and Blake Dorsett. Mary Stone was out of town. Staff present: Kirk Holland, Dana Wilson, Robin Gary, Vanessa Escobar, Kendall Bell-Enders, Jackie Vay and Tammy Raymond. Bill Dugat of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, and Acosta 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.

President Stansberry called the meeting to order at 6:02 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.

3a. 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 March 8, 2018, Regular Meeting.**
3. **Approval of an investigation to verify that all registered voters residing in the Shared Territory of the District's three Hays County director precincts are authorized to participate in both EAA and BSEACD elections.**

Mr. Holland explained the issue that has arisen, and Mr. Dugat described the approach his firm would use in such an investigation and estimated the level of effort that would be required. Director Smith moved approval of Consent Agenda items 1 through 3, noting an invoice from Holland Groundwater Management Consultants in the amount of \$7600.00

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

3b. 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. Update on HCP and ITP status
- ii. Update on regulatory and enforcement activities
- iii. Update on certain projects and activities of individual teams
- iv. Update on Board committee activity

Mr. Holland 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 final adoption of the proposed Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for the relevant aquifers in Groundwater Management Area 10 (GMA 10) to be managed by the District.

Mr. Holland gave a description of timelines and events leading up to the final adoption of the DFCs for GMA 10. He stated that the District received a letter from Save Our Springs Alliance that expressed its belief that the DFC wasn't sufficiently protective of the endangered species, and also that insufficient time was provided for meaningful public input.

After discussion, Director Larsen moved approval of adopting the DFCs for the relevant aquifers that were previously adopted by the GMA 10 voting members.

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

4b. Selection of the recipients of the Aquatic Science Adventure Camp scholarships.

Ms. Gary explained that permittees Texas Lehigh Cement, Creedmoor Maha WSC, and Goforth SUD donated their conservation credits amounting to \$3400 toward camp scholarships this year. She said that with some funds from her budget the District would be able to send 5 kids to the overnight camp and 2 kids to the day camp.

Director Smith asked how many kids applied for the camp scholarship. Ms. Gary said that there were a total of 18 kids from 14 different schools.

Director Smith asked if the District could fund the remainder of the money needed to send all of the kids that applied to camp this year.

Director Stansberry suggested that the Board could select the winners by some other basis rather than pick names randomly. Ms. Gary explained that the rules had been set for this year, but that she would look into changing it going forward.

Director Dorsett stated that his family's company Dennis Dorsett Ditching would be willing to donate \$1100 toward the camp fund. Director Larsen calculated that with the permittees donations, \$1100 donation from Director Dorsett, and \$2600 from the District, that they could send 4 kids to the 6 day-overnight camp and 14 to the 5-day day camp.

The Board randomly picked four names for the overnight camp scholarships. The winners were:

Taylor Holzman
Stella Seligson
Lucas Goodman
Piper Camarillo

Director Larsen moved that in order for all of the applicants to have the ability to attend an overnight camp, if their parents were willing to provide the residual amounts, the District would commit up to \$3000 in funds along with \$1100 from Director Dorsett, plus the \$3400 in donations from permittees conservation credits, such that the District would be able to send the 4 kids previously selected to overnight camp on a guaranteed basis and also potentially up to 14 more, at their parents' discretion.

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

The other kids who were awarded \$350 for the day camp or to be used toward the overnight camp fee are:

Lily Butler
Forest Goodman
Owen Mielke
Julia Rennels
Riley Fall
Quinn Sprute-Saunders
Caleb Lowary
Slade Holzman
Charlotte Hill
Genevieve Hill
Natalee Scholl

Sophia Thurman
Serenity Rincon
Elianna Agobe

4c. Discussion and possible action related to the City of Dripping Springs TPDES permit application to authorize direct discharge of treated wastewater to Onion Creek in the contributing zone of the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer, including the District's possible participation in ongoing settlement discussions.

Mr. Dugat updated the Board on events that have transpired since the last meeting.

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 7:17 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 7:29 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

Director Larsen moved that the District will seek party status with SOAH and to instruct our attorney to so proceed, and that also the District will send out an informational press release as to that action.

Director Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Approved by the Board on April 12, 2018

By: Blayne Stansberry
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary