

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2010**

Board members present at commencement: Bob Larsen, Mary Stone, Gary Franklin, Jack Goodman, and Craig Smith. Staff present: Kirk Holland, Robin Gary, John Dupnik, Brian Smith, Brian Hunt, Nathanael Banda, Dana Wilson and Tammy Raymond. The District's attorney, Bill Dugat, also attended. 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.

Dr. Larsen called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

2. Citizen Communications (Public Comments).

Mr. Smith removed himself temporarily from the dais to announce that he will be providing invited testimony on county growth management issues and authorities to the House County Affairs Committee in its Interim Charges hearing on April 15, 2010.

5. Regular Meeting: New Business.

5c. Discussion and possible action related to awarding the summer-camp scholarships to the Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center's Aquatic Camp.

At the suggestion of the General Manager, a member of the audience drew Joshua Gilmore and David Pratter as winners of the five day camp scholarships, and Joshua Collins and Jurnee Jackson as the winners of the two day camp scholarships.

5d. Discussion and possible action related to selecting the winner of the 2010 Groundwater Essay Contest and the District's college scholarship.

Ms. Gary reported that the judges selected Maria Vice as the winner of the District's Essay contest this year.

After discussion, Mr. Smith moved to declare Maria Vice as the winner of the Groundwater Essay Contest and be provided a \$1500 college scholarship.

Mr. Goodman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Vice will be invited to attend and be recognized for her achievement at an upcoming Board meeting.

4. Regular Meeting: Briefings

4b. Briefing by HCP Biological Advisory Team representative and discussion and possible action on planning-related conclusions concerning relationships among endangered species, dissolved oxygen, and spring flow, and on US Fish and Wildlife Service perspectives on take and jeopardy determinations.

The Board was briefed by Dr. Wendy Gordon of TPWD, and Chair of the HCP Biological Advisory Team, on the status of the scientific studies that will be used as the basis for the HCP.

5. Regular Meeting: New Business.

5a. Discussion and possible action related to May 8, 2010, Directors Election, including approving newly revised mobile and early voting locations and joint election agreement with Travis County.

Mr. Smith moved to adopt the joint election agreement with Travis County for the May 8, 2010 election in Precinct 2 and approved the order establishing additional dates, times, and locations for mobile and early voting by personal appearance, and amending election-day polling place locations.

Ms. Stone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

5b. Discussion and possible action on amending the FY 2010 Budget.

Ms. Wilson walked the Board through the needed revisions of the FY2010 Budget.

After discussion, Mr. Goodman moved approval of the amendments as outlined by staff.

Ms. Stone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

4. Regular Meeting: Briefings.

4a. Briefing and demonstration by staff and discussion with Board concerning our new 3-D modeling capabilities and utility.

Mr. Hunt and Mr. Banda gave a presentation on the new 3-D modeling software capabilities.

6. Regular Meeting: Continued Business.

6b. Discussion and possible action related to the use of the new TWDB-developed groundwater availability model for the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer as a basis for the establishing Desired Future Conditions.

Mr. Holland reported on the status of the new TWDB modeling as it relates to establishing DFCs, noting that the long-awaited internal draft of the model description had been received.

No action was taken by the Board.

6. Regular Meeting: Continued Business.

6a. Discussion and possible action on the response by the Hays Co. WCID No. 1's concerning their intentions on our concerns about their requested change to our settlement agreement.

Mr. Dugat updated the Board on the status of discussions with Hays Co. WCID #1 (Belterra) concerning proposed changes to the settlement agreement on their discharge permit.

No action was taken by the Board.

6c. Discussion and possible action related to approving the follow-on contract with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the remaining work and budget on the 319(h) grant project for Onion Creek recharge structural improvements.

After an update by Dr. Smith and Mr. Holland, Ms. Stone moved to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with TCEQ on the Onion Creek Recharge Project providing it reflects the amounts mentioned on page 42 of the backup.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

5. Regular Meeting: New Business.

5e. Discussion and possible action related to a newly revised Memorandum of Understanding and Interlocal Agreement among the City of Austin, LCRA, and the District concerning Stoneledge Quarry Enhanced Recharge Project.

Mr. Holland stated that the Board considered a similar draft agreement in September of 2009 but that the City of Austin had postponed further consideration of it. He went through the revisions to the new agreement and asked for authorization for the staff to continue discussions with the City and LCRA.

Ms. Stone moved to authorize staff to continue discussions with LCRA, and the City of Austin, to produce an executable Interlocal Agreement to present to the Board for approval.

Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

5f. Discussion and possible action on establishing recommendations to GMA 10 on the non-Edwards Desired Future Conditions.

Mr. Holland reported that the TWDB draft Aquifer Assessment for the Trinity Aquifers in GMA-10's Northern Subdivision had been received, and showed the Board a graphical summary of the resulting MAGs.

Consideration of establishing DFCs will be returned to a future agenda.

No Board action was taken.

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 March 25, 2010, Regular Meeting.**

Mr. Goodman moved approval of the consent agenda as stated above.

Ms. Stone seconded the 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 on them in this meeting, unless the topic is specifically listed elsewhere in this as-posted agenda.

1. **Personnel matters and utilization;**
2. **Upcoming public events of possible interest;**
3. **Aquifer conditions and status of drought indicators.**
4. **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. **Update on grant projects: status and activities.**
 - ii. **Update on Texas Alliance of Groundwater District activities.**

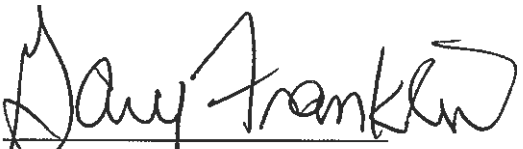
Mr. Holland and staff updated the Board and answered directors' questions on the teams' activities concerning the items listed above.

6. Adjournment.

Dr. Larsen adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Approved by the Board:

By: 
Dr. Robert Larsen, President

Attest: 
Gary Franklin, Secretary