

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 8, 2014**

Board members present at commencement: Bob Larsen, Mary Stone, and Blake Dorsett. Mr. Smith was out of town. Staff present: John Dupnik, Brian Smith, Alan Andrews, 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.

Ms. Stone presiding for Dr. Larsen, who was recovering from illness, 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 comments of a general nature.

4. Presentations.

4a. Award of the Kent S. Butler Memorial Groundwater Stewardship College Scholarship and the Aquatic Science Adventure Camp scholarships.

On behalf of the Board, Ms. Stone awarded certificates to the Camp Scholarship winners in attendance and pictures were taken.

Ms. Stone then awarded the winner of the Kent S. Butler Memorial Groundwater Stewardship College Scholarship to Ms. Jenna Trejo, a Junior at Bowie High School for her essay titled "Kubla Khan: Protecting Our Groundwater One Drop at a Time" and pictures were taken.

4b. Presentation by Charles Porter on an initiative to better inform buyers and real estate professionals of relevant Groundwater Conservation District jurisdictions and regulatory requirements.

Mr. Charles Porter provided an update to the Board on his progress to improve seller's disclosure notices to include information related to GCDs and permit requirements. He indicated that he has had success in modifying the forms at the regional level with the Austin Board of Realtors (ABOR), and is now working to make changes at the state level, at the Texas Association of Realtors (TAR) and the Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC), which will likely require legislation.

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 April 24, 2014, Regular Meeting.**
3. **Approval of the schedule for regular Board meetings in July of 2014.**

Mr. Dupnik briefed the Board on the consent agenda items above.

Mr. Dorsett moved approval of consent agenda items 3a. 1 through 3, noting an invoice from Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta in the amount of \$10,518.23, and the change in the July meeting schedule to one meeting on the 24th, due to conflicts in summer schedules.

Dr. Larsen seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 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 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. Dupnik and staff updated the Board and answered directors' questions on the items listed above.

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 efforts to characterize the saline zone of the Edwards Aquifer**
- iv. **Update on status of area roadway projects**

v. Report on feedback from 2014 Kent Butler Summit

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Directors' Reports. *(Note: Directors' comments under this item cannot address an agenda item posted elsewhere on this agenda and no substantive discussion among the Board Members or action will be allowed in this meeting. Communications reported under this item may be used to support Performance Standard 4-1 of the District's Management Plan related to demonstration of effective communication with District constituents.)*

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;**
- **Conversations with public officials, permittees, stakeholders, and other constituents;**
- **Recognition of people doing good things for groundwater management in the District;**
- **Issues or problems of concern.**

Mr. Dorsett reported the following:

Met with Creedmoor Maha and Goforth Special Water Utility regarding new drought restrictions
Attended a Water Efficiency Meeting with Mark Jones

Ms. Stone reported the following:

Attended a Water Efficiency Meeting with Mark Jones
Attended the Kent Butler Summit

5. Discussion and Possible Action.

5a. Discussion and possible action related to establishing a process for vetting and selecting a Director appointment for Precinct 2.

Mr. Dupnik stated that the deadline for candidate letters of interest is close of business on May 9th. He suggested establishing a subcommittee of Dr. Larsen and Mr. Smith to interview the candidates, and make a recommendation to the full Board.

The Board agreed and established a subcommittee of Dr. Larsen and Mr. Smith as suggested.

No formal action was taken.

5b. Discussion and possible action related to setting the legislative agenda including scheduling of a work session to set legislative priorities.

Mr. Dupnik described the legislative agenda items from the previous session and proposed some new items for consideration.

Ms. Stone and Dr. Larsen suggested new items that they would like to see added to the agenda.

After discussion, the Board set a work session on June 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

5c. Discussion related to the preparation and status of the District Habitat Conservation Plan.

Mr. Dupnik described the information in the backup related to the District HCP, including the highlighted revisions resulting from individual Director's comments that may require a concurrence of the full Board. He also described some additional mitigations measures developed by staff that could be included in the draft HCP to respond to informal comments provided by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The Board did not object to including the recommended additional measures in the draft plan for future consideration by the Board.

The Board chose to reserve discussion until the May 22nd meeting.

No action was taken.

5d. Discussion and possible action related to the decision in the *SOS Alliance v. City of Kyle, Goodman et al., and the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District.*


Mr. Dugat gave a brief update on the filing deadline for an appeal and indicated that he would consult with the Dr. Larsen, as Acting President, to develop a procedure for conduct of a hearing if needed.

No action was taken.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, Ms. Stone adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Approved by the Board on May 22, 2014:

By: 
Robert D. Larsen, Acting President

Attest: 
Craig Smith, Secretary