

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
November 16, 2017**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Mary Stone, Bob Larsen, Craig Smith, and Blake Dorsett. Staff present: John Dupnik, Brian Smith, Vanessa Escobar, Kendall Bell-Enders, Erin Swanson 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 6:04 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

**2. Citizen Communications (Public Comments of a General Nature).**

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 of the Board's September 28, 2017 and October 12, 2017 regular Meeting.**

Director Stone moved approval of consent agenda items 1 and 2 noting invoices from Carollo in the amount of \$71,468.00, The Standard in the amount of \$5155.41, SledgeLaw Group PLLC in the amount of \$6000.00, and Bickerstaff in the amount of \$5523.00.

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

**3. Routine Business.**

**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.)*

**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. Review of Status Update Report – at directors’ discretion
- ii. Update on GMA and regional water planning
- iii. Update on regulatory and enforcement activities
- iv. Update on activities related to area roadway projects
- v. Update on the groundwater stewardship awards
- vi. Update on the District HCP and ITP application
- vii. Update on interim legislative activity of interest
- viii. Update on Board committee activity

Mr. Dupnik and staff updated the Board and answered Director’s questions on the items listed above.

**4. Presentation.**

**Presentation by the District Aquifer Science Team on current aquifer science research and projects.**

Dr. Brian Smith gave a presentation on recent studies of the Aquifer Science Team, including publications, dye injections, conferences and grants.

**5. Discussion and Possible Action.**

**5a. Discussion and possible action related to approval of the District’s progress towards achieving goals and objectives in the District Management Plan in FY 2017, to be included in the District’s Annual Report.**

Mr. Dupnik gave a brief review of the goals and objectives and the metric scoring. He said that staff considered that all six objectives had been met, and asked for a motion from the Board.

After discussion, Director Stone moved that objectives 1-6 had been met.

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

**5b. Discussion and possible action related to adopting resolution #111617-01 amending resolution #032317-02 establishing the District's policy to recover costs for inspection and copying of public information.**

Mr. Dugat gave a review of changes that were passed in the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session regarding costs for inspection and copying of public information in response to records request under the Public Information Act.

After discussion, Director Smith moved approval of Resolution #111617 establishing policy to recover costs for inspection and copying of public information.

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

**5c. Discussion and possible action related bills passed by the 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature that may affect District operations.**

Mr. Dugat outlined key legislation that affects District operations including, HB 622, SB 625, HB 3107, and HB 501.

No action was needed.

**5d. 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.**

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 7:44 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 8:25 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

Director Stone moved that the District request a contested case hearing in connection with the City of Dripping Springs TPDES permit application and authorize the staff to work with counsel to draft the request and for counsel to file the request on behalf of the District.

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

**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;
- Committee formation and updates;
- Conversations with public officials, permittees, stakeholders, and other constituents;
- Commendations; and
- Issues or problems of concern.

**Director Smith reported the following:**

Attended the RWQPP October meeting  
 Attended an SBCA meeting where District staff gave a presentation  
 Attended a Water Forward Task Force meeting  
 Attended an HCP subcommittee meeting  
 Attended a presentation by Engineer Susan Parten

**Director Stone reported the following:**

Attended meetings on Dripping Springs

**Director Stansberry reported the following:**

Attended meetings on Dripping Springs  
 Attended the Buda City Council meeting with District staff

**Director Larsen reported the following:**

Attended an HCP committee meeting  
 Attended a meeting with Carollo engineering  
 Attended two meetings at the Onion Creek Club  
 Met with the HOA President  
 Met with Mike Irlbeck with EPCOR Water

**Director Dorsett reported the following:**

Attended meetings at Creedmoor Maha Water  
 Met with the GM of Goforth Water

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Approved by the Board on December 14, 2017

By: Blayne Stansberry  
 Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett  
 Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary