

Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2017

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Craig Smith, Bob Larsen, and Mary Stone. Blake Dorsett was absent. Staff present: John Dupnik, Brian Smith, Dana Wilson, Vanessa Escobar, Kendall Bell-Enders, Zach Garza 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.

President Stansberry called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

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 February 23, 2017 Regular Meeting.**
3. **Approval of the effectiveness of Directors' communications with stakeholders and constituents for the 2nd Quarter FY 2017 per the collective judgment of the Board, as required by the District's Management Plan.**

Director Smith moved approval of consent agenda items 1 through 3, noting an invoice from Bickerstaff in the amount of \$5217.60, and two invoices from C&C Groundwater in the amounts of \$61,134.00 and \$74,310.00.

Director Larsen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4 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 District grant projects and other Aquifer Science Team projects
- v. Update on activities related to area roadway projects
- vi. Update on the HCP/ITP application and the associated draft EIS

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

4. Presentation.

Presentation of the Permittee of the Year Award to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and School.

Ms. Escobar stated that St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and School's demonstration and commitment to the responsible use of groundwater resources has made them a model permittee. She said that the District recognizes and commends their efforts by awarding them the "2016 Permittee of the Year."

Mr. Richard Paige was in attendance to accept the award on behalf of the school. Congratulations were given and pictures were taken. Mr. Paige thanked the Board, and commended the staff for the ease in working with them on becoming a permittee of the District.

5. Discussion and Possible Action.

5c. Discussion and possible action related to approval of edits to the draft Habitat Conservation Plan in response to comments from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Regional Office.

Mr. Kirk Holland gave an update on the status of the draft Habitat Conservation Plan. He informed the Board that the US Fish & Wildlife Service, Regional Office, had reviewed and submitted comments. He said that District staff has worked with the Board subcommittee to provide information and edits to the Regional Office responsive to the majority of the comments. He said that the edits were minor and that staff planned another meeting with the subcommittee to work on a relatively few outstanding comments to respond to. He then gave an outline of the next steps toward obtaining the HCP.

No action was needed.

5a. Discussion and possible action related to the draft settlement agreement prepared by the City of Austin in response 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.

5b. Discussion and possible action related to approval of a water pipeline easement from the District to the Hays Caldwell Public Utility Agency.

5d. Discussion and possible action related to activities in the 85th Legislative session of interest to the District.

President Stansberry stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property) on agenda items 4a, 4b, and 4d, at 6:57 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 9:26 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Approved by the Board on March 23, 2017

By: Blayne Stansberry
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary