

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing  
September 28, 2017**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Mary Stone, and Bob Larsen. Blake Dorsett arrived at 6:30 p.m. Craig Smith was absent. Staff present: John Dupnik, Brian Smith, Robin Gary, Vanessa Escobar and Tammy Raymond. 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 6:03 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 August 24, 2017 regular Meeting.**
3. **Approval of the effectiveness of Directors' communications with stakeholders and constituents for the 4th Quarter FY 2017 (June-August) per the collective judgment of the Board, as required by the District's Management Plan.**
4. **Approval of issuing the earned Conservation Credits to permittees for FY 2017.**
5. **Approval of out-of-state travel for Brian Smith to attend and present at the Geological Society of America annual meeting in Seattle, Washington from October 22-25.**

**6. Approval of a contract for human resources consulting services to perform a comprehensive classification and compensation analysis.**

Director Larsen moved approval of consent agenda items 1 through 6, noting invoices from Carollo in the amount of \$9842.00, Bickerstaff in the amount of \$6311.25, and LCRA in the amount of \$8404.00.

Director Stone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 3 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 District HCP and ITP application
- vii. Update on Board committee activity

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

**4. Public Hearing**

**The Board will hold a Public Hearing on the update and proposed District Management Plan that has been updated and revised to incorporate new planning data, address statutory requirements, and include objectives and standards that support the District's mission and statutory purpose.**

President Stansberry opened the Public Hearing at 6:54 p.m.

Mr. Dupnik gave an overview of the Texas Water Development Board's requirements and goal structure.

There were no public comments; therefore, President Stansberry closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

**5. Discussion and Possible Action.**

**5a. Discussion and possible action related to approval of Resolution No. 092817-01 adopting the District's management plan and approving the plan for submittal to the Texas Water Development Board.**

Director Larsen stated that he would like to see a definition of unreasonable impacts included, as well as a reference to using flood waters to enhance recharge of the aquifer.

The Directors agreed to Director Larsen's additions.

After discussion, Director Stone moved approval of Resolution #092817-01 adopting the District's Management Plan as presented with Director Larsen's additions and approving the plan for submittal to the Texas Water Development Board.

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

**5b. Discussion and possible action related to demonstration of the District's augmented reality app, CleAR Creek Critters and approval of contract to continue development.**

Ms. Gary gave a presentation on the new augmented reality game that was created from an idea that she had to bring creeks and critters to the classroom.

The Board loved the idea and was impressed with the concept.

Director Larsen asked what we want out of this app as far as the end product.

Ms. Gary responded that she would like to be able to promote this to classes and community groups, and have it meet our HCP and Management Plan objectives.

Mr. Dupnik stated that the amendment to the contract was not ready for signatures at this time, so there was no need for action.

**5c. Discussion and possible action related to planning for the Groundwater Stewardship Awards including establishing a Board subcommittee and setting a date for the awards luncheon.**

Ms. Gary explained that we give Groundwater Stewardship Awards every other year and nominations are due by November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Dupnik stated that we are looking for three things from the Board tonight. To establish a Board committee, verify a date of Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> as the luncheon date, and to encourage Directors to help solicit nominations for the awards.

Director Stone volunteered, and President Stansberry agreed to serve on the committee. The Board agreed on January 26<sup>th</sup> as the date for the luncheon, and Board members agreed to help with nominations.

No formal action was taken.

**5d. Discussion related to identification of possible District goals for FY 2018.**

Mr. Dupnik and staff each presented an outlook for the next fiscal year and possible projects that would support the District's mission.

Mr. Dupnik then requested input and direction on the staff's next fiscal year outlook and possible projects. The Board generally concurred with the outlook presented. Mr. Dupnik stated that the staff would draft team-based goals statements that generally encompassed the outlook and projects for consideration by the Board for adoption as District goals for FY 2018.

**5e. 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 by phone) at 8:24 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 8:48 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

No action was taken.

**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 Stansberry reported the following:**

Attended the HCA Summit

**Director Larsen reported the following:**

Attended the HCP meeting

**Director Dorsett reported the following:**

Attended Creedmoor Maha meetings

**7. Adjournment.**

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Approved by the Board on October 12, 2017

By: Blayne Stansberry  
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett  
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary