

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 14, 2018**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Mary Stone, Craig Smith, Bob Larsen, and Blake Dorsett. Staff present: Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, Dana Wilson, Brian Smith, Vanessa Escobar, Kendall Bell-Enders 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.

Note: The Board of Directors of the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on this agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551.087 (Economic Development) 418.183 (Homeland Security). No final action or decision will be made in Executive Session.

1. Call to Order.

President Stansberry called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

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

Mr. Les Carnes thanked the Board for their work on legislation regarding EP, but that he is concerned about his water because his home is located very close to the EP test wells. He asked that staff answer four questions, and also stated that he would like his well to be a District monitor well.

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 a separate item of Regular Business on this agenda.)*

- 1. Approval of minutes of the Board's May 24, 2018, Regular Meeting.**
- 2. Approval of Financial Reports under the Public Funds Investment Act, Directors' Compensation Claims, and Specified Expenditures greater than \$5,000.**
 - **Intera**
 - **Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP**

Director Smith moved approval of Consent Agenda items 1 and 2, noting invoices from Intera in the amount of \$48,758.00 and Bickerstaff in the amount of \$9110.45.

Director 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 unless the topic is specifically listed elsewhere in this agenda for consideration.)*

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 Hays County Voter Coding Review to correct registered voter list for BSEACD in Hays County.**
- iii. Update on June 11, 2018 GMA 10 meeting.**
- iv. Update on regulatory and enforcement activities.**
- v. Update on HCP and ITP status.**
- vi. Update on certain projects and activities of individual teams and of Board committees.**
- vii. Update on the Information Session on the Review of the Electro Purification LLC Application.**
- viii. Update on the Salary Survey and Structure by Evergreen Solutions, LLC.**
- ix. Update on Needmore SOAH proceedings.**

Updates were given by Ms. Reinmund-Martinez, staff, and Bill Dugat.

4. Discussion and Possible Action.

4a. Discussion and possible action related to several amendments to the FY2018 Budget.

Ms. Reinmund-Martinez explained that Ms. Wilson presented the amendments to the Budget Subcommittee and that there were no concerns. She pointed out that the summary shows \$100,000 from the Travis County Funding Agreement. She explained that even though the bulk of the work will be in fiscal year 2019, the check will be received this fiscal year if it is approved by the Commissioners Court on June 26th

Ms. Wilson gave a brief description of the amendments needed and answered questions by the Board.

After discussion, Director Smith moved approval of the amendments to the FY2018 Budget as provided in the backup and by Ms. Wilson.

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

4b. Discussion and possible action related to establishing the District's legislative agenda for the upcoming legislative session and scheduling a work session for July 10, 2018 to identify and discuss topics, District role, and priorities for 2018-2019.

President Stansberry set a legislative work session during the regular Board meeting on July 12, 2018.

No formal action was taken.

4c. Discussion and possible action related to the pending SOAH contested case hearing on the City of Dripping Springs application for a TPDES permit to authorize direct discharge of treated wastewater to Onion Creek in the contributing zone of the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer including, but not limited to, approval of engagement of expert witnesses.

Ms. Kelly Davis of Save Our Springs Alliance (SOS) stated that she is not advocating any sort of position, but that she wanted to give the Board some information about proposed developments. She showed a map that SOS had received as part of a public information request that showed a proposed golf community called The Brown Ranch. She said that it is very close to the recharge zone and a potential customer for the Dripping Springs wastewater facility. She also gave information regarding the Gragg tract as being called "a second Sunset Valley" with strip malls included.

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 7:02 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 7:53 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

No action was taken in open session.

4d. Discussion and possible action related to a possible grant application for a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation fiscal year 2018 WaterSMART Program funding to conduct a water marketing analysis on a Desalination/ASR project, which would include an analysis of BSEACD's opportunity as a water purveyor.

The Board discussed applying for a grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to do a market analysis in partnership with Texas Disposal Systems (TDS). Staff was directed to meet with TDS but no formal action was taken.

5. Directors' Reports.

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.**

The Directors reported on meetings and activities.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Approved by the Board on June 28, 2018

By: Blayne Stansberry
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary