

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
August 9, 2018**

Board members present at commencement: Craig Smith, Mary Stone, and Blake Dorsett. Blayne Stansberry and Bob Larsen were absent. Staff present: Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, Dana Wilson, Brian Smith, 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.

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.

Director Smith standing in for 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).

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 a separate item of Regular Business on this agenda.)*
 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 July 12, 2018, Regular Meeting.**
 3. **Approval of a joint-funding agreement with USGS at an annual cost of \$7,600 to continue the inclusion of the Lovelady Drought Indicator well in the USGS-managed and reported Texas Data Collection Program. The contract is for a two-year period so the total contract price is \$15,200 (payable in two separate annual payments.)**
 4. **Approval of an amendment to extend the contract with Brian Zavala for ongoing website maintenance and task-based improvements.**

5. Approval of amendment to extend contract with SOAH relating to the Needmore Water LLC permit application.
6. Approval of the Engagement Letter for Legislative Consulting Services with Sledge Law and Public Strategies.
7. Approval of ordering director elections for Precincts 2 and 5 on the general election date in November 2018, approval of joint election agreement and election services contract, and for appointing a custodian of records and agent to the Board Secretary.

Director Stone moved approval of Consent Agenda items 1 through 7, noting invoices from Bickerstaff Heath in the amount of \$12,576.13, Intera in the amount of \$39,283.00, USGS in the amount of 7370.00, and The Standard in the amount of \$5979.40.

Director Dorsett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 3 to 0.

4. Public Hearing.

The Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed FY 2019 Annual Budget and Fee Schedule.

Director Smith opened the public hearing on the FY 2019 Fee Schedule at 6:10 p.m.

Ms. Reinmund-Martinez gave a presentation on the proposed changes to the FY 2019 Fee Schedule.

There were no public comments.

Director Smith closed the public hearing at 6:21 p.m.

5. Discussion and Possible Action.

5a. Discussion and possible action to adopt the proposed FY 2019 fee schedule by Resolution #080918-01.

After discussion, Director Stone moved approval of adopting the FY 2019 Fee schedule as presented by Resolution #080918-01.

Director Dorsett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 3 to 0.

4. Public Hearing.

The Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed FY 2019 Annual Budget and Fee Schedule.

Director Smith opened the FY 2019 Budget public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

Ms. Reinmund-Martinez stated that there were no changes to the proposed budget since the prior meeting.

There were no public comments.

Director Smith closed the public hearing at 6:24 p.m.

5b. Discussion and possible action to adopt the proposed FY 2019 Annual Budget.

Director Stone moved approval of the FY 2019 proposed Annual Budget.

Director Dorsett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 3 to 0.

5c. Discussion and possible action related to establishing the District's legislative agenda for the upcoming legislative session and scheduling a work session to identify and discuss topics, District role, and priorities for 2018-2019.

The Board discussed scheduling a legislative work session during the regular meeting on September 13th.

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 certain projects and activities of individual teams**
- iii. Update on HCP and ITP status.**
- iv. Update on the City of Dripping Springs' application for a TPDES permit.**
- v. Update on the procedural matters relating to the Needmore Water LLC permit application.**

vi. **Update on the procedural matters relating to the Electro Purification LLC permit application.**

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

6. 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;
- Board committee updates;
- Conversations with public officials, permittees, stakeholders, and other constituents;
- Commendations; and Issues or problems of concern.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, Director Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Approved by the Board on September 13, 2018

By: Blayne Stansberry
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary