

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 25, 2019**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Mary Stone, Bob Larsen, Blake Dorsett and Craig Smith. Staff present included: Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, Brian Smith, Vanessa Escobar, Robin Gary and Tammy Raymond. 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 6:04 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 April 11, 2019, Regular Meeting.**

Director Smith moved approval of Consent Agenda Items 1 and 2, noting invoices from Bickerstaff, Heath in the amount of \$11,698.65 and Texas State in the amount of \$6336.00.

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

4. Discussion and Possible Action.

4b. Discussion and possible action on the date, time, and place for the Board's consideration of the SOAH Proposal for Decision and the permit application of the Needmore Water LLC.

President Stansberry stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) at 6:06 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 6:41 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

Mr. Ed McCarthy asked the Board to conduct the hearing at the earliest possible date so that his client could obtain a final permit.

After discussion, Director Stone moved to schedule the Needmore Public Hearing on July 29th with a start time of 4:00 p.m. at a location to be determined.

Director Larsen 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.)*

Topics

1. **Personnel matters.**
2. **Aquifer conditions and status of drought indicators.**
3. **Upcoming public events of possible interest.**
4. **Update on projects and activities of individual teams.**
5. **Update on activities related to the Travis County ILA.**
6. **Update on development activities over aquifer recharge and contributing zones.**
7. **Update on activities related to area roadway projects.**
8. **Update on GMA and regional water planning activities.**
9. **Update on the State Auditor's Office audit.**
10. **Update on the State Office of Administrative Hearings proceedings and/or the Electro Purification LLC permit applications.**

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

4a. Discussion and possible action related to the selection of the recipients of the Kent S. Butler Memorial Groundwater Stewardship College Scholarships.

Ms. Robin Gary explained that we have enough funding to award two scholarships this year thanks to our generous permittees, along with other budgeted money. She said that two applicants stood out in the judges scoring. Applicants #13 and #4 scored the highest of all of the submitted entrees.

After discussion, Director Stone moved to nominate Applicant #13 and #4 as this year's Kent Butler scholarship winners.

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

Ms. Gary stated that Applicant #13 is Emma Cook from Hays High School, Essay: Expanding the Clean Water Act to Better Protect Groundwater Resources.

She said that Applicant #4 is Ian McIntoch from Liberal Arts and Science Academy, Essay, The Impact of Water on Arthropods on Bull Creek.

She went on to say that the camp and scholarship winners will be honored at the second meeting in May.

4c. Discussion and possible action related to proposed revisions to the District Employee Policy Manual.

President Stansberry gave a presentation on the proposed changes to the District Employee Policy manual.

After discussion, Director Larsen moved approval of the changes discussed.

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

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Approved by the Board on May 23, 2019

By: Blayne Stansberry
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary