

# ***CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD***

## **MINUTES**

October 27, 2021

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Agency Represented</b>
Ms. Jessica Alderson	<i>Texas Parks &amp; Wildlife Dept.</i>
Ms. Melinda Cerda for Mr. Homer Garcia	<i>COSA Parks &amp; Recreation Dept.</i>
Mr. Brock Curry	<i>Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA)</i>
Ms. Karen Bishop for Mr. Steve Graham	<i>San Antonio River Authority (SARA)</i>
Mr. Scott Halty for Robert Puente	<i>San Antonio Water System (SAWS)</i>
Mr. Rogelio Garcia	<i>Greater SATX</i>
Dr. Russell Persyn	<i>Medina County</i>

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Grant Ellis, Natural Resources Manager, Parks & Recreation

Phillip Covington, Special Projects Manager, Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP)

Susan Courage, Senior Management Analyst, EAPP

David Bernal, Management Analyst, EAPP

Victoria Shum, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
David Bezanson	The Nature Conservancy
Clay Thompson	Green Spaces Alliance
Patricia Seidenberger	San Antonio Conservation Society

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm by Vice Chairman Brock Curry. Roll call was taken by Mr. Curry.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Curry asked for approval of the minutes for the September 22, 2021 meeting. Dr. Russell Persyn motioned for approval of the minutes. Ms. Jessica Alderson seconded. Minutes approved. Motion carried.

## **ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

- Mr. Phillip Covington stated that the Headwaters Ranch conservation easement had been approved by City Council on October 7, 2021. He also stated that the conservation easement would close on November 4, 2021.
- Mr. Covington stated that Middle Verde Ranch and High Places Ranch were both scheduled for City Council approval on the November 18, 2021 agenda. He also stated that both those conservation easements were anticipated to close before the calendar year and that would bring the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program's total protected acreage to 172,553 acres.
- Mr. Covington stated that the next CAB meeting was scheduled to be held at the San Antonio River Authority on December 1, 2021 at 1:00 PM.

## **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

No citizens to be heard.

## **INDIVIDUAL ITEMS**

1. Discussion & update regarding Froboese Ranches, Galewsky, Pearce and Kolinek Ranches, and Swain Ranch: The Nature Conservancy
  - a. Mr. David Bezanson presented the Froboese Ranches for approval of the stage 1B appraisal.
  - b. Mr. Bezanson presented the Galewsky, Pearce and Kolinek Ranches for final approval.
  - c. Mr. Bezanson presented the Swain Ranch for stage 1 approval.

### **Closed Regular Session & Opened Executive Session at 1:14 pm.**

2. Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (real property) and 552.071 (consultation with an attorney).

### **Closed Executive Session & Opened Regular Session at 1:18 pm.**

3. Action on proposed items and acquisitions from Agenda items 1, & 3.
  - Chairwoman Romero opened the floor for motions and a roll call was taken to ensure a quorum and a vote on the motion:
    - Dr. Russell Persyn motioned for stage 1B approval on the Froebese. Ms. Jessica Alderson seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
    - Dr. Persyn motioned for final approval on the Galewsky Ranch. Ms. Alderson seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

- Dr. Persyn motioned for final approval on the Pearce Ranch. Ms. Alderson seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
- Dr. Persyn motioned for final approval on the Kolinek Ranch. Ms. Alderson seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
- Ms. Alderson motioned for stage 1 approval on the Swain Ranch. Dr. Persyn seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

4. Program fiscal report: Mr. Phillip Covington presented an updated expenditure report reflecting the closing of the Headwaters Ranch conservation easement on November 4, 2021, and Middle Verde Ranch and High Places Ranch which are scheduled for City Council approval on November 18, 2021. He stated that the Pearce, Galewsky, and Kolinek Ranch conservation easements were reflected as pending consideration for this CAB meeting and updated due diligence expenses for other projects were reflected on the expense tracker. Mr. Covington also stated that the spending plan outlined the remaining balance of the 2015 Proposition 3 funds.
5. Monitoring status report: Ms. Susan Courage stated that there were no updates to report on the conservation easement monitoring. Ms. Courage also stated that the remaining monitoring site visits for this year would end the following week.
6. Report, Discussion, and Action regarding Agenda and for the next CAB meeting – December 1, 2021, at 1:00 pm, at the San Antonio River Authority.
7. Adjournment at 1:26 pm.