

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 8, 2023**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Dan Pickens, Lily Lucas. Christy Williams arrived at 5:10 p.m. and Vanessa Puig-Williams was absent. Staff present included: Tim Loftus, Justin Camp, Jeff Watson, Erin Swanson, Kendall Bell-Enders, 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 Stanberry called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

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

There were no citizen communications on items not listed on the agenda.

**3. Consent Agenda.**

**3a. Approval of Financial Reports under the Public Funds Investment Act, Directors' Compensation Claims, and Specified Expenditures greater than \$5,000.**

**3b. Approval of minutes of the Board's April 13, 2023 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing.**

Director Lucas moved approval of items 3a. and 3b., noting invoices from LRE Water in the amount of \$9000.00, and Bickerstaff in the amount of \$9750.00.

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

**4. General Manager's Report.**  
**Topics**

- a. Review of key team activities/projects.
  - 1. Draft MOU with City of Austin for new monitoring wells
  - 2. Magellan Partners – negotiation over water quality sample funding

3. In-house model – final report update
  4. Six-month staff-performance reviews completed
- b. Communications and Outreach – Shay Hlavaty starts on June 12
  - c. Aquifer Status Update
  - d. Upcoming events of possible interest.

Dr. Loftus and staff gave updates on the items above.

**5a. Discussion and possible action related to the performance and compliance of District permittees with their User Drought Contingency Plan curtailments.**

Ms. Swanson stated that we are in month 10 of the District declared drought and reported the following:

Tier 3 Permittees are in compliance

Tier 2 Permittees that overpumped.

Aqua Texas - Bliss Spillar (Edwards)

Aqua Texas - Bear Creek Park – will start an Investigation Report

Tier 1 Permittees are in compliance

**5b. Discussion and possible action on the preliminary FY 2024 Budget and setting a public hearing date.**

Dr. Loftus gave a presentation on the preliminary changes to the FY 2024 Budget.

After discussion, Director Williams moved to approve all of the changes to the FY 2024 preliminary budget as discussed including the following:

\$50,000 to Sustainable Yield

\$15,000 to IT Support – Computer hardware equipment

Upping Aquifer Science contracting support to \$12,000

\$40,000 for a new District vehicle

Included in the motion was to set a public hearing date for July 13, 2023.

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

**5c. Discussion and possible action on amendment to the Magellan Partners 2013 Letter Agreement.**

Dr. Loftus explained that the original Letter of Agreement with Magellan Partners states that they will make a yearly contribution in the amount of \$1200.00 to the District to support the well testing

program and it will terminate when the pipeline is removed from service. He said that Magellan Partners expects another 33 years of continued service on the pipeline and would like to make the District a one-time lump-sum contribution of \$20,000 for well testing, in lieu of the \$1200 per year.

After Board discussion, Director Lucas moved to reject the offer of a lump-sum payment of \$20,000 from Magellan Partners.

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

**5d. Discussion and possible action related to the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the General Manager.**

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 6:46 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 9:11 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

No action was taken in open session.

**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.

No reports were given due to the time.

**7. Adjournment.**

With no objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Approved by the Board on August 10, 2023.

By: Blayne Stansberry  
Blayne Stansberry, Board President

Attest: Christy Williams  
Christy Williams, Board Secretary