

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2023**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Dan Pickens, Vanessa Puig-Williams, and Lily Lucas. Christy Williams arrived at 5:18 p.m. Staff present included: Tim Loftus, Dana Wilson, Brian Smith, Kendall Bell-Enders, Justin Camp, Jeff Watson, Erin Swanson, 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 5:10 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.

b. Approval of minutes of the Board's February 9, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Director Pickens moved approval of consent agenda items 3a. and b. noting an invoice from Bickerstaff in the amount of \$5692.50.

Director Puig-Williams 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.
 - i. Database project

- ii. In-house Trinity model, “Phase 1”
 - iii. Collaboration with the Texas Dept. of Licensing and Regulation
 - iv. GMA 10 update
 - v. HCP/ITP Annual Report – FY 2022
 - vi. Draft ILA with City of Austin for new monitoring wells
 - vii. Barton Springs Conservation Fund – grant application
 - viii. Other staff-related news
- b. Aquifer status update.
 - c. Upcoming events of possible interest.

Staff gave updates on the items above.

5. Staff Presentation: New and Updated In-house Trinity Aquifer Model Results

Mr. Watson gave an update on the In-house Trinity Model results and answered questions from the Board.

6a. Discussion and possible action related to the performance and compliance of District permittees with their User Drought Contingency Plan curtailments.

Ms. Swanson reported the following:

Tier 3 Permittees that overpumped.

Goforth Special Utility
 Creedmoor Maha
 Monarch Utilities

Tier 2 Permittees that overpumped.

City of Austin Nature Center

Tier 1 Permittees that overpumped.

Texas Old Town
 Cook Walden

She stated that meetings will be scheduled for these permittees.

No action was needed.

6b. Discussion and possible action on Notice of Alleged Violation and Agreed Order for Aqua Texas Bliss Spillar.

Dr. Loftus informed the Board that we received the signed Agreed Order and the reduced penalty amount from Aqua Texas within the 30-day time period.

No action was needed.

6c. Discussion and possible action on Caldwell and Kidd, LLC Class A Conditional Production Permit application for commercial use of up to 600,000 of gallons of water per year for an existing exempt well located at 12000 Meredith Dr., Austin, TX 78748 including consideration by the Board of Directors of special conditions or delaying the effective date for an application submitted and/or considered during District-declared drought.

Ms. Swanson explained that this application has been brought before the Board because we are in drought. They currently have a Class A exempt well on the property. They also have an old Edwards well drilled before 2003 that is used for the landowner's home. They have now purchased additional land and want to use the water for rental homes. Rental homes change the class from exempt to non-exempt commercial use. She said that they are asking for 200 gallons each for three homes which equals to 600,000 gallons per year. She asked for approval of the new classification to non-exempt commercial use, and that the permit date not be delayed due to drought.

After discussion, Director Puig-Williams moved approval of the Caldwell and Kidd, LLC Class A Conditional Production Permit for commercial use for up to 600,000 gallons per year effective immediately.

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

5d. Discussion and possible action on an Interlocal Agreement with the Institute for Government Innovation at Texas State University.

Dr. Loftus explained that he is requesting to spend up to \$5000 to keep our social media from going dormant on our website and social media channels until we can hire a replacement for David. He asked for approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the District and the Institute for Government Innovation at Texas State University to complete the interim tasks.

Director Lucas moved approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the Institute for Government Innovation at Texas State University.

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

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.

Board members gave reports on activities they have been involved with since the last meeting.

7. Adjournment.

With no objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Approved by the Board on April 13, 2023.

By: Blayne Stansberry
Blayne Stansberry, Board President

Attest: Christy Williams
Christy Williams, Board Secretary