

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing  
November 14, 2019**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Mary Stone, Bob Larsen, and Craig Smith. Blake Dorsett was absent. Staff present included: Alicia Reinmund-Martinez, Dana Wilson, Brian Smith, Vanessa Escobar, Kendall Bell-Enders, Robin Gary, Justin Camp, Jackie Vay, Erin Swanson, Lane Cockrell 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 4:00 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

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

No public comments of a general nature were given.

**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 October 24, Special Called Meeting and Work Session.**
- 3. Approval of a transfer of \$25,207 to the Contingency Account.**
- 4. Approval of out-of-state travel for Brian Smith to attend the 16<sup>th</sup> Multidisciplinary Conference on Sinkholes and the Engineering and Environmental Impacts of Karst, April 20-24, 2020 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.**

Director Smith moved approval of Consent Agenda Items 1 through 4 noting invoices from Sledge Law in the amount of \$10,842.18, Montemayor Britton Bender PC in the amount of \$6400.00, and Bickerstaff Heath in the amount of \$15,094.65.

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

### **3. Routine Business.**

**3b. 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. 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.)

#### Topics

1. Personnel matters.
2. Aquifer conditions and status of drought indicators.
3. Upcoming public events of possible interest.
4. Review of Status Report Update – at directors' discretion.
5. Update on projects and activities of individual teams.
6. Update on Sustainable Yield Study of the Trinity Aquifer.
7. Update on GMA and regional water planning activities.
8. Update on the Budget.
9. Update on the State Office of Administrative Hearings proceedings for the Electro Purification LLC permit application.
10. Update on Needmore Water LLC proceeding.

Ms. Reinmund-Martinez and staff gave updates until the Public Hearing began.

### **5. Public Hearing.**

**The Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District (BSEACD) Board of Directors will consider a drilling authorization application by the City of Buda to drill a new nonexempt aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) well into the Middle Trinity Aquifer. The proposed well will be located at 673 Cullen Blvd., Buda, TX, 78610. The City will operate the proposed well for storage and recovery of Edwards Aquifer water for public water supply. The drilling authorization application was filed July 8, 2019. A subsequent application to authorize ASR operations is required to be filed after the well is completed and tested.**

President Stansberry opened the Public Hearing at 4:21 p.m.

Ms. Bell-Enders gave an overview of the ASR well drilling application submitted by the City of Buda. She included the well location, the anticipated source and recovery volumes, and the well design.

She stated that staff reviewed the application and has determined that all of the requirements pursuant to District Rule 3-1.4.A have been satisfied, along with the required documentation and payment of fees. She ended with saying that staff recommends approval of the well drilling application.

District and City staff answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Micah Grau, the Deputy City Manager, thanked the staff for working with them through this process.

Mr. Kenneth Williams the City Manager, thanked the Board for their consideration of the application.

Mr. James Fort a resident of the City of Buda stated his concerns of the proposed well being drilled in the flood plain.

Mr. James Dwyer, consulting engineer for the City of Buda, explained that the proposed well will be drilled above the flood plain and that extensive studies have been conducted.

President Stansberry closed the Public Hearing at 4:44 p.m.

#### **6. Discussion and Possible Action.**

##### **6a. Discussion and possible action on a drilling authorization application filed by the City of Buda for a new nonexempt aquifer storage and recovery well in the Middle Trinity Aquifer for Public Water Supply.**

Director Stone moved approval of the well drilling application filed by the City of Buda for a new nonexempt ASR well in the Middle Trinity Aquifer for Public Water Supply.

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

#### **4. Presentation.**

##### **Presentation on the status of development of the District's new database by Wade Oliver, Intera Inc. and Vanessa Escobar.**

Ms. Escobar gave a presentation on the development of the new database. She stated that it will give public accessibility, staff productivity, and will be a tool for all of the teams.

Mr. Wade Oliver gave a presentation on the internal workings of the new database that will be deployed by the end of December and answered questions from the Board.

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Ms. Reinmund-Martinez, staff and Bill Dugat gave the remainder of the updates.

### **6. Discussion and possible action.**

#### **6b. Discussion and possible action related to the resignation of the General Manager, the proposed process for transitioning to, and the employment and duties of, a new General Manager.**

President Stansberry stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel Matters) at 6:01 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 7:20 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

1) Director Smith moved that the Board appoints Dana Wilson as the Interim General Manager effective on the date of Alicia Reinmund-Martinez's resignation, and until the position is filled. He also directed staff to post the General Manager position on the District website, and other appropriate websites and job boards as applicable.

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

2) Director Smith moved that the Board directs the Board President to appoint an Interview Committee to review applications, perform interviews, and recommend the top two candidates for interview by the full Board.

President Stansberry appointed the following:

Brian Smith  
Vanessa Escobar  
Craig Smith  
Blayne Stansberry

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

3) Director Smith moved that the Board create a new Assistant General Manager position at the District and appoints Vanessa Escobar effective the date of Alicia Reinmund-Martinez's resignation.

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

#### **7. 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.**

The Directors gave reports on their activities for the month.

#### **8. Adjournment.**

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Approved by the Board on December 12, 2019

By: Blayne Stansberry  
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett  
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary