

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting via
Telephone & Videoconference
July 9, 2020**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Craig Smith, Bob Larsen and Blake Dorsett. Mary Stone was absent. Staff present included: Vanessa Escobar, Dana Wilson, Brian Smith, Kendall Bell-Enders, Justin Camp, Erin Swanson, Jackie Vay, 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 virtual 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. 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.)*

- a. 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 June 11, 2020 Special Meeting.
- c. Approval of a Master Services Contract with ASR Systems, Inc.
- d. Approval of an Order Calling the Election for November 3, 2020; making provisions for conducting the election; and ordering other matters incident and related to such election.

Director Smith moved approval of Consent Agenda Items 3.a. through d.

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

4a. 1st Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing concerns the District's proposed fiscal year 2021 Annual Budget and Fee Schedule. At the conclusion of this Public Hearing the Board may approve the proposed FY 2021 Annual Budget and Fee schedule.

President Stansberry opened the Public Hearing at 4:06 p.m.

There were no citizens signed up to speak on this item.

President Stansberry closed the Public Hearing at 4:07 p.m.

5. Discussion and Possible Action.

5a. Discussion and possible action on approval of the FY 2021 Fee Schedule by Resolution #07092020-01.

Director Smith moved approval of the FY 2021 Fee Schedule Resolution #07092020-01.

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

5b. Discussion and possible action on approval of the proposed FY 2021 Annual Budget.

Ms. Wilson gave an overview of the changes to the proposed FY 2021 Annual Budget and answered questions from the Board.

After discussion, Director Larsen moved approval of the FY 2021 proposed budget in the backup packet.

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

4b. 2nd Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing concerns a well drilling application submitted by Gragg Tract LP, (1010 W. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Austin, Texas 78701) filed on February 11, 2020 for one new nonexempt well. The well is proposed to be discretely completed in the Lower Trinity aquifer, and is planned to be used as a public water supply well to support a future mixed use development along the FM 1626 and SH 45 corridor. A separate Production Permit Application will be required in order to operate and produce from this well in the future. The proposed well is located in Travis County on a 36.9 acre tract at FM 1626 (30.133597°, -97.860964°).

President Stansberry opened the Public Hearing at 4:13 p.m.

There were no citizens signed up to speak on this item.

President Stansberry closed the Public Hearing at 4:14 p.m.

5. Discussion and Possible Action.

5c. Discussion and possible action on a well drilling application filed by Gragg Tract LP, on February 11, 2020 for one new nonexempt well to be used as a Public Water Supply Well completed in the Lower Trinity Aquifer.

Ms. Swanson stated that this well drilling application is the 4th filed by Gragg Tract LP, and is for a well in the Lower Trinity Management Zone. She explained that the well is to support a mixed-use development, which may include public water supply and/or commercial use. She also explained the well design and location. She said that a separate Production Permit Application will be required and approved in order to operate and produce from this well in the future. She ended with saying that staff has reviewed the application and has determined that all requirements pursuant to the application checklist and payment of fees have been satisfied. Staff recommends approval of the above referenced well drilling authorization application.

Ms. Swanson and Ms. Escobar answered questions from the Board.

After discussion, Director Larsen moved approval of the well drilling application filed by Gragg Tract LP.

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

6. 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

- a. Update on District's response to COVID-19.
- b. Update on Aquifer conditions and status of drought indicators.
- c. Review of Status Report and update on team activities/projects.
- d. Upcoming public events of possible interest.

Ms. Escobar, and staff gave updates to the Board.

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.

Board members that had outside and Zoom meetings gave reports.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

Approved by the Board on August 13, 2020

By: Blayne Stansberry
Blayne Stansberry, President

Attest: Blake Dorsett
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary