

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Special Meeting  
Telephone & Videoconference  
January 14, 2021**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Blake Dorsett, Craig Smith, and Christy Williams. Dan Pickens was absent. Staff present included: Vanessa Escobar, Michael Redman, Dana Wilson, Brian Smith, Justin Camp, Erin Swanson, Jackie Vay, 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 Stansberry called the virtual meeting to order at 4:04 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

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

There were no public comments of a general nature.

**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 December 10, 2020 Special Meeting.**
- c. **Approval of a Master Services Contract with Holland Groundwater Management for regulatory support.**

Director Smith moved approval of Consent Agenda Items 3.a. through c. noting an invoice from Bickerstaff, Heath in the amount of \$12,025.25.

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

**5. General Manager's Report.**

**a. Update on Personnel Matters.**

Ms. Escobar gave an update on personnel matters while waiting on guests for item 4a.

**4. Discussion and Possible Action.**

**4a. Discussion and update from counsel on litigation against United States Army Corps of Engineers, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Kinder Morgan Texas Pipeline, LLC, Permian Highway Pipeline, LLC (and their affiliates), relating to violations of the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act.**

Ms. Stansberry stated that Mr. David Braun and Ms. Jessica Karlsruher were present to give an update to the Board.

President Stansberry stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) at 4:17 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 4:34 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

No Board action was taken in open session.

**4b. Discussion and possible action related to Drought Enforcement Actions and Procedures.**

Ms. Escobar and Mr. Redman gave updates on the Permittees water usage during drought.

No action was needed.

**5. General Manager's Report.**

**Topics**

- b. Update on aquifer conditions and status of drought indicators.**
- c. Update on the GMA 10 and GMA 9 planning activities.**
- d. Update on Trinity Aquifer Sustainable Yield Study.**

Ms. Escobar and staff gave updates on the items above.

#### **4. Discussion and Possible Action.**

##### **4d. Discussion and possible action related to a legislative update by Sledge Law Group.**

President Stansberry stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) at 5:22 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 5:49 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

No Board action was taken in open session.

#### **5. General Manager's Report.**

##### **Topics**

- e. Update on groundwater monitoring activities along the KM PHP.**
- f. Update on HCP activities.**
- g. Update on Kent Butler Summit Planning Activities**
- h. Review of Status Report and update on team activities/projects.**
- i. Upcoming public events of possible interest.**

Ms. Escobar and staff gave updates on the items above.

#### **4. Discussion and Possible Action.**

##### **4c. Discussion related to the Management Plan Objectives and Annual Reports.**

Ms. Escobar stated that due to the time, she would email the Directors the Power Point presentation on the Management Plan Objectives and Annual Reports. She said that after review she would be happy to answer any questions on an individual basis.

#### **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 that had outside and Zoom meetings gave reports.

**7. Adjournment.**

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Approved by the Board on February 11, 2021

By: *Blayne Stansberry*  
Blayne Stansberry, Board President

Attest: *Blake Dorsett*  
Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary