

Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2022

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Craig Smith, Dan Pickens, Christy Williams, and Lily Lucas. Staff present included: Tim Loftus, Brian Smith, Dana Wilson, Kendall Bell-Enders, Erin Swanson, Justin Camp, David Marino, Jeff Watson, 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 5:02, 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.

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 March 10, 2022 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing.

Director Smith moved approval of consent agenda items 3a. and b., noting invoices from Geoprojects International that amounted to \$41,701.00.

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

4. General Manager's Report.

Topics

- a. Review of Status Report and update on team activities/projects.**
- b. Aquifer status update.**

d. Upcoming events of possible interest.

Staff gave updates on the items above.

5. Discussion and possible action.

5a. Discussion and possible action related to the selection of the recipients of the Kent S. Butler Memorial Groundwater Stewardship College Scholarships.

Mr. Marino introduced each scholarship winner and asked them to speak about their essay and where they plan to attend college. Certificates were presented and pictures were taken.

\$2,500 Scholarship

Aseel Rawashdeh – Anderson High School (Austin ISD) – Graduates June 2022

Essay: A Discussion on the Global Groundwater Crisis: Potential Approaches to Groundwater Sustainability

\$1,500 Scholarship

Samantha Cooke – Ann Richards School For Young Women Leaders (Austin ISD) – Graduates May 2022

Essay: Packin' Parched

\$1,000 Scholarship

Weston Kirk – Dripping Springs High School (Dripping Springs ISD) – Graduates May 2022

Essay: Examining the Impact of Land Development and Urban Sprawl on the Edwards Aquifer, and Exploring Prospective Solutions

The Board took a brief recess to congratulate the winners and take group pictures outside.

5b. Discussion and possible action on aquifer conditions as related to Stage II Alarm Drought declaration.

Mr. Camp explained that with little rainfall amounts over the past few months the two District drought-trigger monitors – Barton Springs discharge and the Lovelady Well water level elevation – had both crossed their thresholds into Stage II Alarm Drought status. He stated that staff recommends that the Board declare Stage II Alarm Drought status.

Director Smith moved to declare Stage II Alarm Drought status effective immediately and for staff to notify the permittees.

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

5c. Staff Presentation: "Preliminary Results and Insights from the BSEACD In-House Trinity Model"

Mr. Watson gave a presentation on the preliminary In-House Trinity Model results and answered questions from the Board.

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 7:29 p.m.

Approved by the Board on July 14, 2022.

By: Blayne Stansberry Attest: Christy Williams
Blayne Stansberry, Board President Christy Williams, Board Secretary