Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting December 8, 2022

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Dan Pickens, and Vanessa Puig-Williams. Christy Williams arrived at 5:15 p.m. Lily Lucas was absent. Staff present included: Tim Loftus, Dana Wilson, Brian Smith, Justin Camp, David Marino, Jeff Watson, Erin Swanson, Alyssa Gilbert, 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 5:03 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 November 10, 2022 Regular Meeting.

c. Approval of a Master Services Contract with INTERA, Inc. for groundwater-related technical support.

Director Pickens moved approval of the consent agenda items 3a. through 3c.

Director Puig-Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 3 to 0.

5. Presentations.

5a. Presentation by the District's financial auditor on the FY 2022 Annual Financial Audit Report.

Mr. Archie Montemayor gave a report on the findings of the FY2022 Annual Financial Report. He ended with saying that it was determined to be considered a "clean audit" with no problems to report.

6. Discussion and possible action.

<u>6a.</u> Discussion and possible action related to the receipt and approval of the FY 2022 Annual Financial Audit report provided by the District's financial auditor.

After discussion, Director Pickens moved receipt and approval of the FY 2022 Financial Audit as presented by Mr. Montemayor.

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

5. Presentations.

<u>5b. Presentation by Staff on policy-related topics concerning unreasonable impacts and/or sustainable use of the Trinity Aquifer(s).</u>

President Stansberry stated that this item would be postponed until the next meeting.

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.

6b. Discussion and possible action on approving the FY 2022 Annual Report including Appendix B.

Dr. Loftus gave a presentation on the highlights of the FY 2022 Annual Report including the eight goals and objectives.

After discussion, Director Williams moved approval of the FY 2022 Annual Report including Appendix B, stating that all eight goals and objectives had been met.

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

<u>6c. Discussion and possible action related to the performance and compliance of District permittees with their User Drought Contingency Plan curtailments.</u>

Ms. Swanson gave a report on the status of the permittees and their User Drought Contingency Plans curtailments. She said that a new Tier 3 Permittee, Creedmoor Maha overpumped and that a

pre-enforcement meeting will be scheduled with them. She said that Tier 2 Permittee, Huntington Utility had overpumped due to a leak in the system and quickly resolved it. Staff met with Aqua Texas staff on November 28th, and she is not anticipating that the Bliss Spillar system will be in compliance soon. They are unable to use their new Lower Trinity well for emergency purposes according to TCEQ and will also be hiring an engineering firm to identify ways to move water around more efficiently between the three subsystems – Chaparral, Copperhills, and Southwest Territory - that collectively account for the Bliss Spillar system.

No action was needed.

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

8. Adjournment.

With no objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Approved by the Board on January 12, 2023.