



**WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION  
REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

**The Water and Wastewater Commission convened in a regular called meeting on September 13, 2023, at Austin Energy Headquarters, 4815 Mueller Boulevard, Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Turrieta called the Water and Wastewater Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Commission Members in Attendance:** Jesse Penn, Alex Navarro (remote), Sam Angoori, Vice Chair Judy Musgrove (remote), Christopher Maxwell-Gaines, Chair Susan Turrieta

**Commission Members Absent:** William Moriarty

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**There were no speakers registered to speak.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the August 7, 2023, special called meeting of the Water and Wastewater Commission.

**The minutes from the August 7, 2023, special called meeting were approved on Commissioner Penn's motion and Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Moriarty absent and four vacancies.**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL**

2. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for **Pentair Hydromatic** pumps, parts, and repairs with Odessa Pumps & Equipment Inc., for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$625,000.

**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Penn's motion and Vice-Chair Musgrove's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Moriarty absent and four vacancies.**

3. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for vertical turbine pumps with **Pump Solutions Inc.** in an amount not to exceed \$157,877.

**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Penn's motion and Vice-Chair Musgrove's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Moriarty absent and four vacancies.**

4. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for Cornell Pumps with **Mansfield Pump Company**, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$435,000.

**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Penn's motion and Vice-Chair Musgrove's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Moriarty absent and four vacancies.**

5. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for water management strategy assessment and vulnerability evaluation consultant services with **The RAND Corporation**, for a term of two years in an amount not to exceed \$271,000.

**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Penn's motion and Vice-Chair Musgrove's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Moriarty absent and four vacancies.**

6. Recommend approval to execute a contract for the SAR Elevated Tank Rehab and Improvements - Package one project, with **Prota Inc.**, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,349,982. (District 2)  
**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Penn's motion and Vice-Chair Musgrove's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Moriarty absent and four vacancies.**
7. Recommend approval to execute a contract for the Spicewood Springs Road Regional Mobility Improvements project with **DeNucci Constructors, LLC**, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$34,184,495. (District 10)  
**No recommendation by the Water and Wastewater Commission due to a motion lacking affirmative quorum, with a recusal from Commissioner Penn, Commissioner Moriarty absent and four vacancies.**
8. Recommend approval to execute a contract for the Starline Drive and Lawndale Drive Pressure Zone Conversion project with **Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc.**, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,596,095. (District 10)  
**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Penn's motion and Vice-Chair Musgrove's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Moriarty absent and four vacancies.**
9. Recommend approval to execute a contract for the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Sample Pump Modifications Rebid project with **PGC General Contractors, LLC**, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,943,914. (District 1)  
**No recommendation by the Water and Wastewater Commission due to a motion lacking affirmative quorum, with a recusal from Commissioner Penn, Commissioner Moriarty absent and four vacancies.**
10. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a cost participation agreement with **Urban Lofts XXIII, LTD** for the City to reimburse the developer for an amount not to exceed \$408,480 for costs associated with the design and construction of an oversized wastewater main and appurtenances related to Service Extension Request No. 5332R that will provide wastewater service to a proposed townhome development located at 1512 Wheless Lane. (District 4)  
**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Penn's motion and Vice-Chair Musgrove's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Moriarty absent and four vacancies.**
11. Recommend approval of a resolution to negotiate and execute an updated interlocal agreement with the **University of Texas at Austin** to support implementation, management, and training for prescribed fires and other "all risk" incidents to improve efficiency and effectiveness.  
**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Penn's motion and Vice-Chair Musgrove's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Moriarty absent and four vacancies.**
12. Recommend approval of a resolution to negotiate and execute an amended and restated interlocal agreement with **Travis County** for Implementation of the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan – Shared Vision to update the parties' responsibilities and to reflect current industry standards.  
**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Penn's motion and Vice-Chair Musgrove's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Moriarty absent and four vacancies.**
13. Recommend approval of a resolution to submit an application to the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** to extend the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan regional section 10(a) permit for a duration of 15 years (extended term May 2, 2026 – May 2, 2041), for incidental take of federally listed endangered species under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act.

**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Penn's motion and Vice-Chair Musgrove's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Moriarty absent and four vacancies.**

14. Recommend approval of a resolution to negotiate and execute an amendment to the interlocal agreement with **Travis County** for Joint Funding and Management of the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Officer.

**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Penn's motion and Vice-Chair Musgrove's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Moriarty absent and four vacancies.**

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FROM COMMISSION**

15. Discussion on appointing an alternate for the Joint Sustainability Committee – **No alternates were appointed, and commissioners discussed that they would revisit this agenda item when commission vacancies are filled.**

#### **REPORTS BY COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEES**

16. Update from the Joint Sustainability Committee – **Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines reported that he was not able to attend last month's Committee meeting so he did not have an update.**

#### **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

17. Staff briefing on Austin Water External Review: Third Quarter Update on Implementation of Recommendations – **Austin Water Director, Shay Ralls Roalson provided a staff briefing and answered questions from commissioners.**
18. Staff briefing on water supply and drought response updates - **Austin Water Assistant Director, Kevin Critendon and Division Managers Teresa Lutes and Kevin Kluge provided a staff briefing and answered questions from commissioners.**

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

19. Discussion of future agenda items – **No new items were requested by commissioners present at the meeting. Chair Turrieta noted a future agenda item requested by Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines for an update on the proposed Landscape Transformation Ordinance, Commissioner Moriarty's requests for an update on legislative outcomes impacting Austin Water and an update on the aquifer storage and recovery project.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Turrieta adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m. without objection.**

***APPROVED: The minutes were approved at the October 11, 2023 regular meeting on Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines's motion, Vice-Chair Musgrove's second on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioner Penn absent and three vacancies.***