

BARTEN WATER AND SEWER

DIRECTORS' MEETING

Monday April 13, 2026

The Barten Water and Sewer Directors met on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Zegen Farms, 1124 Milam Street, Columbus, Texas.

Those present included Glenn Horndt (President), Peggy Hiatt (Outgoing Secretary), Zane Rhodes (Treasurer), and Directors Aaron Oppermann, Darlene Bertsch, Jason Pavlicek, Ken Untermeyer, Betty Gast, and Tracie Rhodes (guest).

President Glenn Horndt opened the meeting, recognized outgoing Directors, welcomed new Board Members Ken Untermeyer and Betty Gast and handed out the agenda and information on topics to be discussed.

Minutes of the Board meeting of March 9, 2026 were reviewed. Minutes were approved as presented, with one correction made.

Zane presented the financial report for March 2026, showing an ending balance of \$8,333.28. Jason made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Darlene seconded. All approved.

Glenn then gave additional information on the recent septic tank pumping. He stated that the septic company said each of the three tanks holds 5,000 gallons, and that the septic company charges 35 cents per gallon for what they remove from the tanks. We will continue to have the pumping of the tanks done on an annual basis, with Glenn placing chemicals in the septic system as needed. The septic tank area has been sprayed for weeds and is currently weed-free.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jason made a motion, with a second from Aaron, to continue to request a maintenance agreement from [REDACTED] to allow access through her property as needed for needed repair or maintenance of the water system. If she does not allow this, the Board will then have to access the system through the easement through Holland's property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Zane handed an invoice, dated 2/12/26, to Glenn from Neuendorff Water Well Service totaling \$1,162.00 for water testing at the new well site which is required by TCEQ. Glenn reviewed the invoice and stated he will check with Weishuhn Engineering to see

cost will be included in the Hurricane Relief Grant or if BWS is to pay for these charges. Glenn will give an update at the next Board Meeting.

With the addition of the new well and other improvements to the water system, AIA Insurance will be updated when the new system becomes operational. Glenn reported that AIA is proposing a 4% rate increase due to inflation and rising cost of living.

Sidney Chollett's contract has been renewed for another year for \$452.00 per month.

Glenn informed Directors that the property at 1024 Barten Road was sold by [REDACTED] V [REDACTED]. As the [REDACTED] are now homeowners, they can be placed on the ballot for voting of Directors and serve on the Board if elected. A welcome package will be presented to them, and membership/connection fee of \$200.00 is to be collected.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: New officers elected are as follows:

President: Glenn Horndt

Vice President: Aaron Oppermann

Secretary: Betty Gast

Treasurer: Zane Rhodes

Directors: Jason Pavlicek, Darlene Bertsch, Ken Untermeyer.

With the desire to encourage participation from more homeowners, Glenn proposed that a summary of Board discussions/actions be given to homeowners on a monthly or quarterly basis as an attachment to their billing.

With no further business to discuss, Aaron made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Darlene. All agreed and the meeting was adjourned.

Next BWS Board meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Zegen Farms.

Betty Gast, Secretary