

**Minutes of
Regular Business Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
August 23, 2016
Embassy Suites, San Marcos, TX**

These Minutes are a record of the items discussed, including motions on any matters that involve the TAGD Membership. The Minutes mostly follow the order on the previously distributed agenda, but may not have been discussed in that order, as noted in the Minutes.

- A. Call to Order and Invocation.** Vice President Dirk Aaron called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM on August 23, 2016. Jim Conkwright gave the invocation.
- B. Speaker Sessions.**
- TWDB Report on MAG Peak Factor – Matt Nelson
- C. Roll Call.** Secretary Leah Adams called the roll and informed the President that 48 District Members were in attendance, comprising a quorum. A list of GCDs represented at the meeting is attached as Attachment 1. Ballots for the open position of Parliamentarian were passed out during the roll call.
- D. TAGD Officer Election for Parliamentarian.** Dirk Aaron introduced Jim Conkwright to provide an update from the nominating committee. Jim provided instructions on how the voting process would work and stated that all ballots needed to be turned in to Beth Hood by 10:30 AM. Jim Conkwright introduced Jim Polonis as the nomination from the nominating committee and asked him to come forward and introduce himself. Dirk Aaron opened nominations from the floor. No further nominations were made. Gary Westbrook made a motion for the election of Jim Polonis as Parliamentarian by acclamation and David Van Dresar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. No ballot count was required.
- E. Membership update and announcement of new members.** Executive Director Sarah Schlessinger stated the Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District was recently approved as a non-voting member, making TAGD's total membership 80 GCDs and 36 associate members. Several TAGD members introduced new staff and new or attending board members.
- F. Discussion and possible action on minutes of prior meeting.** Dirk Aaron presented the minutes from the last meeting. Alan Day made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Jason Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. Discussion and possible action on Q3 financial reports and budget amendments.** Dirk Aaron introduced Treasurer Zach Holland to present the Q3 financial reports and budget amendments. After presentation of the reports and discussion, Judy Parker moved to approve the FY16 Q3 finances as presented and Ron Fieseler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Jim Polonis made a second motion to approve the proposed budget amendments to increase total meeting expenses by \$1000, decrease total Office Costs by \$500, increase total professional services by \$1000, and decrease total Travel Costs by \$1500, showing no increase to overall expenses to the budget. Ron Fieseler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- H. Discussion and possible action on FY17 Budget.** Executive Director Sarah Schlessinger provided the membership with a review of the FY 2017 proposed budget. Sarah thanked the budget and finance committee for their hard work. After some discussion, Joel Pigg made the motion to approve the FY17 Budget as presented and Scott Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- I. Discussion and possible action on annual setting of the due and fees of the Alliance for i) Meeting registration, ii) Annual district membership dues, iii) Annual associate membership dues.** Sarah Schlessinger reported it was the recommendation of the Executive Committee to make no changes to the fees on all three agenda items. Joel Pigg made the motion to accept the recommendation of the committee and make no changes in the fees of the Alliance, and Ron Fieseler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- J. Officer and Committee Reports.** Dirk Aaron moved into committee reports as listed below:
1. Executive Director – Sarah Schlessinger reported she had been busy with the summer legislative hearings. Sarah reported that TAGD had been invited to provide testimony each of the four summer hearings, and that various GCD TAGD members had also been invited. Sarah stated that the Groundwater Summit planning committee had done a good job this year and that there were 357 people registered this year. Sarah reminded everyone that TAGD puts out consistent weekly emails and monthly newsletters Sarah reported that Beth has been working on the GCD Index should be updated soon and that TAGD was looking forward to developing a new website.
 2. Executive Committee – Sarah Schlessinger also provide the Executive Committee update. The committee meet once at the beginning of the month to discuss Joe B Cooper’s absence and provide a review of the summer interim hearings.
 3. Legislative Committee – Dirk Aaron stated the legislative committee had met twice after hearings. In addition to the full meeting, the committee had reviewed and cast electronic votes on one subcommittee proposal; the GCD accountability metrics. He reported the use of the GCD accountability metrics was helpful during the hearings and thanked staff for coordinating the complex nature of the subcommittee structure.
 4. Bylaws Committee – Lonnie Stewart reported no update.
 5. Groundwater Protection – David Van Dresar reported the committee was working on a legislative report with a subcommittee on flooding water and water wells.
 6. Drought Preparedness – David Van Dresar reported no update due to rain.
 7. Information & Education – Leah Adams stated nothing has really changed in the salary survey due to no continued participation. Beth Hood reported TAGD had 312 subscribers to the newsletter and that the featured District received the most clicks as well as the Case Study on Meaningful DFCs. Beth introduced that GCD checklists that contained annually required tasks and others were currently being created.
 8. Legislative Subcommittees – Doug Shaw with the Groundwater Planning Subcommittee stated some committee members would be attending the TWDB rule changes meeting today after TAGD. David Mauk with the GCD Administration and Accountability Committee stated they completed the accountability metrics and used it during the hearings. David stated that the subcommittee would be considering a possible award structure for

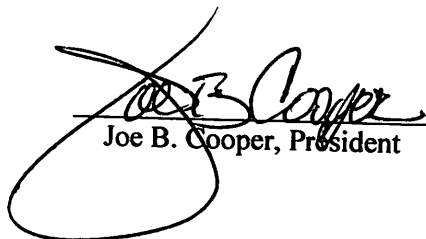
GCD performance. Greg Senglemann with the brackish/desal committee reported that the HB 30 studies on brackish water production zones was completed and that TAGD proposes input to the HB 30 rules as individual templatized statements which from individual GCDs.

- K. Member and GMA Reports.** A representative from each GMA provided an update on where they stood in the process. All GMA's had approved a proposed DFC and begun the public comment period. A few GCDs had completed the process and final submission to the TWDB.
- U. Other TAGD Business.** Dirk Aaron opened up other TAGD business:
- a) Sarah Schlessinger proposed the membership allow the Executive Committee to set the dates and locations for TAGD's 2017 meetings. Louie Pena made the motion and Gary Ashmore seconded the motion to allow the Executive Committee to set the dates and locations for the 2017 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b) Sarah Schlessinger also reminded everyone that October 27, 2016 would be the next Leadership Training and TAGD was hoping to have a technical training in the fall.

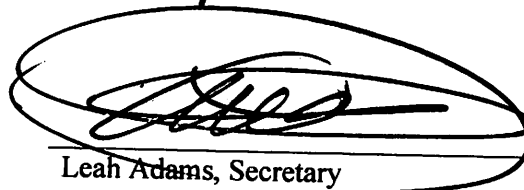
V. Adjournment. Dirk Aaron adjourned the meeting at 11:14 A.M.

Prepared and submitted by Sarah Schlessinger, Executive Director, and Leah Adams, Secretary.

Approved by the Members on January 26, 2017.



Joe B. Cooper, President



Leah Adams, Secretary

Attachment 1
Members Attending the TAGD Regular Business Meeting
May 18-19, 2016

1. Bandera Co. River Authority and Groundwater District
2. Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
3. Bee Groundwater Conservation District
4. Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District
5. Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District
6. Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District
7. Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
8. Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District
9. Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District
10. Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District
11. Duval County Groundwater Conservation District
12. Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District
13. Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District
14. Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
15. Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
16. High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1
17. Irion County Water Conservation District
18. Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District
19. Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District
20. Kimble County Groundwater Conservation District
21. Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District
22. Live Oak Underground Water Conservation District
23. Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District
24. Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
25. Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District
26. Lower Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
27. McMullen Groundwater Conservation District
28. Mesa Underground Water Conservation District
29. Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District
30. North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
31. North Texas Groundwater Conservation District
32. Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
33. Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
34. Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District
35. Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District
36. Plum Creek Conservation District
37. Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
38. Prairelands Groundwater Conservation District
39. Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District
40. Red River Groundwater Conservation District
41. Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District
42. Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District
43. Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District
44. Santa Rita Underground Water Conservation District
45. South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
46. Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District
47. Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
48. Sutton County Groundwater Conservation District