

**Minutes of
Regular Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
May 29-30, 2013
Crowne Plaza Austin**

Wednesday, May 29, 2013

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.

8:00am – 2:00pm: Public Funds Investment Act Training for registered members

2:30pm: **Call to Order and Invocation.** President Kathy Turner Jones called the meeting to order at 2:35pm. Mike McGuire gave the invocation.

2:45pm: **Legislative Wrap-Up**, Stacey Steinbach, Executive Director, TAGD

3:30pm: Break

3:45pm: Business Meeting

- A. **Roll Call.** Secretary Kirk Holland called the roll at 1:40 pm, and informed the Chair there were 43 District Members in attendance, comprising a quorum. A list of GCDs represented at the meeting is attached as Attachment 1.
- B. **Announcement of new members.** Stacey noted TAGD has added two new members since the last meeting, and welcomed them to our organization: Wintergarden GCD and AquaSurance, LLC.
- C. **Discussion and possible action on minutes of prior meeting.** After correcting a math error in the minutes, Steve Walthour made and Zach Holland seconded a motion to approve the minutes as amended, and the motion passed unanimously.
- D. **Discussion and possible action on Financial Reports and report from Finance and Budget Committee.** Steve Walthour directed the membership to the financial reports included in board packets. TAGD had \$124,000 in bank as of April 30th and \$126,000 in total assets. He informed the membership that the Finance and Budget committee would be meeting on May 30th after adjournment of the quarterly meeting and would come back to the membership in August with budget and dues/fees recommendations.
- E. **Report from Texas Groundwater Summit Planning Committee.** Stacey provided an update from the committee and noted that everything was running smoothly and on target. She thanked the committee members - Janet Adams, Kirk Holland, Zach Holland, Jim Polonis, Laura Raun, Lonnie Stewart, David Van Dresar, Steve Walthour, and C. E. Williams – for their participation and hard work.
- F. **Discussion and possible action on 2014 meetings and conferences.** No action.
- G. **Report from TAGD Nominating Committee.** No report.

4:10 pm: Kathy Jones recessed the quarterly meeting until the following morning at 9 am.

4:30 pm: TAGD Member Reception and Dinner (dinner for registered attendees only)

Thursday, May 30, 2013

8:00am: Executive Committee Meeting

9:00 am: Kathy Jones issued the Call to Order from recess at 9:17 am and the attendees heard the following Speaker Presentations:

1. ***Brackish Resources Aquifer Characterization System***, John Meyer, Program Specialist, Innovative Water Technologies, Texas Water Development Board
2. ***Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Planning – GCD perspective***, Scott Swanson, LaCosta Environmental LLC

10:45 am: Break was taken at 11:00 am.

11:00 am: Committee and Member/Group Reports began at 11:15 am.

- **Executive Director (Stacey Steinbach):** The bulk of the Executive Director's report was included in the legislative update. Stacey noted that next steps, now that session has adjourned, would be to continue working on the Summit, prepare a legislative update for the upcoming TWCA conference and next issue of the Texas Water Journal, and work with the Finance and Budget, Bylaws, and Executive committees on matters that would come before the membership in August, including election of officers and the 2014 meeting schedule. She reminded the members that the October 2013 meeting would be in Cleburne.
- **Groundwater Protection (David Van Dresar):** No report.
- **Executive Committee (Kathy Turner Jones):** Kathy noted that the Executive Committee has met several times in the past couple of months, both by person and phone call/e-mail. They have been generally discussing the legislative session, bylaws proposals, and officers, but have no specific update at this time. They are working on the minutes from the past meetings and will include those in member packets once the Executive Committee has approved them.
- **Information & Education (Deanya Williams):** No report.
- **Legislative Committee (David Van Dresar):** No report (provided during legislative update).
- **Railroad (Bob Patterson):** Bob provided an update of some of the Railroad Commission's newly-adopted rules, and noted that the agency would be amending additional groundwater-related rules sometime this summer. He indicated that some of these rules were problematic for groundwater management by GCDs.
- **Bylaws Committee (Cindy Weatherby):** Stacey reported that she would be working with Cindy on some proposed Bylaws amendments, including those related to honorary TAGD memberships and TAGD's participation in other organizations.
- **Aquifer Storage and Recovery (David Mauk):** No report.
- **Drought Preparedness (David Van Dresar):** No report.
- **Soil & Water Conservation (Mike McGuire):** Mike stated that Congress extended the Farm Bill and is working on a new one. He noted that groundwater levels were generally lower across much of the state. Feral hogs are currently the biggest concern in his part of the state.

Other Updates

- **GCD Reports:** Kathy began a discussion on GCDs and the State Auditor’s Office auditing process, noting the legal requirements related to the audit and asking what GCDs were being audited this year. The membership explored the audit process, asking numerous questions, and it was discovered that Clearwater GCD, Lone Star GCD, Pineywoods GCD, Wes-Tex GCD, Upper Trinity GCD, Rolling Plains GCD, Hays Trinity GCD, Colorado County GCD, Trinity Glen Rose GCD, Cow Creek GCD, Bandera County RA and GC, Southern Trinity GCD, Clear Fork GCD, Mid-East Texas GCD, Coastal Plains GCD, and Kimble County GCD are currently being audited. Stacey requested that those GCDs send her a list of the questions that are being asked and information requested by SAO. Next, John Dupnik began a discussion related to how well registration requirements are conveyed to new property owners through the real estate transaction process. He has been working with TAGD Associate Member and consultant Charles Porter on getting some information included with seller disclosure notices with the hopes of applying those concepts regionally and then even statewide. He requested that interested GCDs coordinate with him any methods for making sure that well and GCD information gets conveyed to new property owners.
- **GMA Reports:** None
- **RWPG Reports:** None
- **Environmental Flows Advisory Group Reports:** None

11:45am: Other TAGD Business: None.

Adjournment: Without objection, Kathy Jones adjourned the meeting at 11:52am.

Prepared and submitted by Stacey Steinbach, Executive Director, and Kirk Holland, Secretary

Approved by the Members on _____, 2013

Kathy Turner Jones,
President

W F (Kirk) Holland,
Secretary

Attachment 1
Members Attending the TAGD Quarterly Business Meeting
May 29-30, 2013
Austin, TX

1. Barton Springs/Edwards
Aquifer CD
2. Blanco-Pedernales GCD
3. Bluebonnet GCD
4. Central Texas GCD
5. Clearwater UWCD
6. Colorado County GCD
7. Cow Creek GCD
8. Crockett County GCD
9. Evergreen UWCD
10. Gonzales County UWCD
11. Hemphill County UWCD
12. High Plains UWCD #1
13. Hill Country UWCD
14. Kenedy County GCD
15. Kimble County GCD
16. Kinney County GCD
17. Llano Estacado UWCD
18. Lone Star GCD
19. Lone Wolf GCD
20. Mesa UWCD
21. Middle Trinity GCD
22. Mid-East Texas GCD
23. North Plains GCD
24. North Texas GCD
25. Panhandle GCD
26. Panola County GCD
27. Pecan Valley GCD
28. Pineywoods GCD
29. Plateau UWC&SD
30. Plum Creek GCD
31. Post Oak Savannah GCD
32. Prairielands GCD
33. Real-Edwards Cons. & Recl.
District
34. Red River GCD
35. Rolling Plains GCD
36. South Plains UWCD
37. Southeast Texas GCD
38. Sutton County UWCD
39. Texana GCD
40. Upper Trinity GCD
41. Victoria County GCD
42. Wes-Tex GCD
43. Wintergarden GCD