

**Minutes of
Regular Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
October 29, 2013
Cleburne Conference Center, Cleburne, Texas**

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.** President Kathy Turner Jones called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Gary Westbrook gave the invocation.
- B. Welcome to Cleburne.** Joshua Grimes, General Manager, Prairielands GCD provide a welcome to all members on behalf of the Prairielands GCD Board Members and Staff.
- C. Speaker Sessions – GMA Focus**
1. Assessing DFC Status using Water Levels and Production Data: Joshua Grimes and James Beach
 2. GMA 8 Northern Trinity Woodbine GAM Update: Bill Mullican and Van Kelley
 3. GMA Update Series (first of a three-part series):
 - Caroline Runge, Chair, GMA 7
 - Eddy Daniel, Chair, GMA 8
 - Ron Fieseler, Chair, GMA 9
 - Rick Illgner, Chair, GMA 10
 - Gary Westbrook, Chair, GMA 12
- B. Roll Call.** Secretary Leah Adams called the roll and informed the Chair there were 36 District Members in attendance, comprising a quorum. A list of GCDs represented at the meeting is attached as Attachment 1.
- C. Announcement of New Members.** Stacey Steinbach made an announcement of five (5) new members to TAGD. They are the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, Brewster County GCD, GM Ellis Law Firm PC, Debra Cerda, and SaveWaterTexas.
- D. Discussion and possible action on minutes of prior meeting.** Steve Walthour made and Zach Holland seconded a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion passed unanimously.
- E. Discussion and possible action on Financial Reports and Budget.** Steve Walthour directed the membership to the financial reports included in board packets. Ron Fieseler made and Joe Cooper seconded a motion to approve the reports, and the motion passed unanimously. President Kathy Turner Jones then discussed the Executive Committee's proposal to raise the budget \$6,000 to cover additional audit and personnel expenses. Gary Westbrook made and Jerry Chapman seconded the motion to approve the budget adjustments, and the motion passed unanimously. Steve Walthour also brought up two items concerning the budget, 1) including a "total personnel" item in future budgets, and 2) ensuring that raises are considered before approval of the next year's budget. He noted that these items would be addressed in the next budget cycle.
- F. Discussion and possible action on nominations for TAGD honorary membership.** A nomination was made by Janet Adams for Richard Bower to receive a TAGD honorary membership giving Richard's involvement with TAGD as one of its original members. Judy

Parker made and C.E. Williams seconded a motion to approve the nomination, and the motion passed unanimously.

- G. Discussion and possible action on recommendation from Executive Committee regarding evaluation of Executive Director.** President Kathy Turner Jones gave a description of the Executive Committee's decision to provide a recommendation to membership of a 7.7% or \$5,000 raise for Stacey Steinbach, the Executive Director of TAGD. Gary Westbrook made and Janet Adams seconded a motion to approve the nomination, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed until the Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 8:30 A.M.

B. Speaker Sessions

- a. *EAA v. Bragg*: Jim Bradbury
- b. Groundwater Profiling for Selective Extraction: Steve Walden and Debra Cerda
- c. Outreach and Education Roundtable:
 - Adeline Fox, High Plains UWCD #1
 - Robin Gary: Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer CD
 - Jillian McDonald, Upper Trinity GCD

- C. Executive Director's Report.** Stacey Steinbach referred members to the Executive Director's report.

D. President's Report and Committee Roundtable.

E. Member Reports, GMA Reports, RWPG Reports, and Environmental Flows Update

- **GCD Reports:** Jim Polonis announced that Amy Hays from AgriLife Extension would be teaching a social media class in San Angelo on November 6 and directed members to their Facebook page for more information. A special thanks went out to Josh Grimes, Prairieland GCD Board Members and staff, and all vendors present at the meeting. C.E. Williams announced the 2nd Biennial Texas Panhandle-South Plains Water Conservation Symposium on February 12, 2014.
- **GMA Reports:** None
- **RWPG Reports:** None
- **Environmental Flows Advisory Group Reports:** None

F. Other TAGD Business. None.

- G. Adjournment:** Without objection, Kathy Jones adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.

Prepared and submitted by Stacey Steinbach, Executive Director, Kirk Holland, past-Secretary, and Leah Adams, Secretary

Approved by the Members on _____, 2013

Kathy Turner Jones,
President

Leah Adams,
Secretary

Attachment 1
Members Attending the TAGD Quarterly Business Meeting
October 29, 2013
Cleburne, TX

1. Bandera Co. River Authority and Groundwater District
2. Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
3. Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District
4. Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District
5. Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District
6. Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District
7. Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
8. Coke County Underground Water Conservation District
9. Edwards Aquifer Authority
10. Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
11. High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1
12. Irion County Water Conservation District
13. Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District
14. Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
15. Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District
16. Menard County Underground Water District
17. Mesa Underground Water Conservation District
18. Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District
19. Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
20. Neches and Trinity Valleys Groundwater Conservation District
21. North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
22. North Texas Groundwater Conservation District
23. Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
24. Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
25. Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
26. Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District
27. Plum Creek Conservation District
28. Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
29. Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District
30. Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District
31. Red River Groundwater Conservation District
32. South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
33. Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District
34. Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
35. Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District
36. Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District