

**Minutes of
Regular Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
May 27 - 28, 2014
South Austin Marriott, Austin, 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 2:30 PM. Dale Adams gave the invocation.

B. Speaker Sessions

1. *It's Never Too Late (Even After 65 Years?): The Missing Disclosure in Everyday Real Estate Transactions*, Charles Porter
2. *TWCA Groundwater Committee Update*, Brian Sledge, Sledge Fancher, PLLC and Hope Wells, San Antonio Water System

C. Roll Call. Secretary Leah Adams called the roll and informed the Chair there were 53 District Members in attendance, comprising a quorum. A list of GCDs represented at the meeting is attached as Attachment 1.

D. Announcement of New Members. Kathy Turner Jones made the announcement of welcoming Hance Scarborough, LLP and Carollo Engineers and stated TAGD has had one new application from AW Blair Engineering for an associate member that will be voted on prior to the next meeting by the Executive Committee. Associate Membership is up to 31 associate members, double our 2011 numbers.

E. Discussion and possible action on minutes of prior meeting. Steve Walthour requested a change under Section I of the February minutes to show the approval of both the financial policy and the financial reports by the same motion. David Van Dresar made the motion and Steve Walthour seconded to approve the minutes with the requested change.

F. Discussion and possible action on financial reports and audit. Stacey reported that membership is up and expenditures are down, but to remember that most income is collected at the beginning of the year. Janet Adams made the motion and Zach Holland seconded to approve the financial reports as presented. Stacey provided copies of the audit reports in the Board packets. Alan Day and Janet Guthrie seconded the motion to approve the audit report.

G. Discussion and possible action on legislation workgroup and initiatives. Hope Wells and Brian Sledge provided the members an update on TWCA committee legislative discussions. Stacey mentioned the dates of meetings as listed on the website. The legislative workgroup committee reports are as follows:

- Kathy Turner Jones/Bob Patterson – Permitting and Brackish: no update till after meeting on Thursday.
- C.E. Williams - Oil and Gas: the committee is having difficulty making any headway with the industry, but is still working on alternatives.
 - Tim Andruss - ASR committee: no progress at this time
 - Janet Adams – Groundwater Use Reporting: on hold
 - Greg Ellis provided an update on the Marathon oil injection well petition at the RRC.

H. Report from Texas Groundwater Summit planning committee. Stacey provided an update on the committee action. To date, the committee has meet at least bimonthly to coordinate the Summit. Early bird counts are up this year over last year. The agenda is good this year so all GCDs are encouraged to bring Board Members. Continuing education credits will be provided.

I. Discussion and possible action on upcoming meetings and conferences. Stacey reported the travel meeting will be in Kingsville this year. The Executive Committee will be working on the dates for next years meetings.

The meeting was recessed until Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 8:30 AM.

J. Call to order after recess at 8:30 AM.

K. Speaker sessions:

1. *TDLR Program Update*, Adam Foster and Jake Wiley, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
2. *Hot Topics in Employment Law*, Sheila Gladstone, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.
3. *LULAC v. EAA*, Marc Friberg, Edward's Aquifer Authority

L. Executive Director's Report. Kathy reported that TAGD is working on several databases and a cheat sheet to help new GCDs and legislators that summarizes GCD information. Stacey reported an update on the Summit and fall meetings and reminded everyone of the Leadership training provided in Lubbock for any Board Member. She also mentioned that TAGD has received a grant and donations to help fund the database efforts. Carolyn Cadena gave an update on the database projects. They have been meeting with the developer and will establish a database committee to work on the project.

M. President's Report. Stacey Steinbach mentioned a meeting of the Executive Committee to discuss possible GMA funding options from TWDB, but no action was taken. The discussion looked at four points:

1. Continue to fund GMAs locally.
2. Invite counties to participate.
3. Support state funding for TWDB for GAMs.
4. Track all money spent for DFC process so data is available.

Stacey also mentioned the development of a salary survey by TAGD to help GCDs.

N. Committee Reports, GMA Updates, and Other TAGD Business. The reports are as follows:

1. David Van Dresar reported the groundwater protection committee met early in May. The 180 day list has been released. The committee has been working on TCEQ rule changes, recommendations to legislation, and review of the contamination report. David also gave an update on the Drought Preparedness Council. The Council reminded everyone the 180-day list is available and that 90% of the State was in 42 months of drought. El Niño conditions should provide some relief and 11 of 21 surface basins are below normal. TCEQ provided a list of drought restrictions. Steam flows are down, causing problems for Parks and Wildlife.
2. Sue Young was not in attendance but should be able to provide an update on rules at the Summit.
3. Zach Holland reported upcoming proposed changes to the Bylaws related to the recently-adopted financial policy.
4. Stacey provided an update on the Information and Education committee. The committee is working on packets for new General Managers and the cheat sheet for legislators and new GCDs. They are also helping on the database and a vehicle to help with State audits.
5. Joel Pigg reported no updates from the Soil and Water Conservation committee.
6. No GCD updates.
7. GMA 10 reported work on an advisory group.
8. Regions G, L, and I report working on prioritization.
9. No update from the environmental flows advisory groups.
10. Robert Bradley reported that the TWDB members will be making the GMA tour and that all GMA meetings are listed on the TWDB website.

11. Kathy reminded everyone of the TWCA Conference in Horseshoe Bay on June 11-13, 2014 and the TAGD Groundwater Summit is August 26-28, 2014.

O. Adjournment. Without objection, Kathy Turner Jones adjourned the meeting at 11:30AM.

Prepared and submitted by Stacey Steinbach, Executive Director, and Leah Adams, Secretary.

Approved by the Members on _____, 2014.

Kathy Turner Jones, President

Leah Adams, Secretary

Attachment 1
Members Attending the TAGD Quarterly Business Meeting
May 27-28, 2014
South Austin Marriott, Austin, Texas

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. Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District
8. Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District
9. Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
10. Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District
11. Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District
12. Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District
13. Culberson County Groundwater Conservation District
14. Edwards Aquifer Authority
15. Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District
16. Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
17. Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
18. High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1
19. Irion County Water Conservation District
20. Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District
21. Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District
22. Kimble County Groundwater Conservation District
23. Live Oak Underground Water Conservation District
24. Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District
25. Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
26. Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District
27. Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District
28. McMullen Groundwater Conservation District
29. Mesa Underground Water Conservation District
30. Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District
31. Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
32. Neches and Trinity Valleys Groundwater Conservation District
33. North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
34. North Texas Groundwater Conservation District
35. Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
36. Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
37. Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District
38. Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District
39. Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District
40. Plum Creek Conservation District
41. Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
42. Prairelands Groundwater Conservation District
43. Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District
44. Red River Groundwater Conservation District
45. Refugio Groundwater Conservation District
46. Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District
47. Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District
48. Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
49. Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District
50. Texana Groundwater Conservation District
51. Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
52. Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District
53. Wes-Tex Groundwater Conservation District