

**Minutes of
Regular Business Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
August 25, 2015
Embassy Suites, San Marcus, 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.** President Kathy Jones called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM August 25, 2015.
- B. Invocation.** Gary Westbrook provided the invocation.
- C. Roll Call & Election Ballot Distribution.** Sarah Schlessinger introduced Jim Conkwright to explain the ballot and elections. Jim explained the vote would be by ballot due to having several good nominations to the committee this year. Sarah explained that each District would get one vote and one ballot and that during roll call each District as called could pick up their ballots in the back of room. Each District had until 10:20 AM to vote and if anyone came in before the deadline they needed to check in with the Secretary and pick up a ballot. Secretary Leah Adams called the roll and informed the Chair there were 50 District Members in attendance, comprising a quorum. A list of GCDs represented at the meeting is attached as Attachment 1.
- D. Introduction of TAGD Officer Nominees & Floor Nominations.** Kathy Jones introduced each nominee and gave them an opportunity to speak. After each nominee spoke, Kathy opened each position for nominations from the floor. No one made any nominations from the floor.
- E. Announcement & Introduction of new TAGD Members.** Kathy Jones welcomed Branscomb PC as the newest Associate Member to TAGD. Steve Walthour introduced Laura West the new Production Coordinator for the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District.
- F. Discussion and possible action on minutes of prior meeting.** Kathy Turner Jones presented the minutes from the last meeting. Alan Day made the motion and Zach Holland seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. Discussion and possible action on Financial Reports and Budget Amendments.** Steve Walthour presented the financial reports included in the meeting packets. Steve reported a current balance of \$124,405.95. He stated that the budgeted reduction in reserves would not be as large due to not spending as much as originally predicted. He presented a recommendation from the Budget & Finance Committee to amend the current budget by reducing Travel, Conference, Dues and Outreach budget \$3,000 and increasing the Meeting Expense budget \$3,000 with no increase to the total budget. David Van Dresar made the motion and Joel Pigg seconded to approve the recommendation from the committee to transfer \$3,000 and approved the financial reports. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Report from committees, with discussion and possible action. Kathy moved into discussion and possible action of each committee which are as follows:

1. Conference Planning Committee – Sarah Schlessinger reported that the conference committee is reports record attendance at the Summit this year with an estimate \$40,000 in revenue from the conference.
2. Employment Policy Committee – Steve Walthour stated the committee had submitted the personnel policy to the membership for a vote later on the agenda.
3. Meetings Committee – Joe Cooper stated the committee had issued a recommendation to go from four (4) meetings a year to three (3) with an increase to meeting costs. The membership would vote on that recommendation later on the agenda.

I. Discussion and possible action on number of TAGD regular meetings. Based on the recommendation from the Meetings Committee, C.E. Williams made a motion and David Mauk seconded to approve the recommendation as presented and to allow the Executive Committee to set the meeting dates for next year. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Discussion and possible action on TAGD regular meeting registration rates. Steve Walthour presented the recommendation from the Finance Committee increase meeting cost by approximately \$40 or 32% to cover the costs of going from four meetings to three. Joe Cooper made the motion and Jim Polonis seconded the motion to approve the meeting increase. The motion passed unanimously.

K. Discussion and possible action on FY 2015-2016 Annual Budget. Steve Walthour presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the 2015-2016 budget of \$169,029 with a \$21,000 drawdown in reserves. Gary Westbrook made the motion and Ron Fieseler seconded to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy called for all ballots at 10:20 AM.

L. Discussion and possible action on Bylaws Amendments. Zach Holland presented the changes to the Bylaws based on the vote to change the number of meetings from four (4) to three (3). David Van Dresar made the motion and Gary Ashmore seconded to approve the changes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

M. Discussion and possible action on Employment. Steve stated the Employment Policy Committee recommends the approval of the personnel policy that was distributed to the membership ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Janet Guthrie made the motion and Doug Shaw seconded to approve as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Sarah Schlessinger stated she would provide the final copy to the membership within 30 days as required by bylaws.

N. Committee Reports. Kathy Jones moved into committee reports as listed below:

1. Executive Director – Sarah Schlessinger stated she would like to postpone the hiring of another TAGD employee until she has had a chance to review the needs of TAGD.
2. Executive Committee – Kathy Turner Jones stated the Executive Committee met prior to the membership meeting. Kathy stated the committee will review the Bylaws to look at the officer structure and

possible reevaluate the when officers take office and that a Retention Policy committee had been established to develop a records retention policy for TAGD.

3. Groundwater Protection – David Van Dresar stated that Sarah had attended the meeting in July. Sarah stated the next meeting will be in October.
4. Bylaws Committee – Zach Holland stated all discussions had been approved with the bylaws changes earlier in the meeting.
5. Drought Preparedness – David Van Dresar reported there was nothing to report due to rain.
6. Information & Education – Leah Adams stated the salary survey is almost complete. She was finishing up writing the study and would present to the committee for review.
7. Railroad – None.
8. Aquifer Storage and Recovery – David Mauk reported TWDB was investing one million dollars for an ASR feasibility study.
9. Legislative Committee – Dirk Aaron stated that the new legislative policy was available on the website.
10. Soil & Water Conservation – Joel Pigg reported the State was experiencing fires due to no rain lately.

O. Member and Group Reports. Gary Westbrook informed TAGD membership that the TCEQ petition filed against Post Oak Savannah had been reviewed and TCEQ had stated that no panel was needed. No reports from RWPGs. Kathy Jones reported that GMA-14 had received notice that the proposed DCFs set in June were being petitioned as not valid. Jim Polonis reported that GMA-7 meeting had been changed to September 19, 2015. Sarah Schlessinger stated that Robert Mace was working on a process to coordinate the DFC adoption dates and Regional Water Planning Groups. Gary Westbrook also reported that GMA-8 was on track for comments for draft preliminary DFCs. There was no report for Environmental Flows Advisory Group.

P. Other TAGD Business. Kathy Jones opened up other TAGD business:

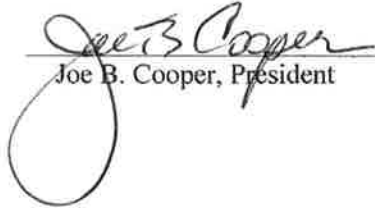
- a. Discussion and possible action on renewal of IEM Multi-Year Agreement. After some discussion of the IEM multi-year agreement, Ron Fieseler made the motion and Jim Polonis seconded to approve the agreement as presented. The motion passed unanimously. C.E. Williams made the motion and Jim Polonis seconded to allow the Executive Committee to set the next Groundwater Summit date and location. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Discussion and possible action on Texas Groundwater Protection Committee alternate. Zach Holland made the motion and Steve Walthour seconded to vote Sarah Schlessinger as the alternate. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Announcement of TAGD Election Results, Designation of TAGD Area Representatives. Kathy announced the new officers to begin in October for TAGD are as follows:
Parliamentarian: Kody Bessent
Secretary: Leah Adams
Treasurer: Zach Holland
Vice President: Dirk Aaron
President: Joe Cooper
Sarah Schlessinger stated that the TAGD Representatives will be nominated and selected through a google survey.

Q. Adjournment. Kathy Jones adjourned the meeting at 11:05 pm after extending thanks to the Conference Committee (Cody Bessent, C.E. Williams, Alan Day,


Jim Polonis) and Andrea from IEM. Dirk Aaron provided a farewell gift to Kathy as the outgoing President.

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

Approved by the Members on January 27, 2016.



Joe B. Cooper, President



Leah Adams, Secretary

Attachment 1
Members Attending the TAGD Regular Business Meeting
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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. Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District
8. Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
9. Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District
10. Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District
11. Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District
12. Duval County Groundwater Conservation District
13. Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District
14. Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District
15. Glasscock 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. Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District
21. Live Oak Underground Water Conservation District
22. Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District
23. Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
24. Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District
25. Lower Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
26. McMullen Groundwater Conservation District
27. Medina County Groundwater Conservation District
28. Mesa Underground Water Conservation District
29. Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District
30. Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
31. Neches and Trinity Valley Groundwater Conservation District
32. North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
33. North Texas Groundwater Conservation District
34. Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
35. Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
36. Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District
37. Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District
38. Plum Creek Conservation District
39. Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
40. Prairelands Groundwater Conservation District
41. Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District
42. Red River Groundwater Conservation District
43. Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District
44. Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District
45. Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District
46. South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
47. Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District
48. Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
49. Sutton County Groundwater Conservation District
50. Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District