

**Minutes of
Regular Business Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
January 25 - 26, 2017
Austin Crowne Plaza, Austin, 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 Welcome Address.** President Joe Cooper called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM on January 26, 2017 by welcoming the membership and asking Tooter Trees to give the invocation.
- B. Membership Update and Announcement of New Members.** President Joe Cooper welcomed the two newest members to TAGD, Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District and Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District. He announced that the addition of these two members brings the membership up to 82 GCD members. Joe Cooper also announced the addition of two new associate members, Texas State University and Halff Associates.
- C. Speaker Sessions.**
- i. Exploring TWDB Funding Opportunities, Mark Evans
 - ii. Texas 4-H Youth Water Ambassador Initiative, David Smith
 - iii. TWDB Study to Identify the Vulnerability of the Major and Minor Aquifers of Texas to Subsidence with Regard to Groundwater Pumping, Jordan Furnans
- D. Roll Call.** Secretary Leah Adams called the roll and informed the President that 52 District Members were in attendance, comprising a quorum. A list of GCDs represented at the meeting is attached as Attachment 1.
- E. Discussion and possible action on minutes of prior meeting.** President Joe Cooper presented the minutes from the last meeting. Mike McGuire made a motion to accept the minutes with an amendment on the approval date from 2016 to 2017. David Van Dresar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. TAGD Annual Report.** President Joe Cooper introduced Sarah Schlessinger and Beth Hood to present the TAGD annual report. Sarah and Beth provided a presentation with TAGD's annual report, which is available on TAGD's website. No action was taken.
- G. Discussion and possible action to approve FY 16 Q4 financial reports.** President Joe Cooper introduced Treasurer Zach Holland to present the FY 16 Q4 financial reports. After presentation of the reports and discussion, Steve Walthour moved to approve the FY16 Q4 finances as presented and Bob Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- H. Discussion and possible action to approve FY 17 Q1 financial reports.** Treasurer Zach Holland presented the FY17 Q1 financial reports, stating that the financial committee had reviewed and approved them. Following discussion, Steve Walthour made the motion to approve the FY17 Q1 financial reports as presented and Gary Westbrook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- I. Discussion and possible action on Bylaw Amendments.** Parliamentarian Jim Polonis presented the proposed changes to the bylaws as prepared by the Bylaws

Committee. David Van Dresar made the motion to accept the proposed changes to the bylaws as presented by the Bylaws committee, and Luis Pena seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Officer and Committee Reports. President Joe Cooper asked for Officer and Committee reports:

1. Executive Director – Sarah Schlessinger provided a report on TAGD activities, including current budgets, TAGD events, website updates, and TAGD communications.
2. Executive Committee – Joe Cooper provided a report on the Executive Committee’s activities, which included a summary of the retreat. .
3. Legislative Committee – Dirk Aaron provided a report on the Legislative Committee’s activities, and reminded members that a meeting would be held at adjournment.
4. Bylaws Committee – Jim Polonis reported no update other than what was presented earlier in the meeting.
5. Information & Education – Leah Adams provided a report on the Information & Education Committee’s activities, including a reminder of upcoming salary study needs.
6. Finance Committee – Zach Holland provided a report on the Finance Committee’s activities, which included a review of its participation in the retreat and the interest in expanding TAGD’s technical trainings.
7. Groundwater Protection – David Van Dresar provided a report from the Groundwater Protection Committee, stating that the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee’s report to the 85th Legislature is available online.

K. Member and GMA Reports. A representative from each GMA provided an update on the status of their DFC and explanatory report.

L. Other TAGD Business. President Joe Cooper asked members for other TAGD business. No other business was discussed.

M. Speaker Sessions Continued.

- i. Texian Geospatial & asset Solutions, LLC, David Pritchard
- ii. Hydromodelhost, Mikel Irizar
- iii. Interactive 3D Geologic Models for Daily Operations, Simplified Permitting and Stakeholder Communication, Michelle A Sutherland and Allan R Standen

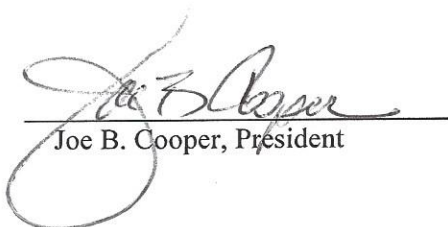
N. GCD Panel on DFC Tracking. Janet Guthrie, Dirk Aaron, Micah Voulgaris, Zach Holland

O. Legislative Outlook Panel. Monique Norman, Brian Sledge, Greg Ellis, and Ty Embrey


P. Adjournment. Mike McGuire made a motion and Gary Westbrook seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. President Joe Cooper adjourned the meeting at 3:15 P.M.

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

Approved by the Members on May 31, 2017.



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. 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. Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District
13. Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District
14. Duval County Groundwater Conservation District
15. Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District
16. Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District
17. Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District
18. Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
19. Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
20. High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1
21. Hill Country Underground Water Conservation District
22. Irion County Water Conservation District
23. Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District
24. Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District
25. Live Oak Underground Water Conservation District
26. Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District
27. Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
28. Lower Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
29. McMullen Groundwater Conservation District
30. Mesa Underground Water Conservation District
31. Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District
32. Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District
33. Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
34. Neches and Trinity Valleys Groundwater Conservation District
35. North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
36. North Texas Groundwater Conservation District
37. Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
38. Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
39. Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
40. Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District
41. Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District
42. Plum Creek Conservation District
43. Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
44. Prairelands Groundwater Conservation District
45. Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District
46. Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District
47. Santa Rita Underground Water Conservation District
48. South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
49. Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District
50. Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
51. Sutton County Groundwater Conservation District
52. Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District