

**Minutes of
Regular Business Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
May 31 and June 1, 2017
Austin DoubleTree, 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 2:20 PM on May 31, 2017 by welcoming the membership and asking David Bailey to give the invocation. Joe Cooper thanked Greg Ellis for the Public Funds Investment Act Training then provided an overview of the day's schedule.
- B. Membership Update and Announcement of New Members. President Joe Cooper** invited any first time TAGD meeting attendees to introduce themselves. Joe Cooper announced two retirements at TAGD since the January meeting; Charles Shell and Harvey Everheart. Joe Cooper also announced two new members; Hickory Underground Water Conservation District #1 and Stacey Reece. Joe Cooper announced that this brings TAGD's total membership numbers to 38 associate members and 83 GCDs.
- C. Roll Call.** Secretary Leah Adams called the roll and informed the President that 58 District Members were in attendance, comprising a quorum. A list of GCDs represented at the meeting is attached as Attachment 1.
- D. Discussion and possible action on minutes of prior meeting.** President Joe Cooper presented the minutes from the last meeting with the addition of Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District to the attendance. Mike McGuire made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. David Van Dresar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. TAGD Report on Activities.** President Joe Cooper introduced Sarah Schlessinger and Beth Hood to present the TAGD Report on activities. Sarah and Beth provided a presentation on TAGD activities since the January meeting, which included a summary of legislative action, communications, educational and outreach efforts, and TAGD's new logo and website. No action was taken.
- F. Discussion and possible action to approve FY 17 Q2 financial reports.** President Joe Cooper introduced Treasurer Zach Holland to present the FY 17 Q2 financial reports. After presentation of the reports and discussion, Mike McGuire moved to approve the FY17 Q2 finances as presented. Doug Shaw seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. Discussion and possible action on TAGD Resolutions.** President Joe Cooper introduced Sarah Schlessinger to present resolutions to thank legislators for their efforts during the 85th Legislative Session. Following a presentation on proposed templates, Victoria Messer Whitehead moved to approve the template resolutions as presented, and allow the Legislative Committee to approve the list of legislators and bills for the resolutions. Judy Parker seconded the motion. Following further

discussion, Victoria Messer Whitehead amended her motion to include the ability for the Legislative Committee to amend the template resolutions as necessary. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Speaker Session

A. Legislative Debrief: Greg Ellis, Brian Sledge, Ty Embrey, Monique Norman

The meeting recessed for the day at 5:20 PM for the TAGD reception.

Regular Business Meeting Cont.

J. The meeting began at 8:32 AM on June 1, 2017 with a welcome address from President Joe Cooper. Sarah Schlesinger then introduced the speakers for the speaker sessions. **Speaker Sessions**

- GCD Performance Review – Abiy Berehe, TCEQ
- TWDB Update – Larry French, TWDB
- Overview of the Sunset Review Process - Sarah Kirkle, Sunset Advisory Commission

Speaker Sessions and Business Meeting Continued.

- Custom Database Solutions for GCDs - Erin Atkinson, Halff Associates
- Intersection of RRC Regulation & Groundwater Protection - Peter Gregg, DuBOIS BRYANT & CAMPBELL

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

1. Executive Director – Sarah Schlessinger provided a further report on TAGD activities, including an increase in speaking engagements, availability of TAGD’s weekly legislative tracking reports, and announcement of a legislative wrap up report, mobile leadership training for next year, and a Texas Groundwater Summit reminder and update.
2. Executive Committee – Joe Cooper provided a report on the Executive Committee’s activities, including one meeting in May and regular involvement in and approval of legislative action.
3. Legislative Committee – Dirk Aaron provided a report on the Legislative Committee’s activities, including two formal committee meetings and 15 informal standing conference calls. Dirk Aaron provided a summary of TAGD’s legislative process and the actions taken. Dirk reminded the committee that a legislative committee meeting would be held at the close of the regular business meeting.
4. Bylaws Committee – Jim Polonis announced the committee would be looking at ways to further secure legislative conference calls.
5. Information & Education – Beth Hood provided a report on the Information & Education Committee’s activities, including the production of the GCD FAQ and an announcement regarding intern interests.
6. Finance Committee – Zach Holland provided a report on the Finance Committee’s activities, which included a forecast of upcoming budgeting process.
7. Groundwater Protection and Drought Preparedness– David Van Dresar had nothing to report at this time.

L. Member and GMA Reports. President Joe Cooper invited a representative from each GMA to provide an update on the status of their DFCs, explanatory reports,

and next processes. Joe Cooper invited TAGD members to share any other reports, updates or announcements.

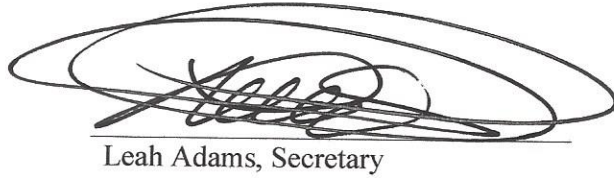
M. Other TAGD Business. President Joe Cooper made an announcement about TAGD's upcoming Executive Committee elections, and provided a review of the process. Joe Cooper then asked members for other TAGD business. Steve Walthour made a motion to do a resolution approved by the executive committee to Harvey Everhart for his leadership and service to TAGD. Gary Westbrook seconded the motion. Following discussion, Steve amended his motion to include an honorary membership for Harvey. Gary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Van Dresar made a motion and Doug Shaw seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. President Joe Cooper adjourned the meeting at 11:06 AM.

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

Approved by the Members on August 29, 2017.


Joe B. Cooper, President


Leah Adams, Secretary

Attachment 1
Members Attending the TAGD Regular Business Meeting
January 25 - 26, 201

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. Brush Country 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. Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District
13. Duval County Groundwater Conservation District
14. Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District
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. Hill Country Underground Water Conservation District
20. Irion County Water Conservation District
21. Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District
22. Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District
23. Kimble County Groundwater Conservation District
24. Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District
25. Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
26. Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District
27. Lower Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
28. Mesa Underground Water Conservation District
29. Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District
30. Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District
31. Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District
32. Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
33. Neches and Trinity Valleys Groundwater Conservation District
34. North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
35. North Texas Groundwater Conservation District
36. Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
37. Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
38. Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
39. Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District
40. Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District
41. Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District
42. Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District
43. Plum Creek Conservation District
44. Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
45. Prairelands Groundwater Conservation District
46. Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District
47. Red River Groundwater Conservation District
48. Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District

49. Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District
50. Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District
51. Santa Rita Underground Water Conservation District
52. South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
53. Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District
54. Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
55. Sutton County Groundwater Conservation District
56. Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
57. Uvalde County Undergroundwater Conservation District
58. Wes-Tex Groundwater Conservation District