

**Minutes of
Annual Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
August 29, 2017
Embassy Suites & Conference Center, San Marcos, 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 B. Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM on August 29, 2017 by welcoming the membership and asking Lindy Harris to give the invocation.
- B. Speaker Sessions.** Sarah Schlessinger introduced Gayla Mullins, Remote Sensing Specialist/Project Manager, Texas Natural Resources Information System.
- C. Roll Call.** Secretary Leah Adams called the roll and informed the President that 53 District Members were in attendance, comprising a quorum. A list of GCDs represented at the meeting is attached as Attachment 1.
- D. Membership update and announcement of new members.** Joe B. Cooper invited any first time TAGD meeting attendees to introduce themselves. TAGD welcomed Shelly Chapman from Clearwater UWCD, Ashley Whitaker from Panola County GCD, and Allie Nicoletti and John Dabney from Blanco-Pedernales GCD.
- E. Discussion and possible action on minutes of prior meeting.** President Joe B. Cooper presented the minutes from the last meeting. C.E. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes. Ron Fieseler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. TAGD Area Election.** Joe Cooper announced the nominations from the Nominating Committee as Dirk Aaron for President, Amber Blount for Vice President, Zach Holland for Treasurer, Leah Adams for Secretary, and Jim Polonis for Parliamentarian. Sarah Schlessinger read the bylaws and announced to the membership that all ballots needed to be provided by 10 A.M. to be counted. Joe Cooper opened the floor for nominations. With no nominations being made from the floor, Gary Westbrook made the motion to accept the nominations by acclamation and Joel Pigg seconded the motion. Joe Cooper asked for any discussion and with none, the motion passed unanimously. Each newly appointed officer gave a statement about themselves.
- G. TAGD Area Caucus.** After elections, it was identified that the areas not represented by the elected officers were Far West Texas, the Lower Edwards Trinity, the Lower Gulf Coast, and the Edwards Carrizo area. Each area was given time to discuss and appoint a representative. Janet Adams was chosen to represent Far West Texas. Ron Fieseler was chosen to represent Lower Edwards Trinity. Lonnie Stewart was chosen to represent the Lower Gulf Coast and Greg Sengelmann was chosen to represent the Edwards Carrizo.

H. Discussion and possible action to approve FY 17 Q3 financial reports. President Joe B. Cooper introduced Treasurer Zach Holland to present the FY17 Q3 finances. Zach Holland presented several budget amendments recommended by the Finance Committee in order to adjust the budget more in line with income and expenses. Zach stated that the objective of the amendments were to have a budget at the end of FY17 that more realistically reflects actual income and spending, so that we can set future budgets on it. After presentation of the reports, amendments and discussion, Steve Walthour moved to approve the FY17 Q3 finances with the following amendments:

- Increase total income by \$20,000 by increasing total meeting income by \$15,000 and increasing total member dues by \$5,000
- Decrease total expenses by \$10,075 by increasing total meeting expenses by \$1000, decreasing total office expenses by \$1000, decreasing total professional services by \$7,075, and decreasing total travel/conference/dues/outreach by \$3,000.

. Alan Day seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Discussion and possible action on annual setting of the dues and fees of the Alliance for:

- i. Meeting registration. Zach Holland presented the Finance Committee's recommendation that there be no change to the meeting registration fees for the fees to stay the same.
- ii. Annual District Membership dues. Zach Holland presented the Finance Committee's recommendation that there be no changes to the annual District membership dues for the dues to stay the same.
- iii. Annual Associate Membership dues. Zach Holland presented the Finance Committee's recommendation that there be no changes to the annual Associate membership dues, for the dues to stay the same.

After some discussion regarding the possibility of future member dues increases, Steve Walthour made the motion to approve the recommendations from the Finance Committee to keep meeting registration fees, district membership dues, and associate member dues the same for this year. Ron Fieseler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Discussion and possible action on the FY18 Budget. Zach Holland presented the proposed FY18 budget. After some discussion, Janet Guthrie made the motion to approve the budget as presented. Gary Westbrook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

K. Discussion and possible action on the dates and locations of the Regular Business Meetings. Joe B. Cooper asked Sarah Schlessinger to present the options for dates and locations of TAGD's 2018 Regular Business Meetings. After some discussion, Steve Walthour made the motion to approve the January 30-31, 2018 and the May 23-24, 2018 meeting at the Doubletree in Austin and allow the Executive Committee to review and approve the dates and hotel for the third meeting. Alan Day seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

1. Executive Director – Sarah Schlessinger provided a report on TAGD’s activities and operations. She reported that the Texas Groundwater registration numbers and projected profits Sarah also reported on TAGD’s weekly and monthly communications, the launch of a new website, and a grant application with the Mitchell Foundation. Sarah concluded with a preview of upcoming activities, including the Mobile Leadership Trainings and upcoming membership renewals and committee signups.
2. Executive Committee – Joe B. Cooper presented that since the May Regular Business Meeting, the Executive Committee held one official meeting. That meeting included the Executive Directors two year evaluation, FY17 Q3 finances and aments, discussion of the FY18 proposed budget, member dues and meeting rates, and discussion on the grant application. In addition tot his meeting, the Executive Committee also took electronic action to approve two new associate members, TAGD’s resolutions thanking legislators, and approving legislative action during special session.
3. Legislative Committee – Dirk Aaron provided a report on the Legislative Committee’s activities since the May 2017 meeting, which included one formal committee meetings to review TAGD’s legislative strategy, the outcomes of session, and a roadmap towards interim work. Dirk reported that TAGD took legislative action during the special session consistent with its position from regular session. . Dirk reminded the committee that a legislative committee meeting would be held at the close of the January 2018 regular business meeting.
4. Bylaws Committee – Jim Polonis had not report.
5. Information & Education – Beth Hood provided a report on update on the database and the website.
6. Finance Committee – Zach Holland reported the Finance Committee’s conclusion that TAGD’s needs a 5 year financial strategy in place, and that they would be meeting this fall to determine that strategy and make recommendations to the membership.
7. Groundwater Protection and Drought Preparedness– David Van Dresar had nothing to report at this time.

M. Member and GMA Reports. President Joe B. 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.

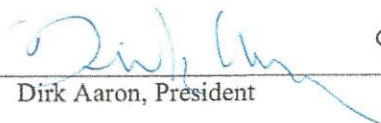
N. Other TAGD Business. President Joe B. Cooper recognized the members of the Conference Planning Committee and IEM staff on a great conference.. Joe B. Cooper next recognized Harvey Everhart and presented him with an honorary membership to TAGD for his years of service.


O. Election Results & Executive Committee Recognition. With the election having taken place through acclamation, Sarah Schlessinger asked all Executive Committee members to be recognized for their work and presented them with a TAGD brand for all their hard work. Vice President Dirk Aaron recognized Joe B. Cooper for his service as TAGD President, and presented him with a gift.

P. Adjournment. Victoria Whitehead Messer made a motion and C.E. Williams seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. President Joe Cooper adjourned the meeting at 11:38 AM.

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

Approved by the Members on January 30, 2018.


Dirk Aaron, President


Leah Adams, Secretary

Attachment 1
Members Attending the TAGD Regular Business Meeting
August 29, 2017

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. Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District
8. Brush County Groundwater Conservation District
9. Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District
10. Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
11. Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District
12. Culberson 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. Guadalupe County Underground Water Conservation District
18. Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
19. Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
20. Hickory Underground Water Conservation District
21. High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1
22. Irion County Water Conservation District
23. Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District
24. Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District
25. Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District
26. Live Oak Underground Water Conservation District
27. Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District
28. Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
29. Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District
30. Lower Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
31. McMullen Groundwater Conservation District
32. Menard County Underground Water District
33. Mesa Underground Water Conservation District
34. Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District
35. Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District
36. Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
37. North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
38. North Texas Groundwater Conservation District
39. Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
40. Panola County Groundwater 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. Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District
46. Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District
47. Red River Groundwater Conservation District
48. Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District

49. Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District
50. Santa Rita Underground Water Conservation District
51. South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
52. Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
53. Sutton County Groundwater Conservation District