

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, January 15, 2016

11:00 AM

Conference Call

Approved Minutes

- A. **Call to Order** : President Joe B. Cooper called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM.
- B. **Roll Call**: Executive Committee members in attendance include Joe B. Cooper, Dirk Aaron, Zach Holland, Leah Adams, Kody Bessent, Kathy Turner Jones, Janet Adams, Lonnie Stewart, Ron Fieseler, and Jim Polonis. Ten of eleven Executive Committee members were present. One non Executive Committee member, Steve Walthour, was present on the call.
- C. **Discussion and possible action on Draft Executive Committee Minutes**: Joe B. Cooper presented the minutes. Jim Polonis moved to accept minutes as presented. Ron Fieseler seconded. Motion carried 10-0.
- D. **Discussion of Executive Committee Retreat Review**: Executive Director Sarah Schlessinger presented the review and provided context on the creation of the Legislative Policy Task Force.
- E. **Discussion and possible action on proposed Legislative Policy Amendment**
Legislative Policy Task Force Chair and Parliamentarian Kody Bessent presented the Task Force objectives to make the Legislative Committee more efficient and effective, and create opportunity for the Legislative Committee to be more proactive in policy creation. Task Force members include Jim Polonis, Steve Walthour, Greg Sengelman, Zach Holland and chaired by Kody Bessent. Kody Bessent encouraged TAGD Area Reps to engage their area members with the legislative policy amendments. Vice President Dirk Aaron moved that the Executive Committee support and approve the legislative policy amendments to the full membership for their consideration at the January 27-28 Meeting. Motion was seconded by Jim Polonis.
Roll call vote Joe B. Cooper: yes, Dirk Aaron: yes, Zach Holland: yes, Leah Adams: no, Kody Bessent: yes, Kathy Turner Jones: no, Janet Adams: no, Lonnie Stewart: no, Ron Fieseler: yes, Jim Polonis: yes. Motion carried 6 yes to 4 no.

Jim Polonis left the meeting at 12:08 pm.

- F. **Discussion and possible action on 2015 Salary Survey**

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Education and Outreach Chair and TAGD Secretary Leah Adams provided the Committee with an update on the Salary Survey. Leah reviewed the process and timeline, as well as challenges and restrictions in this kind of survey. Leah will provide a draft of the survey to the Executive Committee in advance of the meeting on January 27, 2016 for approval to be published. Leah will also present results of the study to membership during the Regular Business Meeting and distribute the approved survey to membership electronically.

G. Discussion and possible action regarding other matters before the Committee

Effective January 29, TAGD Parliamentarian Kody Bessent will be leaving High Plains GCD for a new position. Kody assured members that he will maintain a legislative path, and hopes to remain involved with districts. The January 27-28, 2016 Regular Business Meeting will be his final meeting with TAGD.

President Joe B. Cooper announced the next meeting to be held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday January 27, 2016 at the Austin Crowne Plaza.

H. Adjourn President Joe B. Cooper adjourned the meeting at 12:16 PM