

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 2016 10:30-11:30 AM

Austin Crowne Plaza

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APPROVED Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** President Joe B. Cooper called the meeting to order at 10:36 AM.
- II. **Roll Call** Executive Committee members in attendance included Joe B. Cooper, Dirk Aaron, Zach Holland, Leah Adams, Kody Bessent, Janet Adams, Lonnie Stewart, Ron Fieseler, and Jim Polonis. Kathy Turner Jones and Greg Sengelmann were absent. Nine of eleven members were present at roll call.
- III. **Discussion and possible action on Draft Executive Committee Minutes** Joe B. Cooper presented the minutes from the last Executive Committee Meeting. Jim Polonis moved to accept minutes as presented, Lonnie Stewart seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Kathy Turner Jones arrived to the meeting at 10:39 AM.
- IV. **Report and update on Membership Numbers, Dues & Meetings from Executive Director** Executive Director Sarah Schlessinger provided an update on membership numbers and progress of meeting registration and profits. Kathy Turner Jones initiated discussion regarding TAGD's approach to state agency staff invitations to TAGD meetings. Executive Committee members agreed by consensus that agency staff should be provided free invitations to attend meetings. No action required.
- V. **Discussion and possible action on Associate Member applications** Joe B. Cooper presented two associate member applications received by TAGD: Smith Robertson LLP and RMBJ Geo Incorporated. Zach Holland moved to accept both associate member applications, Ron Fieseler seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.
- VI. **Discussion and possible action on Draft Salary Survey** Secretary Leah Adams presented the findings of the 2015 TAGD Salary Study. Jim Polonis moved to authorize the publication of the salary study, Kathy Turner Jones seconded. Motion carried 10-0.
- VII. **Discussion and possible action regarding other matters before the Committee** Joe B. Cooper briefed the Executive Committee on Kody Bessent's upcoming departure from High Plains Water District and initiated a succession discussion. Kathy Turner Jones motioned that Lonnie Stewart serve as pro tem parliamentarian until an election is held in May. Motion seconded by Janet Adams. Motion carried 10-0. Kody Bessent informed Executive Committee that the TAGD Ogallala Area had caucused and elected Amber Blount as their TAGD Area Representative. Joe B. Cooper directed the Nominating Committee, which consists of Joe B. Cooper, Kathy Turner Jones and Jim Conkwright, to meet in the next month and create a ballot for the May election.
- VIII. **Discussion and possible action on future meetings** Joe B. Cooper proposed that Executive Committee plan to hold a conference call every 4-6 weeks. March 11th was set as a tentative meeting date. No action required.
- IX. **Adjourn** Janet Adams motioned to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting. Zach Holland seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM.