

# TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

*Executive Committee Meeting*

**Tuesday, August 8 2017 10:00 AM**

Conference Call

**Approved Minutes**

- A. **Call to Order and Roll Call** President Joe B. Cooper called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM and asked Executive Director Sarah Schlessinger to call the roll. Members present included Joe B. Cooper, Dirk Aaron, Zach Holland, Amber Blount, Leah Adams, Greg Sengelmann, Lonnie Stewart, and Janet Adams. Kathy Turner Jones, Ron Fieseler and Jim Polonis were not present.
- B. **Discussion and possible action on minutes** Joe B. Cooper presented the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting on April 20, 2017. Janet Adams requested a correction to the minutes to include her in the roll call. Zach Holland made the motion to accept the minutes as amended. Janet Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Executive Director report** Sarah Schlessinger provided a report on financial activities, update on special session, update on groundwater summit planning, and an introduction to TAGD's grant application with Mitchell Foundation.
- D. **Discussion and possible action on FY17 Q3 Finances** Joe B. Cooper asked Treasurer Zach Holland to present the FY17 Q3 Finances. Zach Holland reported that the Finance and Budget Committee met and approved the FY17 Q3 Finances with a series of budget amendments. He reported the purpose of the amendments is to make the FY17 budget more realistic to actual spending and income and to better inform the next budget. The proposed budget amendments were reported as:
- Increasing total income by \$20,000 by increasing total meeting income by \$15,000 and increasing total member dues by \$5,000
  - Decreasing 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 \$3000.

Dirk Aaron made the motion to approve the FY17 Q3 Finances with the proposed budget amendments. Greg Sengelmann seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and possible action proposed FY18 Budget** Zach Holland presented the proposed FY18 budget, reporting that the Finance and Budget Committee had approved the Fy18 proposed budget as presented, as well as potential salary treatments of no more than \$20,000. Zach Holland also

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reported that the Finance and Budget Committee had concluded that a long term financial strategy is needed for TAGD.

Joe B. made the recommendation that a \$12,000 salary treatment be considered and that it be allocated between staff by the Executive Director. Dirk Aaron moved to approve the \$12,000 salary treatments to be allocated between staff by the Executive Director. Lonnie Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Lonnie Stewart then moved to approve the propose FY18 budget with the \$12,000 salary treatment. Amber Blount seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- E. Discussion and possible action on TAGD FY18 meeting rates and membership dues** Zach Holland reported that the Finance and Budget Committee recommend that there be no change to TAGD's FY18 membership dues or meeting fees. Amber Blount moved that the Executive Committee recommend no change to membership dues and meeting rates. Janet Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Discussion and possible action on grant application** Sarah Schlessinger presented to the Executive Committee TAGD's application for a Mitchell Foundation grant on groundwater data. Lonnie Stewart moved that TAGD proceed with the application, so long as the Executive Committee has the ability to approve or oppose the contract if we are approved. Greg Sengelmann seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Discussion and possible action on any other matters before the committee** Sarah Schlessinger provided the Executive Committee with an update on the delivery of TAGD Resolutions thanking legislators, TAGD's contract with DoubleTree Hotel for 2018 regular business meetings, TAGD's contract renewal with IEM, the honorary membership award for Harvey Everheart, and student scholarships and livestream at the Texas Groundwater Summit. Zach Holland moved that we add an action item to our August 2017 meeting that requests a motion to allow the Executive Committee to approve TAGD's contracts with IEM and DoubleTree. Lonnie Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sarah Schlessinger concluded by presenting the Nominating Committee's slate of officers for the FY18-FY19 Term Election. The slate of officers were presented as President (Dirk Aaron), Vice President (Amber Blount), Treasurer (Zach Holland), Parliamentarian (Jim Polonis) and Secretary (Leah Adams). Lonnie Stewart moves to adjourn. Greg Sengelmann seconded. Joe B. Cooper adjourns the meeting at 11:33 AM.