

**Minutes of
Regular Business Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
May 21, 2018
Austin Double Tree Hotel
6505 N Interstate 35, Austin, TX 78752**

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 Dirk Aaron called the meeting to order at 9:05 PM on May 21, 2018 by welcoming the membership, going over the topics for the day, and asking Joe B. Cooper to give the invocation.
- B. Speaker Series**
- a. TWDB Update – Larry French, TWDB
 - b. TCEQ Update – Abiy Berehe, TCEQ
 - c. TDLR Update – Adam Foster, TDLR
 - d. Rules Update – Kristen Fancher, Fancher Legal PLLC
 - e. USGS MODFLOW Application – Daniel Pearson, USGS
- C. Membership Update and Announcement of New Members** President Dirk Aaron announced that TAGD had 85 GCD Members and 43 Associate Members with five new members joining since the last meeting. Adam Friedman, of McElroy, Sullivan, Miller & Weber, RESPEC: Russel Persyn, WellIntel, Inc., Marian Singer or Charles Dunning, Celina Romero of Duggins, Wren, Man, & Romero, and Former Representative John Davis joined as associate members. New members and first-time meeting visitors were asked to stand and introduce themselves.
- D. 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.
- E. Discussion and possible action on minutes of prior meeting.** President Dirk Aaron presented the minutes from the last meeting. Ron Fieseler made a motion to approve the minutes. Genell Hobbs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Officer and Committee Reports.** President Dirk Aaron asked for Officer and Committee reports:
1. Executive Committee – Dirk Aaron provided a report on the Executive Committee’s activities, including two official meetings since January and approval of legislative action. Dirk also announced that the Executive Committee would be holding standing monthly conference calls in order to stay current with TAGD activities.
 2. Executive Director – Sarah Schlessinger provided a report on TAGD’s fiscal health, activities and collaborations. Sarah also provided a report on recent TAGD successes, events, and opportunities for growth.

3. **Legislative Committee** – Amber Blount provided a report that each of the subcommittees have met at least once since January and will present updates tomorrow morning at 8:30 am at the scheduled legislative committee meeting.
4. **Bylaws Committee** – Jim Polonis stated no action to report at this time.
5. **Information & Education** – Leah Adams stated the group had not meet since January, but that she and Beth were working on some ideas for the committee and welcomed any suggestions from the membership.
6. **Finance Committee** – Zach Holland provided a report that the items on the agenda today for approval by membership are the recommendations from the committee.
7. **Groundwater Protection and Drought Preparedness**– Since David Van Dresar was absent at this time, Sarah provided a report that TAGD would be submitting a response to the TDLR’s request for initial comments on a rule revision and signing the TGPC’s strategy update.

G. Member and GMA Reports. Dirk Aaron announced asked if any of the GMAs had an update to report. Kathy Jones with GMA 14 gave an update on their DFC appeal. Gary Westbrook gave an update on the petition against Post Oak Savannah GCD, and the Template Procedural Rules Work Group reported they had met once to determine the scope of their work. Jim Polonis announced he is retiring at the end of the year in January of 2019.

H. Discussion and possible action to approve FY18 Q2 financial reports. Treasurer Zach Holland presented the FY18 Q2 financial reports. Judy Parker moved to approve the FY18 Q2 finances as recommended by the Finance & Budget Committee. Greg Sengelmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Discussion and possible action on FY19 Member Dues & Fees. Treasurer Zach Holland presented two options for membership dues and fees increases in FY19, and requested three separate motions for meeting registration rates, GCD dues, and Associate dues. After a discussion of the options, Gary Westbrook moved to approve a \$180 FY19 meeting registration rate, as proposed in option A. Joe B. Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. David Mauk moved to approve a 25% increase in FY19 GCD dues, as proposed in option A. Louie Pena seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Steve Walthour moved to approve a 25% increase in FY19 Associate dues, as proposed in option A. Andy Garza seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Other TAGD Business. President Dirk Aaron asked members for other TAGD business. Steve Walthour announced that North Plains GCD won TCEQ’s Environmental Excellence Award and recognized Kirk Welch’s hard work. Steve Walthour made a motion to nominate Jim Polonis for an Honorary TAGD membership. Gary Westbrook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dirk recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:34 AM. The meeting began after lunch at 1:05 PM.

K. Water Well Drillers Panel – David Rumbelow, Texas Pump & Controls, LLC; Stacey Steinbach, TWCA; Dirk Aaron, CUWCD; Antonio Trejo, Cobra Water Well Drilling, LLC; and Bobby Bazan, POSGCD.

L. Speaker Series

- a. **QGIS: a free and powerful alternative to ARCMAP – Ross Kushneweit, Intera**
- b. **The Changing Law Down Under: A discussion of Texas v New Mexico (SCOTUS), & implications and the immerging legal connection between groundwater and WOTUS – Jim D. Bradbury, James D. Bradbury, PLLC**
- c. **Interim Update – Robert L. “Robby” Cook III, Gateway Partners; Kristen Fancher, Fancher Legal PLLC**

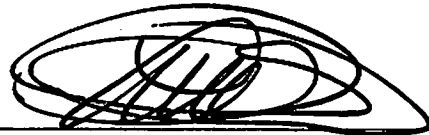
M. Adjournment. Victoria Messer Whitehead made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan Day seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. President Dirk Aaron adjourned the meeting at 4:05 PM.

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

Approved by the Members on August 28, 2018.



Dirk Aaron, President



Leah Adams, Secretary

Attachment 1
Members Attending the TAGD Regular Business Meeting
May 21-22, 2018

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. **Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District**
6. **Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District**
7. **Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District**
8. **Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District**
9. **Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District**
10. **Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District**
11. **Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District**
12. **Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District**
13. **Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District**
14. **Culberson County Groundwater Conservation District**
15. **Duval County Groundwater Conservation District**
16. **Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District**
17. **Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District**
18. **Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District**
19. **Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District**
20. **Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District**
21. **Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District**
22. **High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1**
23. **Irion County Water Conservation District**
24. **Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District**
25. **Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District**
26. **Live Oak Underground Water Conservation District**
27. **Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District**
28. **Lower Trinity Groundwater Conservation District**
29. **Mesa Underground Water Conservation District**
30. **Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District**
31. **Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District**
32. **Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District**
33. **Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District**
34. **Neches and Trinity Valleys Groundwater Conservation District**
35. **North Plains Groundwater Conservation District**
36. **North Texas Groundwater Conservation District**
37. **Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District**
38. **Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District**
39. **Panola County Groundwater Conservation District**
40. **Plateau Underground Water Conservation District**
41. **Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District**
42. **Prairelands Groundwater Conservation District**
43. **Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District**
44. **Red River Groundwater Conservation District**
45. **Reeves County Groundwater Conservation District**
46. **Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District**
47. **Santa Rita Underground Water Conservation District**
48. **South Plains Underground Water Conservation District**

- 49. Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District**
- 50. Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District**
- 51. Sutton County Groundwater Conservation District**
- 52. Uvalde County Underground Conservation District**
- 53. Wes-Tex Groundwater Conservation District**