

**Minutes of
Regular Business Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
January 30-31, 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 1:05 PM on January 30, 2018 by welcoming the membership, going over the topics for the day, and asking Jackie Risner to give the invocation.
- B. Membership Update and Announcement of New Members** President Dirk Aaron announced that TAGD had 85 GCD Members and 40 Associate Members with two new members joining since the last meeting. Reeves County GCD joined as a nonvoting member for one year and Vanessa Puig-Williams joined as an associate member. New members and first-time meeting visitors were asked to stand and introduce themselves.
- C. Roll Call** Secretary Leah Adams called the roll and informed the President that 51 District Members were in attendance, comprising a quorum. A list of GCDs represented at the meeting is attached as Attachment 1.
- D. Discussion and possible action on minutes of prior meeting.** President Dirk Aaron presented the minutes from the last meeting, with an amendment to add Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District to the members in attendance. Mike McGuire made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Joe Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. TAGD Report on Activities** President Dirk Aaron introduced Sarah Schlessinger and Beth Hood to present the TAGD Report on activities. Sarah provided the 2017 Annual Report for TAGD Activities, including a review of TAGD programs, events and services. Beth reported on TAGD's Outreach and Communication efforts. No action was taken.
- F. Discussion and possible action to approve FY 17 Q4 financial reports.** Treasurer Zach Holland presented the FY 17 Q4 Finances. Zach reported that the Finance & Budget Committee and Executive Committee had approved the FY17 Q4 Finances with a budget amendment to increase the total budget by \$5,000 by increasing personnel by \$2,000 and total travel by \$3,000., David Van Dresar moved to approve the FY17 Q4 finances as recommended by the Finance & Budget Committee. Ron Fieseler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. Discussion and possible action on FY18 Q1 financial reports.** Treasurer Zach Holland presented the FY18 Q1 Finances . After a discussion of the reports, Steve Walthour moved to approve FY18 Q1 Finances as presented. Jim Conkwright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- H. Discussion and possible action on the FY 16- FY 17 Audit Report.** Executive Director Sarah Schlessinger presented a summary report of the FY16-Fy17 draft audit report. A final draft of the audit will be issued following approval by the

membership. Joel Pigg moved to approve the draft audit report. Bob Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Discussion of TAGD short term and long term Financial Strategy. President Dirk Aaron introduced the purpose of the agenda item as an initial membership discussion on the need to consider membership dues and fees to address long term financial planning. Dirk Aaron summarized the steps taken by the Executive and Finance Committees to come to this decision, and walked through the financial strategy presentation. Treasurer Zach Holland presented different member dues and fees scenarios to the membership and requested feedback. Sarah Schlessinger informed the membership that TAGD would use an electronic survey and stakeholder group to get more feedback. No action was taken at this time.

J. Discussion and possible action on Bylaw Amendments. President Dirk Aaron asked the Parliamentarian Jim Polonis to present the proposed Bylaw Amendments addressing when TAGD approves member dues and fees. After some discussion, Steve Walthour moved to approve the amendments as presented. Louie Pena seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

K. Legal Terminologies Jeopardy – Victoria Messer Whitehead This agenda item did not take place, due to a last minute cancellation.

L. Groundwater Educational Outreach Collaborative Presentation

M. TWDB Update – Larry French

N. WellIntel Presentation – Charles Dunning

O. Care Law Update – Stacey Reese

President Dirk Aaron recessed the meeting at 5:31 PM and invited members to the TAGD reception. Dirk Aaron reconvened the meeting at 8:30 AM on January 31, 2018. Executive Director Sarah Schlessinger introduced panelists for the speaker sessions.

P. Interim Report Panel – Greg Ellis, Ty Embrey Shauna Fitzsimmons, Dean Robbins

Q. Rule Update – Bill Dugat

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

1. Executive Director – Sarah Schlessinger provided a report on the 2018 Texas Groundwater Summit, the updated GCD Index parameters, the Mitchell Foundation Grant, interim work, and TAGD activities and collaborations.
2. Executive Committee – Dirk Aaron provided a report on the Executive Committee's activities, including two meetings since August of 2017, new member approvals, and the financial strategies discussions.
3. Legislative Committee – Amber Blount presented the Legislative Subcommittees for FY18 as Similar Rules, Permitting, Attorneys Fees, Water Markets, and Groundwater Data and Science. She reminded members that the first Legislative Committee meeting would be held on January 31, 2018, directly after the Regular Business meeting.
4. Bylaws Committee – Jim Polonis announced the only update had been presented to the membership for approval.

5. Information & Education – Beth Hood stated the group had not meet since August and had nothing to report at this time.
6. Finance Committee – Zach Holland encouraged anyone with comments about the financial strategies to contact him or Sarah.
7. Groundwater Protection and Drought Preparedness– David Van Dresar had nothing to report at this time.

S. Member and GMA Reports. A representative from each GMA provided an update on the status of their DFCs, explanatory reports, and next processes as well as any membership report.

T. Other TAGD Business. President Dirk Aaron asked members for other TAGD business. None was presented.

U. Adjournment. Steve Walthour made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amanda Maloukis seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. President Dirk Aaron adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

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

Approved by the Members on _____, 2018.

Dirk Aaron, President

Leah Adams, Secretary

Attachment 1
Members Attending the TAGD Regular Business Meeting
January 25 - 26, 201

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. Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District
8. Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District
9. Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
10. Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District
11. Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District
12. Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District
13. Duval County Groundwater Conservation District
14. Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District
15. Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District
16. Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
17. Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
18. High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1
19. Irion County Water Conservation District
20. Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District
21. Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District
22. Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District
23. Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District
24. Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
25. Lower Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
26. Mesa Underground Water Conservation District
27. Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District
28. Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District
29. Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District
30. Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
31. North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
32. North Texas Groundwater Conservation District
33. Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
34. Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
35. Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
36. Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District
37. Plum Creek Conservation District
38. Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
39. Prairelands Groundwater Conservation District
40. Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District
41. Red River Groundwater Conservation District
42. Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District
43. Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District
44. Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District
45. Santa Rita Underground Water Conservation District
46. South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
47. Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District
48. Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
49. Sutton County Groundwater Conservation District
50. Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
51. Uvalde County Underground Water Conservation District