

**Minutes of
Regular Business Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
January 22, 2019
Omni Southpark Hotel
4140 Governors Row, Austin Texas 78744**

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. Speaker Series** Executive Director Sarah Schlessinger welcomed members to the meeting, reviewed the schedule of events and introduced the morning speaker series. Agency updates were provided by Larry French (TWDB), Abiy Berehe (TCEQ), and David Gunn (TDLR). Bill Dugat provided an annual GCD rule update, and Christopher Langston provided a presentation of the San Antonio Water System's mitigation program.

- B. Call to Order and Roll Call** President Dirk Aaron called the meeting to order at 10:45 AM on January 22, 2019 and asked David Bailey to give the invocation. Interim Secretary Janet Adams called the roll and informed the President that 56 District Members were in attendance, comprising a quorum. A list of GCDs represented at the meeting is attached as Attachment 1.

- C. Membership Update and Announcement of New Members** President Dirk Aaron announced that TAGD had gained 2 new GCD members since our last meeting, Lipan-Kickapoo GCD rejoined TAGD and Southwestern Travis County GCD has joined TAGD as a non voting member for FY19. Executive Director Sarah Schlessinger reported that TAGD lost one GCD and associate member in this year's membership renewal and gained two GCD members, bringing total membership to 86 GCD Members and 42 Associate Members. First-time meeting visitors were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

- D. Discussion and possible action on minutes of prior meeting** President Dirk Aaron presented the minutes from the last meeting. David Van Dressar made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Conkwright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. TAGD End of Year Report** Executive Director Sarah Schlessinger provided an end of year report, which included a review of TAGD programs and services, key successes and outreach activities.

- F. Discussion and possible action to approve FY18 Q4 financial reports** Treasurer Zach Holland presented the FY18 Q4 financial reports. Gary Westbrook moved to approve the FY18 Q4 finances as presented. Bob Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- G. Discussion and possible action to approve FY19 Q1 financial reports** Treasurer Zach Holland to present the FY19 Q1 financial reports. Steve Walthour moved to

approve the FY19 Q1 financial reports as presented. Lonnie Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

H. 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 a report of the Executive & Finance committee retreat and Executive Director transition strategy.
2. **Finance Committee** – Zach Holland reported no further updates beyond the meeting agenda items.
3. **Legislative Committee** – Amber Blount provided a report on the legislative subcommittees, as well as on the Executive Director transition strategy during legislative session.
4. **Bylaws Committee** – Interim parliamentarian Lonnie Stewart reported no updates at this time.
5. **Education & Outreach Committee** –Beth Hood reported no updates at this time
6. **Conference Planning Committee** – Beth Hood reported that TAGD had distributed a call for proposals, and that the conference planning committee would be reconvening in February to plan for the 2019 Texas Groundwater Summit.
7. **Groundwater Protection and Drought Preparedness**–David Van Dressar provided a report on TDLR’s meetings regarding the definition of commingling.
8. **Executive Director** – Sarah Schlessinger provided a final Executive Director report, including a review of her transition strategy and opportunities for TAGD’s growth.

I. Parliamentarian & Secretary Election Due to Leah Adams and Jim Polonis’ departure from the Executive Committee, TAGD held an election for two vacant officer positions. President Dirk Aaron reported that the Nominating Committee met and nominated Greg Sengelmann for the position of Secretary and Lonnie Stewart for the position of Parliamentarian. Dirk Aaron called for further nominations from the floor. Steve Walthour moved that nominations cease and to accept the nominations by acclamation. Zach Holland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Member and GMA Reports Executive Director Sarah Schlessinger provided a report that the Upper Edwards Trinity TAGD Area had communicated and unanimously elected Diana Thomas as their new TAGD Area Representative. President Dirk Aaron invited members to provide updates. GMA 9, GMA 14 and GMA 1 provided reports.

K. Other TAGD Business President Dirk Aaron acknowledged the retirements of Allan Lange, Jonnie Halliburton, Jackie Risner, Ken Karver and David Alford. With no further TAGD business, Dirk Aaron recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 PM.

L. TWDB Update President Dirk Aaron called the meeting back to order at 1:30 PM and asked Sarah Schlessinger to introduce our afternoon speakers. Sarah Schlessinger introduced Director Kathleen Jackson to provide a report on TWDB

activities including the state flood plan, SWIFT commitments, and legislative priorities.

M. Case Law Update Mike Gershon provided members with a report on *Stratta/Fazzino v. Brazos Valley GCD*.

N. Speaker Series Continued The following presentations were provided:

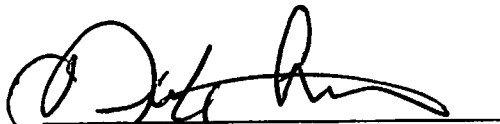
- i. **Insurance for Legal Fees** Ty Edwards & Alan Day
- ii. **Applying for GCD grants** Kirk Welch & Cameron Turner
- iii. **Communications Panel** Luran Raun, Sapna Mulki, Vanassa Joseph
- iv. **Giving Testimony Training** Laura Raun & Sarah Schlessinger

O. Legislative Forecast Panel Executive Director Sarah Schlessinger moderated a panel with Greg Ellis, Ty Embrey and Brian Sledge. The panel provided reports on the 86th Legislature, including committee assignments and proposed consensus legislation.


P. Adjournment. Mike McGuire made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Victoria Messer Whitehead seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. President Dirk Aaron adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM.

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

Approved by the Members on June 4, _____, 2019.



Dirk Aaron, President



Greg Sengelmann, Secretary

Attachment 1
Members Attending the TAGD Regular Business Meeting
August 28, 2018

1. **Bandera Co. River Authority and Groundwater District**
2. **Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District**
3. **Bee Groundwater Conservation District**
4. **Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District**
5. **Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District**
6. **Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District**
7. **Brazos Valley 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. **Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District**
14. **Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District**
15. **Duval County Groundwater Conservation District**
16. **Edwards Aquifer Authority**
17. **Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District**
18. **Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District**
19. **Gateway Groundwater Conservation District**
20. **Gonzales County Underground Water 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. **Jeff Davis Underground Water Conservation District**
25. **Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District**
26. **Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District**
27. **Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District**
28. **Live Oak Underground Water Conservation District**
29. **Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District**
30. **Lower Trinity Groundwater Conservation District**
31. **McMullen Groundwater Conservation District**
32. **Mesa Underground Water Conservation District**
33. **Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District**
34. **Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District**
35. **Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District**
36. **Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District**
37. **Neches and Trinity Valleys Groundwater Conservation District**
38. **North Plains Groundwater Conservation District**
39. **Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District**
40. **Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District**
41. **Panola County Groundwater Conservation District**
42. **Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District**
43. **Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District**
44. **Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District**
45. **Plum Creek Conservation District**
46. **Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District**
47. **Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District**
48. **Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District**

49. Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District
50. Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District
51. Santa Rita Underground Water Conservation District
52. South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
53. Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District
54. Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
55. Sutton County Groundwater Conservation District
56. Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District