

**Minutes of
Regular Business Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
June 4 and 5, 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 Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) Membership. The minutes generally follow the order on the previously distributed agenda, but may not have been discussed in that order, as noted in the Minutes.

June 4, 2019

A. Call to Order and Welcome Address. TAGD President Dirk Aaron called the meeting to order at 2:12 PM on June 4, 2019 and welcomed members. Joe B. Cooper was asked to give the invocation.

B. Membership Update and Announcement of New Members. President Dirk Aaron formally introduced Leah Martinson as TAGD's new Executive Director. Leah Martinson reported that TAGD had gained no new members since the last business meeting. First-time meeting visitors were asked to introduce themselves. The new visitors included Clem Waskow - Board Member of Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District, John McFarland - General Manager of Piney Woods Groundwater Conservation District, and Rhetta Yanez - General Manager of Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District.

C. Roll Call. Interim Secretary Greg Sengelmann called the roll and informed the President that 57 District Members were in attendance, comprising a quorum. A list of Groundwater Conservation Districts (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 of the last meeting. Mike McGuire made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Steve Walthour seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. TAGD Report on Activities Executive Director Leah Martinson provided a mid-year report which included a review of TAGD's legislative work during the 86th Legislative Session, Beth Hood's new role at TAGD as Operations Director, a budget overview, an update on the conference planning committee's work, past and future speaking engagements, and the addition of one new TAGD Information Card for members.

F. Discussion and Possible Action on TGPC Alternate. President Dirk Aaron informed the members that due to Sarah Schlessinger's departure from TAGD, the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) alternate position was now vacant. He reminded members that David Van

Dresar was the current TGPC representative and that past protocol was that the TAGD Executive Director fill the role as the TGPC Alternate. David Van Dresar made a motion to appoint Leah Martinsson as the TGPC Alternate. C.E. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the FY19 Q2 Financial Reports. Operations Director Beth Hood provided an income and expense review. Treasurer Zach Holland presented the FY19 Q2 financial reports. Steve Walthour made a motion to approve the FY19 Q2 finances as presented. Andy Garza seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Discussion and Possible Action on the Annual Setting of the Dues and Fees of the Alliance. Treasurer Zach Holland provided a review of the FY20 member dues proposal. Joe B. Cooper made a motion to approve the FY20 Member Dues and Fees as presented. Luis Pena seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Speaker Sessions. Executive Director Leah Martinsson introduced the speakers invited for afternoon Speaker Session – Legislative Debrief. The speakers included Ty Embry, Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend PC, Greg Ellis, Attorney at Law, Shauna Fitzsimmons Sledge, SledgeLaw Group PLLC, Stacey Steinbach, Texas Water Conservation Association.

President Dirk Aaron recessed the meeting at 5:00 PM and invited members to the TAGD reception.

June 5, 2019

Dirk Aaron reconvened the meeting at 8:30 AM on June 5, 2019. Executive Director Leah Martinsson introduced panelists for the continuation of Agenda Item I, Speaker Sessions. The following presentations were provided:

1. **TWDB Update:** Natalie Ballew, TWDB
2. **TCEQ Update:** Abiy Berehe, TCEQ
3. **Overview of Texas County & District Retirement System:** Kristina Fox, TCDRS
4. **Texas Water Service Boundary:** Daniel Rice, TWDB
5. **Groundwater Leasing Pilot:** Michelle Lapinski, The Earth Genome
6. **Measuring Water Loss:** John Sutton, TWDB

J. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolutions Thanking Legislators. President Dirk Aaron presented a proposed resolution to thank members of the House Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Water and Rural Affairs Committee for their leadership and support of Groundwater Districts. Alan Day made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. C.E. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

K. 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 Committee’s meeting in February 2019 for selection of TAGD’s new Executive Director.
2. Legislative Committee – Amber Blount provided a report on the Legislative Committee’s activities including the committee’s last meeting in January 2019 to review the TAGD Tracking Report, weekly conference calls beginning in March 2019, and the use of electronic polls for voting on bills.
3. Finance Committee – Zach Holland provided a report on the Finance Committee’s activities including a date for the next meeting on July 24th, 2019.
4. Bylaws Committee – Lonnie Stewart was not present to provide an update at this time.
5. Education & Outreach Committee – Greg Sengelmann reported no updates at this time.
6. Groundwater Protection Committee – David Van Dresar reported no updates at this time.

L. Member and GMA Reports. President Dirk Aaron invited a representative of each GMA to provide updates. GMA 1, GMA 2, GMA 3, GMA 4, GMA 6, GMA 7, GMA 8, GMA 9, GMA 10, GMA 11, GMA 12, GMA 13, GMA 14, GMA 15, and GMA 16 provided reports.

M. Other TAGD Business. President Dirk Aaron reminded members that the next business meeting will occur prior to the start of the Texas Groundwater Summit in August. Dirk also acknowledged the retirement of Jim Conkwright and his longevity of service to TAGD and reminded members that past retirees with a long service to TAGD had been awarded an Honorary Membership. C.E. Williams made a motion to award an Honorary Membership to Jim Conkwright. Gary Westbrook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

N. Adjournment. President Dirk Aaron adjourned the meeting at 11:29 AM.

Prepared and submitted by Leah Martinsson, Executive Director, and Greg Sengelmann, Interim Secretary.

Approved by the Members on August 20, 2019.



Dirk Aaron, President



Greg Sengelmann, Secretary

Attachment 1

Members Attending the TAGD Regular Business Meeting

June 4-5, 2019

- 1 Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
- 2 Bandera Co. River Authority and Groundwater District
- 3 Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District
- 4 Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District
- 5 Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District
- 6 Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District
- 7 Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
- 8 Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District
- 9 Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District
- 10 Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District
- 11 Duval County Groundwater Conservation District
- 12 Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District
- 13 Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District
- 14 Gateway Groundwater Conservation District
- 15 Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District
- 16 Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
- 17 Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District
- 18 Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
- 19 Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
- 20 Hickory UWCD
- 21 High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1
- 22 Irion County Water Conservation District
- 23 Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District
- 24 Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District
- 25 Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District
- 26 Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District
- 27 Llano Estacado Underground Water 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 Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District

- 41 Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District
- 42 Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District
- 43 Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District
- 44 Plum Creek Conservation District
- 45 Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
- 46 Prairelands Groundwater Conservation District
- 47 Red River Groundwater Conservation District
- 48 Reeves County Groundwater Conservation District
- 49 Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District
- 50 Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District
- 51 Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District
- 52 Santa Rita Underground Water Conservation District
- 53 South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
- 54 Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District
- 55 Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
- 56 Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
- 57 Wes-Tex Groundwater Conservation District