

**Minutes of
Regular Business Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
January 30 and 31, 2020
Embassy Suites – Austin Central
Austin, Texas**

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 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 TAGD President Zach Holland called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on January 30, 2020 and welcomed members. Mr. Holland informed members of the passing of Ricky Harston formerly of Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District. Jacob Hernandez was asked to give the invocation.

B. Membership Update and Announcement of New Members President Zach Holland reported that TAGD currently had 88 groundwater district members and 39 associate members. TAGD gained three new members since the last meeting: Robert Howard & Associates (associate member), Southwestern Travis County GCD (non-voting GCD member), and Starr County GCD (non-voting GCD member).

C. Roll Call Secretary Greg Sengelmann called the roll and informed the President that 56 District Members were in attendance, comprising a quorum. A list of Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) represented at the meeting is included as Attachment 1.

D. Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes of Prior Meeting President Zach Holland presented the minutes of the last meeting. Joe B. Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. John Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. TAGD Annual Report Leah Martinsson presented the 2019 Annual Report. The report may be viewed on the TAGD website.

F. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY19 Q4 Financial Reports Treasurer David Bailey and Executive Director Leah Martinsson presented the FY19 Q4 financial report. David Van Dresar made a motion to approve the FY19 Q4 financial report as presented. Victoria Messer Whitehead seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY20 Q1 Financial Reports Treasurer David Bailey and Executive Director Leah Martinsson presented the FY20 Q1 financial report. Alan Day made a motion to approve the FY20 Q1 financial report as presented. Gary Westbrook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Discussion and Possible Action on TAGD Employment Policy Amendments President Zach Holland described proposed changes to the TAGD employment policy, recommended by the Executive Committee. Bob Patterson made a motion to approve the amendments to the Employment Policy as presented. Andy Garza seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Discussion and Possible Action on TAGD Financial Policy Amendments Treasurer David Bailey described proposed changes to the TAGD financial policy, recommended by the Finance & Budget Committee. Janet Guthrie made a motion to approve the amendments to the Financial Policy as presented. Mike McGuire seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Speaker Series – Joint Planning and DFCs Executive Director Leah Martinsson introduced the speakers invited for the afternoon Speaker Series. The following presentations were provided:

1. **Overview on the Joint Planning Process** Velma Danielson
2. **TWDB Perspective on Administrative Considerations** Larry French
3. **To Update or Not to Update? Modeling DFCs** James Beach and Bill Hutchison
4. **Keeping Tabs: DFC Monitoring and Compliance** Amy Bush and Wade Oliver
5. **Above & Beyond: Opportunities in the Joint Planning Process & Explanatory Report** Alan Day, Kristen Fancher, and Doug Shaw
6. **Post Oak Savannah GCD/TWRI/Texas A&M AgriLife Cooperative Efforts in Education** Gary Westbrook

K. Honorary Membership President Zach Holland informed the membership that Jim Conkwright had been nominated for a TAGD Honorary Membership. Gary Westbrook made a motion to approve the Honorary Membership. C.E. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and C.E. Williams presented Jim Conkwright with his honorary membership certificate.

President Zach Holland recessed the meeting at 5:25 PM for the evening and invited members to the TAGD reception.

President Zach Holland reconvened the meeting at 8:30 AM on January 31, 2020.

K. Speaker Series – Agency Updates Executive Director Leah Martinsson introduced the speakers invited for the morning Speaker Series. Agency updates were provided by Abiy Berehe (TCEQ) and Natalie Ballew (TWDB). Steven Wallander from USDA Economic Research Service presented information about the upcoming survey of irrigation organizations.

L. Officer and Committee Updates President Zach Holland asked for Officer and Committee reports:

1. Executive Director – Leah Martinsson provided a report on TAGD’s activities and operations.
2. Executive Committee – Zach Holland provided a report on the Executive Committee’s activities.
3. Legislative Committee – Amber Blount provided a report on the Legislative Committee’s activities.
4. Bylaws Committee – Andy Garza reported no updates at this time.
5. Information & Education Committee – Greg Sengelmann and Julia Stanford gave a report on the Information & Education Committee’s activities.
6. Finance Committee – David Bailey provided a report on the Finance Committee’s activities.
7. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee – David Van Dresar gave an update on the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee’s activities.

J. Member and GMA Reports President Zach Holland invited members to provide updates. Each GMA was given the opportunity to provide updates on the status of their Groundwater Management Area, including progress on their Desired Future Conditions (DFCs), model updates, and future meeting dates.

L. Other TAGD Business President Zach Holland asked members if there was any other TAGD business to discuss. Jason Coleman made a suggestion to see if there was any interest in holding TAGD business meetings in locations other than Austin. Gary Westbrook welcomed all new members and associates to TAGD.

M. Adjournment President Zach Holland adjourned the meeting at 10:11 AM.

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

Approved by the Members on _____, 2020.

Zach Holland, President

Greg Sengelmann, Secretary

Attachment 1

Voting GCD Members Present at January 2020 TAGD Business Meeting

- 1 Bandera Co. River Authority and Groundwater District
- 2 Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
- 3 Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District
- 4 Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District
- 5 Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District
- 6 Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District
- 7 Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District
- 8 Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
- 9 Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District
- 10 Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District
- 11 Coke County Underground Water Conservation District
- 12 Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District
- 13 Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District
- 14 Duval County Groundwater Conservation District
- 15 Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District (entered after roll call)
- 16 Gateway Groundwater Conservation District
- 17 Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
- 18 Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District
- 19 Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
- 20 Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
- 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 Kimble County Groundwater Conservation District
- 26 Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District
- 27 Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District
- 28 Menard County Underground Water 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 Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District
- 42 Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District
- 43 Plum Creek Conservation District
- 44 Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
- 45 Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District
- 46 Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District
- 47 Red River Groundwater Conservation District
- 48 Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District
- 49 Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District
- 50 Santa Rita Underground Water Conservation District
- 51 South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
- 52 Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District
- 53 Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
- 54 Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District
- 55 Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
- 56 Uvalde County Underground Conservation District
- 57 Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District