

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 8 2019 9:00 AM

Conference Call

Draft Minutes

- A. **Call to Order and Roll Call** President Dirk Aaron called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM and asked Executive Director Leah Martinsson to call roll. Members of the Executive Committee present included Dirk Aaron, Zach Holland, Janet Adams, Greg Sengelmann, Lonnie Stewart, Diana Thomas, and Amanda Maloukis. Amber Blount, Joe B. Cooper, and Ron Fieseler were not present. Operations Director Beth Hood was also present.
- B. **Discussion and possible action on draft minutes.** President Dirk Aaron presented the draft minutes from the last meeting. Janet Adams moved to approve the minutes as presented. Greg Sengelmann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Executive Director report.** Executive Director Leah Martinsson provided a report on TAGD activities, including an update on the legislative session, upcoming speaking engagements, planning for the Groundwater Summit, and planning for the June Regular Business Meeting. No action was required.
- D. **Discussion and possible action on FY19 Q2 finances.** Treasurer Zach Holland presented the FY19 Q2 Finances as approved by the Finance Committee. Beth Hood provided a summary of the budget vs. actuals for FY19 Q2 for the group. There was a discussion regarding the placement of reserve funds in order to obtain higher interest rates and investigating possible alternatives for web hosting services. Diana Thomas moved to approve the finances to be distributed to the membership. Amanda Maloukis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. **Discussion and possible action on FY20 Member dues/fees.** Treasurer Zach Holland presented the Finance Committee's proposed FY20 Member dues and fees. There was discussion regarding how the proposal reflects the next step in the 25%-10%-10%-10% dues increase path that was considered that was first approved by the membership during 2018 in order to improve the finances of the organization. Diana moved to approve a 10% increase in FY20 for distribution to the membership. Amanda Maloukis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. **Discussion and possible action on salary modification for Beth Hood.** Executive Director Leah Martinsson provided a summary of the new responsibilities that Beth Hood has taken on as a result of her promotion to Operations Director. Lonnie Stewart moved to approve an expenditure of

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\$2500 to support an increase in Beth Hood's annual salary to \$70,000 for the remainder of FY19 to as compensation for those additional responsibilities as Operations Director. Greg Sengelmann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Discussion and possible action on any other matters before the committee. Amber Blount joined the meeting. Leah Martinsson informed the Executive Committee of the outcome of the Legislative Committee's vote in opposition to the May 3, 2019 version of committee substitute to SB 1010. Lonnie Stewart moved to formally approve the Legislative Committee's vote in opposition. Zach Holland seconded the motion. Motion carried. Amber Blount and Janet Adams were present but did not vote on the motion. Leah Martinsson explained that TAGD will a draft resolution to thank legislators from the 86th legislative session. Leah Martinsson will circulate a draft to the Executive Committee and solicit feedback.

H. Adjournment. President Dirk Aaron adjourned the meeting at 10:07 AM.