

**Minutes of
Regular Business Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
May 27, 2020 2:00pm
*Via GoToWebinar***

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** TAGD President Zach Holland called the meeting to order at 2:00pm on Wednesday, May 27, 2020.
- B. Overview of meeting logistics** TAGD Executive Director Leah Martinsson and Programs & Operations Manager Julia Stanford shared information about the online GoToWebinar platform and instructions on making motions and voting.
- C. Roll Call** Attendees were asked to complete an online form to signify their district's presence and designate their voting representative. President Zach Holland asked Julia Stanford to open the roll call survey at 2:06pm. When 42 members completed the survey, the roll call was closed at 2:10pm and Leah Martinsson announced that the quorum of at least 35 members had been established. The final count of voting members was confirmed after the meeting by comparing it to the GoToWebinar attendee list. Attachment 1 shows the full attendee list.
- D. Membership Update and Announcement of New Members** President Zach Holland announced that TAGD has two new members since the last business meeting: GCD member Terrell County Groundwater Conservation District and associate member Environmental Defense Fund.
- E. Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes of Prior Meeting** President Zach Holland presented the minutes of the last meeting, held on January 30, 2020. Rhetta Yanez made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Kathy Turner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY20 Q2 Financial Reports** Treasurer David Bailey and Executive Director Leah Martinsson presented the FY20 Q2 financial reports. Janet Guthrie made a motion to approve the FY20 Q2 financial reports as presented. Gary Westbrook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Discussion and possible action on annual setting of the dues and fees of the alliance for FY21 President Zach Holland asked Treasurer David Bailey to address this agenda item. Treasurer David Bailey indicated that the Finance and Budget Committee and Executive Committee both voted to recommend modifying the anticipated 10% dues increase to a 5% increase for FY21. He then presented the following proposed membership dues rates for FY21:

Proposed 5% Increase in Member Dues for FY21

GCD Member Tier	FY21 Dues	Associate Member Tier	FY21 Dues
Tier 1 (\$0-\$99,999)	\$790	Individual or Sole Proprietor*	\$700
Tier 2 (\$100,000-\$249,999)	\$1,080	501(c)3 or educational Institution	\$180
Tier 3 (\$250,000-\$499,999)	\$1,440	Govt' Entity or Small Corporation (budget under \$500,000)	\$1440
Tier 4 (\$500,000-\$999,999)	\$1,800	Medium Corporation (budget \$500,000-\$1.0m)	\$1800
Tier 5 (\$1.0m and up)	\$2,170	Large Corporation (budget > \$1.0m)	\$2170

*reflects \$10 increase

He also shared the Finance and Budget Committee and Executive Committee recommended maintaining meeting rates of \$180 (member) and \$240 (non-member). Joe Cooper made a motion to approve these rates for FY21. Alan Day seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

H. TAGD Executive Director Report Executive Director Leah Martinsson delivered a report on TAGD's activities including TAGD's COVID-19 response, cybersecurity awareness training, Texas Groundwater Summit, and TAGD communications.

I. Officer and committee reports TAGD officers and committee chairs offered reports to the membership.

- a. Executive Committee – Zach Holland provided a report on the Executive Committee's activities.
- b. Legislative Committee – Amber Blount provided a report on the Legislative Committee's activities.
- c. Bylaws Committee – Andy Garza reported no updates at this time.
- d. Information & Education Committee – Julia Stanford gave a report on the Information & Education Committee's activities.
- e. Finance Committee – David Bailey provided a report on the Finance Committee's activities.

J. Agency Updates Agency updates were provided by Abiy Berehe (TCEQ), Natalie Ballew (TWDB), and Claire Satterwhite (TDLR).

K. 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. Vice President Amber Blount nominated Lindy Harris of South Plains UWCD for an honorary TAGD membership. Janet Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and Lindy Harris was presented with a certificate.

M. Adjournment President Zach Holland adjourned the meeting at 3:58pm.

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 Participating in the May 2020 Virtual TAGD Business Meeting

GCDs with an * following their name did not complete the roll call survey, but were present according to GoToWebinar

- 1 Bandera County River Authority & Groundwater District
- 2 Bee GCD
- 3 Bluebonnet GCD*
- 4 Brazos Valley GCD*
- 5 Brush Country GCD
- 6 Central Texas GCD
- 7 Clearwater UWCD
- 8 Crockett County GCD
- 9 Edwards Aquifer Authority
- 10 Evergreen UWCD
- 11 Glasscock GCD
- 12 Guadalupe County GCD
- 13 Hays Trinity GCD*
- 14 Hemphill County UWCD
- 15 High Plains Water District
- 16 Irion County WCD
- 17 Jeff Davis County UWCD
- 18 Kenedy County GCD*
- 19 Kimble County GCD
- 20 Kinney County GCD
- 21 Live Oak UWCD
- 22 Llano Estacado UWCD
- 23 Lone Star GCD
- 24 McMullen GCD
- 25 Medina County GCD
- 26 Menard County UWD
- 27 Mesa UWCD
- 28 Mesquite GCD
- 29 Mid-East Texas GCD
- 30 Middle Pecos GCD
- 31 Middle Trinity GCD
- 32 North Plains GCD
- 33 North Texas GCD
- 34 Panhandle GCD
- 35 Permian Basin UWCD
- 36 Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District
- 37 Plum Creek Conservation District
- 38 Post Oak Savannah GCD

39	Prairielands GCD
40	Red River GCD
41	Reeves County GCD*
42	Rolling Plains GCD*
43	Sandy Land UWCD
44	South Plains UWCD
45	Southeast Texas GCD
46	Sterling County UWCD
47	Sutton County UWCD
48	Terrell County GCD*
49	Trinity Glen Rose GCD
50	Upper Trinity GCD
51	Wintergarden GCD