

**Minutes of  
Regular Business Meeting  
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS**

September 29, 2020  
Virtual Meeting held 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.** President Zach Holland called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM on September 29, 2020. Executive Director Leah Martinsson shared information about the online GoToWebinar platform and instructions on making motions and voting.

**B. Roll Call.** Attendees were asked to complete an online form to signify their district's presence and designate their voting representative. Secretary Greg Sengelmann asked Programs & Operations Manager Julia Stanford to open the roll call survey at 2:06pm. The roll call was closed at 2:10pm with 41 districts completing the survey. 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 and attendees registering their presence in the chat of the GoToWebinar platform. Attachment 1 shows the full attendee list.

**C. Membership Update and Announcement of New Members.** President Zach Holland announced that three new members joined TAGD since the last business meeting: GCD member San Patricio County Groundwater Conservation District and associate members Nestle Waters North America, EPCOR, and Barbara Boulware-Wells.

**D. Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes of Prior Meeting.** President Zach Holland presented the minutes of the last meeting, held on May 27, 2020. Luis Pena made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alan Day seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. Discussion and Possible Action on FY20 Q3 Finances.** Treasurer David Bailey and Executive Director Leah Martinsson presented the FY20 Q3 financial report. Joe Cooper made a motion to approve the FY20 Q3 financial report as presented. Victoria Whitehead seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**F. Discussion and Possible Action on FY21 Budget.** Treasurer David Bailey and Executive Director Leah Martinsson presented the proposed FY21 budget. Leah Martinsson reminded everyone that the budget reflects the 5% increase in member dues that was approved at the previous business meeting. Steve Walthour made a motion to approve the FY21 budget as presented. Gary Westbrook seconded the motion. The motion passed with Gary Ashmore voting against.

**G. Executive Director Report.** Executive Director Leah Martinsson reported on TAGD's activities including membership renewals, committee sign-ups, legislative activities, and the success of the Texas Groundwater Summit.

**H. Officer and Committee Updates.** President Zach Holland thanked TAGD staff for their hard work on the Groundwater Summit and asked for Officer and Committee reports:

1. Legislative Committee – Amber Blount provided a report on the Legislative Committee's activities.
2. Finance Committee – David Bailey provided a report on the Finance Committee's activities.
3. Information & Education Committee – Julia Stanford provided a report on the Information & Education Committee's activities.
4. Bylaws Committee – Andy Garza reported no updates at this time.

**I. Agency Updates.** Agency updates were provided by Rebecca Storms (TWDB Groundwater Monitoring), Sarah Backhouse (TWDB Regional Water Planning), and Kathy McCormack (TCEQ Groundwater Contamination Report).

**J. GMA and Member Updates.** 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.


**K. Other TAGD Business.** President Zach Holland asked members if there was any other TAGD business to discuss. Gary Westbrook made a suggestion that TAGD's Executive Committee should consider holding training courses as a virtual on-line option. Victoria Whitehead encouraged TAGD to address the possibility of holding business meetings in locations other than Austin.

**M. Adjournment.** President Zach Holland requested a motion for adjournment. David Van Dresar made a motion to adjourn. Kathy Turner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with Gary Ashmore and John Martin voting against. President Zach Holland adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

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

Approved by the Members on \_\_\_\_January \_\_26\_\_, 2021.

  
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Zach Holland, President

  
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Greg Sengelmann, Secretary

**Attachment 1**  
**Voting GCD Members Participating in the September 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 and Groundwater District
- 2 Brazoria County GCD
- 3 Bee GCD
- 4 Bluebonnet GCD
- 5 Brazos Valley GCD
- 6 Brush Country GCD
- 7 Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer CD
- 8 Central Texas GCD
- 9 Coastal Bend GCD
- 10 Coastal Plains GCD
- 11 Edwards Aquifer Authority
- 12 Evergreen UWCD
- 13 Fayette County GCD
- 14 Gateway GCD
- 15 Glasscock GCD
- 16 Gonzales County UWCD
- 17 Guadalupe County GCD
- 18 Hemphill County UWCD
- 19 High Plains Water District
- 20 Irion Co WCD
- 21 Kenedy County GCD
- 22 Kinney County GCD\*
- 23 Live Oak UWCD
- 24 Lone Star GCD
- 25 Lower Trinity GCD
- 26 McMullen GCD
- 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 Post Oak Savannah GCD
- 37 Prairielands GCD\*
- 38 Real-Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District
- 39 Red River GCD
- 40 Rolling Plains GCD
- 41 Sandy Land UWCD
- 42 Santa Rita UWCD
- 43 Southeast Texas GCD
- 44 Sterling County UWCD
- 45 Sutton County UWCD\*
- 46 Terrell County GCD
- 47 Trinity Glen Rose GCD
- 48 Upper Trinity GCD
- 49 Wintergarden GCD