

## TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

*Executive Committee Meeting*

**Tuesday, November 10, 2020 2:00pm**

GoToMeeting Video Conference Call

**Approved Minutes**

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call.** President Zach Holland called the meeting to order at 2:03pm. Dirk Aaron, Greg Sengelmann, Andy Garza, Amber Blount, Janet Adams, Zach Holland, and Diana Thomas were present. Also present were TAGD Executive Director Leah Martinsson, TAGD Programs & Operations Manager Julia Stanford, Neches & Trinity Valleys GCD General Manager Penny Hanson, and Neches and Trinity Valleys GCD counsel John Stover. David Bailey joined the meeting at 2:11pm.
- B. Review and consider for action minutes of the previous meeting.** Executive Director Leah Martinsson presented the minutes of the September 10, 2020 meeting of the Executive Committee. A minor typographical error was addressed by Leah. Janet Adams moved to approve the minutes as amended. Greg Sengelmann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Presentation by Neches & Trinity Valleys GCD of proposal for TAGD to file amicus brief.** Leah Martinsson shared information about the amicus brief policy and the current request. TAGD received the request to file an amicus brief on November 5. John Stover, counsel for Neches and Trinity Valleys GCD, presented the facts of the case against Mountain Pure Texas LLC. Leah Martinsson, Zach Holland, and Amber Blount asked questions about the case, with Leah also clarifying the role that an amicus brief from TAGD would play in the proceedings. Penny Hanson and John Stover left the call.
- D. Discussion and possible action on Neches and Trinity Valleys GCD proposal for TAGD to file an amicus brief.** The Executive Committee discussed the implications of the case, TAGD's historical amicus brief activity, and details of the amicus brief policy. Ron Fieseler moved to present the request to the full membership pursuant to the amicus brief policy. David Bailey seconded the motion. The Executive Committee continued discussion, including clarifying that sending the request to the full membership did not constitute the Executive Committee's endorsement of the request. The Executive Committee then voted on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Discussion and possible action on other matters before the committee.** Zach Holland asked the Executive Committee if there was any other business to discuss. Amber Blount told the Executive Committee about S.B 152 that had been filed that afternoon by Senator Charles Perry.
- F. Adjournment.** President Zach Holland adjourned the meeting at 3:08pm.