

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 2:00 PM

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- A. Call to order & roll call.** President Zach Holland called the meeting to order at 2:01pm. Amber Blount, Diana Thomas, Janet Adams, David Bailey, Ron Fieseler, Andy Garza, and Greg Sengelmann were present. Dirk Aaron was not present at roll call but joined the meeting at 2:03pm. Also present were Executive Director Leah Martinsson and Programs & Operations Manager Julia Stanford.
- B. Review and consider for action minutes of the previous meeting.** President Zach Holland presented the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on September 10, 2020. Janet Adams moved to approve the minutes. Greg Sengelmann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Executive Director updates.** Executive Director Leah Martinsson updated the committee on TAGD activities, including legislative news, work on TWCA committees, membership renewals, and upcoming projects.
- D. Discussion and possible action on FY20 Q4 Finances.** Treasurer David Bailey presented the FY20 Q4 finances, and reported that expenses for the year were less than what was budgeted, and that the Texas Groundwater Summit income helped offset losses from the May business meeting. Andy Garza moved to approve the Q4 finances for distribution to the full membership. Diana Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Discussion and possible action on FY18-19 Agreed Upon Procedures Report.** David Bailey and Leah Martinsson presented the FY18-19 Agreed Upon Procedures Report, which was completed in lieu of a comprehensive audit. Leah shared some lessons learned from the investigation process and report. Janet Adams moved to accept the report and present it to the full membership. Andy Garza seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Discussion and possible action on virtual January Business Meeting and associated registration fee.** Zach Holland stated that current circumstances are difficult, with many friends in the groundwater world battling COVID. He recommended that TAGD hold a virtual business meeting in January, and asked the Executive Committee to consider charging a registration fee to attendees. The Executive Committee discussed the merits of charging a registration fee and the range of possible registration fees that were

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recommended by the Finance & Budget Committee. Janet Adams made a motion to charge \$50 for members and \$65 for non-members to attend the January virtual business meeting. Andy Garza seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Discussion and possible action on IEM contract and 2021 TGS hotel contract.** Leah Martinsson reported that IEM offered a contract with similar terms as previous contracts, with the addition of provisions for a possible virtual event. IEM has also been in the process of negotiating a contract with the Hyatt Hill Country to secure similar or better terms as last year's contract for the Texas Groundwater Summit. David Bailey moved to authorize Leah Martinsson to execute the contract with IEM and for IEM to execute the contract with the Hyatt Hill Country Resort. Diana Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- H. Discussion and possible action on Legislative Committee proposals**
- i. Produced Water Statement of Support.** Leah Martinsson presented a statement of support crafted by the Produced Water Subcommittee and approved by the Legislative Committee. Janet Adams made a motion to adopt this statement of support. Greg Sengelmann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
 - ii. White Papers from 86th Legislative Session.** Leah Martinsson presented two white papers adopted for the previous legislative session. The Executive Committee discussed minor non-substantive changes, and Ron Fieseler made a motion to adopt the white papers for the 87th legislative session. David Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- I. Discussion and possible action on other matters before the committee.** In response to a suggestion made at the December 2 special meeting, the Executive Committee discussed the possibility of revisiting and updating the amicus brief policy. Janet Adams moved to ask the Bylaws Committee to consider possible modifications to the amicus brief policy. David Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Executive Committee then discussed procedural details for the January 7 special meeting, and set the next Executive Committee meeting for 10am on January 11.
- J. TAGD Area updates.** Each committee member had the opportunity to offer updates from their area.

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K. Adjournment. Zach Holland adjourned the meeting at 3:28pm.