

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2021 10:00 AM
GoToMeeting Video Conference Call
Minutes

- A. Call to order & roll call.** President Zach Holland called the meeting to order at 10:01am. Amber Blount, Diana Thomas, Janet Adams, David Bailey, Andy Garza, Dirk Aaron, and Greg Sengelmann were present. Ron Fieseler was not present. 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 December 16, 2020. Greg Sengelmann moved to approve the minutes. Andy Garza seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Executive Director updates.** Executive Director Leah Martinsson updated the committee on TAGD activities, including progress on the GCD Index, a preview of the business meeting, and news on the impending legislative session. Leah also reported that TAGD's bookkeeper is in the hospital and the FY21 Q1 financial binder is not available for approval.
- D. Discussion and possible action on TAGD letter regarding COVID vaccine priorities.** Zach Holland presented a draft letter to the Texas Department of State Health Services Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel regarding groundwater conservation districts and the designation of water and critical infrastructure personnel as essential workers. The Executive Committee discussed the letter. David Bailey moved to table the discussion. Amber Blount seconded the motion. Dirk Aaron left the meeting at 10:41am. The motion passed, with Andy Garza voting against.
- E. Discussion and possible action on selecting attorney to initiate contract negotiations for the filing of an amicus brief in *Neches and Trinity Valleys GCD vs. Mountain Pure TX*.** Leah Martinsson stated that the full membership authorized the Executive Committee to contract with Mike Gershon or another qualified attorney to file the amicus brief. David Bailey made a motion to contract with Mike Gershon. Greg Sengelmann seconded the motion. The motion passed, with Janet Adams abstaining.
- F. Discussion and possible action on other matters before the committee.** The committee briefly discussed the status of the amicus brief pledges, credits for the 2021 Texas Groundwater Summit, and business meeting recording availability.

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G. **TAGD Area updates.** Each committee member had the opportunity to offer updates from their area.

H. **Adjournment.** Zach Holland adjourned the meeting at 11:04am.