

Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts

Legislative Committee
Draft Minutes
1:00pm via GoToMeeting

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

- A. Call to Order & Roll Call.** Vice President Amber Blount called the meeting to order at 1:04pm and asked Executive Director Leah Martinsson to call roll via a Google Form survey. There were 26 GCD members present and 8 associate members in attendance. A list of the committee members present at the meeting are attached.
- B. Discussion and possible action on draft minutes from January 27, 2021 meeting.** Vice President Amber Blount presented the minutes from the January 27, 2021 meeting. Gary Westbrook moved to approve the minutes as presented. Alan Day seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. TAGD tracking and legislative bill overview.** Leah Martinsson reported updates on the House Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs Committee. She shared the bill tracks that will be shared by TAGD and reminded the legislative committee members about the committee resources available on the TAGD website and how voting will work electronically. Standing calls will be held on Fridays at 10am throughout the session, starting March 12.
- D. Discussion on legislative bills.** Amber Blount and Leah Martinsson led a discussion on the groundwater actionable bills, including all of the provisions of SB 152 and the anticipated committee substitute. Outside of the actionable groundwater track, HB 2006 and HB 2095 were promoted to actionable to be voted on.
- E. Any other matters before the committee.** No other matters were discussed.
- F. Adjourn.** Amber Blount adjourned the meeting at 3:01pm.

Attachment 1

Voting GCD members present at the meeting at roll call.

- 1 Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer CD
- 2 Brazos Valley GCD
- 3 Brush Country GCD
- 4 Edwards Aquifer Authority
- 5 Gateway GCD
- 6 Gonzales County UWCD
- 7 Hemphill County UWCD
- 8 High Plains Water District
- 9 Irion Co WCD
- 10 Jeff Davis County UWCD
- 11 Lipan-Kickapoo WCD
- 12 Live Oak UWCD
- 13 Lone Star GCD
- 14 Lower Trinity GCD
- 15 Mesa UWCD
- 16 Mid-East Texas GCD
- 17 Middle Pecos GCD
- 18 Plateau UWC&SD
- 19 Post Oak Savannah GCD
- 20 Prairielands GCD
- 21 Sandy Land UWCD
- 22 South Plains UWCD
- 23 Southeast Texas GCD
- 24 Sterling Co UWCD
- 25 Trinity Glen Rose GCD
- 26 Upper Trinity GCD

Others in attendance: Ty Embrey, John Davis, Vanessa Puig-Williams, Stacey Reese, Brian Sledge, Shauna Fitzsimmons Sledge, Greg Ellis, Diana Nichols.