

## TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, May 17, 2021, 2:00 PM  
GoToMeeting Video Conference Call  
**Minutes**

- A. **Call to order & roll call.** President Zach Holland called the meeting to order at 2:06pm. 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 possible action on minutes of the April 16, 2021 meeting.** President Zach Holland presented the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on April 16, 2021. Greg Sengelmann moved to approve the minutes. Andy Garza seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Executive Director updates on TAGD activities.** Executive Director Leah Martinsson provided an update on recent TAGD activities, including membership, Texas Groundwater Summit planning, and Business meeting preparation. She requested the Executive Committee reach out to their TAGD areas and encourage attendance/registration, as registration numbers were quite low relative to prior years, which could have adverse financial implications for the organization. She also updated the committee on efforts to update the GCD Index, the upcoming 2-year financial review, and the legislative session.
- D. **Discussion and possible action on FY21 Q1 finances.** Treasurer David Bailey presented the FY21 Q1 finances, as approved by the Finance and Budget Committee. Executive Director Leah Martinsson provided an overview of the budget vs. actuals for the group. She reminded the group that we were reviewing these finances later than usual and simultaneously with Q2 because TAGD's bookkeeper was in the hospital in January. Diana Thomas moved to approve the FY21 Q1 finances. Greg Sengelmann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. **Discussion and possible action on FY21 Q2 finances.** Treasurer David Bailey presented the FY21 Q2 finances, as approved by the Finance and Budget Committee. Executive Director Leah Martinsson provided an overview of the budget vs. actuals for the group. She pointed out that because the January business meeting was held as a virtual event with a significantly lower registration rate, business meeting income was only approximately \$3,000. However, lower than anticipated expenses for the year should offset this. Andy Garza moved to approve the FY21 Q2 finances. Amber Blount seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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- F. **Discussion and possible action on FY22 proposed member dues and fees.** Treasurer David Bailey presented proposed 10% increase in member dues and no change in fees, as recommended by the Finance and Budget Committee. He explained that this is aligned with the 25-10-10-10 plan developed a few years ago to secure the financial soundness for the organization. As this was the final year of that plan, he also indicated that there would not be an expected dues increase in the next few years. Janet Adams moved to approve. David Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. **Discussion and possible action on draft proposed FY22 budget.** Treasurer David Bailey asked Executive Director Leah Martinsson to provide an overview of the draft proposed budget. She reminded the committee that they are not considering the budget for final approval, but instead approving the presentation of a draft budget to the membership in conjunction with the fees/dues approval. Leah then explained some key aspects of the draft proposed FY22 budget. Greg Sengelmann moved to approve the draft proposed budget to present to the membership with the proposed increase in member dues. Amber Blount seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- H. **Discussion and possible action on proposed bylaw revisions.** Parliamentarian Andy Garza presented proposed changes to the TAGD bylaws as recommended by the Bylaws Committee. Executive Director Leah Martinsson then provided a more detailed description of those changes, including the mechanics of how nominations of officers and elections would occur. She then explained the process for consideration of the bylaws changes by the full membership. David Bailey moved to approve the proposed by changes for presentation to the membership. Diana Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- I. **Discussion and possible action on TAGD/Texas State internship collaboration.** Executive Director Leah Martinsson explained that she was approached by Robert Mace and Steve Walden to create more opportunities for GCD internships at Texas State University. She indicated that such an effort aligns well with the mission of TAGD to serve districts and recommended that TAGD put together an internship committee to be an active, working committee to develop documents to jump start the program. Andy Garza made a motion for TAGD to continue to explore the concept and

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to start building out an internship committee. David Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **J. Discussion and possible action on other matters before the committee.**

1. Executive Director Leah Martinsson presented a template for legislator resolutions for committee consideration and ultimate membership approval. She recommended that the resolutions be provided to all members of the House Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs Committee. Amber Blount moved to approve the template for presentation to the full membership with resolutions to be sent to all members of those committees. Janet Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Executive Director Leah Martinsson explained that it was time to start locating a venue for the FY22 business meetings. It was discussed that there have been some requests for a non-Austin meeting. After discussing a number of options, the committee recommended that TAGD investigate options in the Dallas/Fort Worth area for one of the two FY22 business meetings and report back to the Executive Committee.

**K. Adjournment.** President Zach Holland adjourned the meeting at 3:27pm.