

**Minutes of
Regular Business Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
January 26-27, 2021
Virtual Meeting via GoToWebinar**

These minutes are a record of the items discussed, including motions on any matters that involve the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD) Membership. The minutes mostly follow the order on the previously distributed agenda, but may not have been discussed in that order, as noted in the minutes.

A. Call to Order. Vice President Amber Blount called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM on January 26, 2021. Amber stated that President Zach Holland would not be in attendance so she would be presiding over the meeting. Executive Director Leah Martinsson shared information about the online GoToWebinar platform and instructions on making motions and voting.

B. Roll Call. Attendees were asked to complete an online form to signify their district's presence and designate their voting representative. Secretary Greg Sengelmann asked Programs & Operations Manager Julia Stanford to open the roll call survey at 2:04pm. When 38 members completed the survey, the roll call was closed at 2:07pm and Leah Martinsson announced that the quorum of at least 35 members had been established. The final count of voting members was confirmed after the meeting by comparing it to the GoToWebinar attendee list. Attachment 1 shows the full attendee list.

C. Membership Update and Announcement of New Members. Amber Blount announced that TAGD has two new associate members since the last business meeting: Advanced Groundwater Solutions and Eichler & Cook.

D. Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes of September 29, 2020 Meeting and January 7, 2021 Special Meeting. Amber Blount presented the minutes of the September 29, 2020 meeting. Lonnie Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Slate Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Amber Blount presented the minutes of the January 7 special meeting. Janet Guthrie made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Lori Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Discussion and Possible Action on FY20 Q4 Finances. Treasurer David Bailey and Leah Martinsson presented the FY20 Q4 financial report. Ty Edwards made a motion to

approve the FY20 Q4 financial report as presented. Lonnie Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Discussion and Possible Action on Agreed Upon Procedures Report. David Bailey discussed the agreed upon auditing procedures and final report received from the auditor. Leah Martinsson provided details on the minor discrepancies identified in the report and how the discrepancies were addressed. Gary Westbrook made a motion to accept this report. Ty Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Executive Director Report. Executive Director Leah Martinsson delivered the TAGD Annual Report for FY20. Topics included membership renewals, COVID-19 response and resources, cybersecurity awareness training, email communications, legislative activities, and more. The full report can be viewed on the TAGD website.

H. Speaker Series. The following speakers delivered presentations to the TAGD membership:

a. ASR Statewide Suitability Survey - Andrea Croskey, Texas Water Development Board

b. Lightning Round: Current Groundwater Studies

i. Injection Well Buffer Zones and Surface/Groundwater Interaction Estimates - Rohit Goswami, WSP

ii. Historical Groundwater Pumping Estimation - Mike Keester, LRE Water

iii. Brackish Groundwater Commingling - Van Kelley, INTERA

iv. Mining Water Use Bridget Scanlon, UT-Austin Bureau of Economic Geology

c. Keynote Address - John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas State Climatologist

d. Texas Water Development Board Updates – Natalie Ballew

e. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Updates – Abiy Berehe

f. Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation Updates – Adam Foster

I. Officer and Committee Reports. Amber Blount asked for Officer and Committee reports:

1. Executive Committee – Amber Blount provided a report on the Executive Committee’s activities.
2. Legislative Committee – Amber Blount provided a report on the Legislative Committee’s activities.
3. Finance Committee – David Bailey provided a report on the Finance Committee’s activities.

4. Information & Education Committee – Greg Sengelmann provided a report on the Information & Education Committee’s activities.
5. Bylaws Committee – Andy Garza provided a report on the Bylaws Committee’s activities.


J. GMA and Member Updates. Amber Blount invited members to provide updates. Each GMA was given the opportunity to provide updates on the status of their Groundwater Management Area, including progress on their Desired Future Conditions (DFCs), model updates, and future meeting dates.

K. Other TAGD Business. There were no other matters discussed.

M. Adjournment. Amber Blount requested a motion for adjournment. Andy Garza made a motion to adjourn. David Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed. Amber Blount adjourned the meeting at 11:47am on January 27, 2021.

Prepared and submitted by Leah Martinsson, Executive Director, and Greg Sengelmann, Secretary.

Approved by the Members on _____, 2021.



~~Zach Holland, President~~
AMBER BLOUNT, VP



Greg Sengelmann, Secretary

Attachment 1
Voting GCD Members Participating in the January 2021 Virtual TAGD Business Meeting

- 1 Brazoria County GCD
- 2 Bee GCD
- 3 Brazos Valley GCD
- 4 Brush Country GCD
- 5 Central Texas GCD
- 6 Clearwater UWCD
- 7 Coastal Bend GCD
- 8 Coastal Plains GCD
- 9 Crockett County GCD
- 10 Duval GCD
- 11 Edwards Aquifer Authority
- 12 Evergreen UWCD
- 13 Fayette County GCD
- 14 Gateway GCD
- 15 Gonzales County UWCD
- 16 Guadalupe County GCD
- 17 Hemphill County UWCD
- 18 Hickory UWCD
- 19 High Plains UWCD
- 20 Irion County WCD
- 21 Jeff Davis County UWCD
- 22 Kenedy County GCD
- 23 Kimble County GCD
- 24 Lipan-Kickapoo WCD
- 25 Live Oak UWCD
- 26 Llano Estacado UWCD
- 27 Lone Star GCD
- 28 McMullen GCD
- 29 Menard County UWD
- 30 Mesa UWCD
- 31 Mesquite GCD
- 32 Mid-East Texas GCD
- 33 Middle Pecos GCD
- 34 Neches & Trinity Valleys GCD
- 35 North Plains GCD
- 36 Red River GCD
- 37 North Texas GCD
- 38 Northern Trinity GCD
- 39 Panhandle GCD
- 40 Panola County GCD
- 41 Plum Creek Conservation District
- 42 Pineywoods GCD

- 43 Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District
- 44 Post Oak Savannah GCD
- 45 Prairielands GCD
- 46 Real-Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District
- 47 Red River GCD
- 48 Rolling Plains GCD
- 49 Rusk County GCD
- 50 San Patricio County GCD
- 51 Sandy Land UWCD
- 52 South Plains UWCD
- 53 Southeast Texas GCD
- 54 Sterling County UWCD
- 55 Sutton County UWCD
- 56 Southwestern Travis County GCD
- 57 Trinity Glen Rose GCD
- 58 Upper Trinity GCD
- 59 Wintergarden GCD