

## TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, April 7, 2022, 2:00 PM  
GoToMeeting Video Conference Call  
**Minutes**

- A. **Call to order & roll call.** President Amber Blount called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. Drew Satterwhite, Andy Garza, Diana Thomas, David Bailey, Kelley Cochran, Zach Holland, Janet Adams, and Bobby Bazan were present. Also present were Executive Director Leah Martinsson, Programs & Operations Manager Julia Stanford, and Gary Westbrook. Ron Fieseler was not present at roll call but joined the meeting at 2:15.
- B. **Review and possible action on minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting.** President Amber Blount presented the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on January 18, 2022 with minor corrections provided via email. David Bailey moved to approve the minutes as presented. Andy Garza seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Discussion and possible action on POSGCD Request for TAGD Letter of Support for WaterSmart Grant Application.** Leah Martinsson introduced a request from Gary Westbrook, General Manager of Post Oak Savannah GCD. Gary sought a letter of support for a funding request as part of the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart grant program. The committee was provided with a letter template, as well as other letters submitted from legislators. Gary Westbrook summarized the project. Amber Blount invited committee members to ask Gary any questions. They asked about the grant requirements, other letters of support, the source of the matching funds, and other Texas projects that have received this funding. Ron Fieseler joined the call at 2:15pm. The committee continued to discuss with Gary the support of his GMA. Janet Adams moved to offer a letter of support for the project. Zach Holland seconded the motion. The committee discussed the difference between TAGD supporting this funding request and the general rule of not getting involved in local GCD legislation, sharing details about TAGD's bylaws and history with amicus briefs. Several more comments were made in support and Amber Blount called for a vote. The motion carried with nine in favor and Bobby Bazan abstaining (noting his conflict of interest since his district is the applicant). The committee discussed next steps for filing the letter and it was determined that Leah Martinsson would draft up a letter for committee approval.
- D. **Discussion and possible action on other matters.** Leah Martinsson reminded committee members to reach out to their TAGD areas about registering for the virtual GCD Boot Camp at the end of April She also mentioned the next Executive Committee meeting that will take place on April 26. Amber shared that she felt like the committee was blazing new ground for TAGD by issuing this letter of support, and hopes that in the future if two or more districts are applying for the same funding, that TAGD can support them all equally.

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E. **Adjournment.** President Amber Blount adjourned the meeting at 2:35pm.