

## TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

Executive Committee Meeting  
Friday, August 12, 10:00AM  
GoToMeeting Video Conference Call  
**Minutes**

- A. **Call to order & roll call.** President Amber Blount called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. Andy Garza, Diana Thomas, David Bailey, Kelley Cochran, Zach Holland, Ron Fieseler, and Bobby Bazan were present. Also present were Executive Director Leah Martinsson and Programs & Operations Manager Julia Stanford. Drew Satterwhite was not present at roll call but joined the call at 10:34.
- B. **Review and possible action on minutes of the April 26, 2022 meeting.** President Amber Blount presented the minutes from the previous Executive Committee meeting. Kelley Cochran moved to approve the minutes as presented. Diana Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Executive Director report.** Leah Martinsson delivered a report on TAGD activities and operations. She shared updates on membership figures, Texas Groundwater Summit planning, legislative interim efforts, and an upcoming speaking engagement. During the Summit update, Leah detailed some discrepancies that IEM discovered in the previous year's budget, which means our historical data is not accurate and we may not exceed our budgeted income as much as we have in the past. Leah plans to present invited testimony at the House Natural Resources Committee hearing on August 24 and will send the written draft to the Executive Committee for approval.
- D. **Discussion and possible action on Executive Director's performance evaluation.** TAGD staff left the conference call for the committee to discuss Leah Martinsson's performance evaluation. In this closed session, Andy Garza moved to approve Leah's employee evaluation, and Kelley Cochran seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. TAGD staff rejoined the call, where Amber Blount offered praise for both Leah and Julia's performance.
- E. **Discussion and possible action on FY22 Q3 finances.** Treasurer David Bailey presented the FY22 Q2 finances and reported that the Finance and Budget Committee voted to recommend approval for presentation to the membership at their recent meeting. He then invited Leah Martinsson to provide additional information on the finances. She reported that we have made up for the low May business meeting income with successful technical trainings and PFIA training, and that all expense categories are tracking as expected at roughly 75% of budgeted amounts. Diana Thomas moved that the Executive Committee approve the Q2 finances for presentation to the full membership. Kelley Cochran seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. **Discussion and possible action on proposed FY22 budget amendment.** David Bailey presented a budget amendment that was recommended by the Finance & Budget Committee to move \$4,500 from the meeting expenses category to the

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contracted services category in order to pay off the Halff contract for the GCD Index map viewer in full this fiscal year. Leah clarified that the finance policy allows for budget amendments to be made without full membership approval if the amendment only moves funds from one category to another without changing the net budget. Janet Adams made a motion to approve this amendment. Andy Garza seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- G. **Discussion and possible action on proposed FY23 budget.** David Bailey presented the proposed budget for FY23, as recommended by the Finance & Budget Committee. Amber Blount highlighted some of the changes, and listed modifications to accommodate a raise for Leah along with the associated increases in payroll taxes and retirement contributions. Bobby Bazan moved to present the proposed budget to the full membership for possible approval. Zach Holland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- H. **Discussion and possible action on Legislative Committee-approved materials.** Vice President and Legislative Committee Chair Drew Satterwhite detailed the process by which several documents were created in the Legislative Committee and its subcommittees. He presented four white papers and one model rule template for the Executive Committee's consideration, stating that he is hoping for a motion that approves these items and provides Leah Martinsson with the latitude to add introductory material, make minor changes, and soften some of the recommendation language. The committee discussed each document, expressing a desire to soften the wording of the recommendations. Zach Holland made a motion to approve these materials recommended by the Legislative Committee and authorize Leah to modify the language as she sees fit. Janet Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- I. **Discussion and possible action on other matters.** Amber Blount reminded committee members of the Executive Committee and Finance & Budget Committee breakfast taking place at the Texas Groundwater Summit. Drew Satterwhite shared that, for those who have not already heard, he has accepted the general manager position at the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and looks forward to continuing to work with TAGD members in his new role. Amber said Drew's replacement will be addressed after the Summit, with the Executive Committee appointing a temporary Vice President once Drew has vacated his role at North Texas GCD/Red River GCD, and the full membership will vote on a replacement at the next business meeting. Leah thanked Drew for his hard work.
- J. **Adjournment.** Janet Adams moved to adjourn the meeting. Bobby Bazan seconded the motion. President Amber Blount adjourned the meeting at 11:19am.