**Minutes of**

**Special Meeting**

**TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS**

December 13, 2022

GoToMeeting Video Conference Call

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 and Welcome Address.** TAGD President Amber Blount called the meeting to order at 10:02 and welcomed members.

**B. Roll Call.** Secretary Bobby Bazan asked Programs & Operations Manager Julia Stanford to open the roll call survey at 10:03am. When 41 members had completed the survey or otherwise noted their presence in the chat feature, Bobby announced that a quorum was present. The roll call was closed at 10:06am. A list of Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) represented at the meeting is included as Attachment 1.

**C. Discussion and possible action on FY23 proposed budget amendment.** Treasurer David Bailey presenteda budget amendment provided in the meeting materials that would allow TAGD to hire an additional staff person so TAGD could plan the Texas Groundwater Summit in-house. David described a loss of institutional knowledge that had been experienced recently with IEM, the even management company used previously. David said this budget remains in line with our conservative financial strategy. Rhetta Hector, Dirk Aaron, and George Gonzalez asked questions to clarify the proposed changes and what steps have been taken already. Rhetta Hector made a motion to approve the FY23 budget amendment as presented. John McFarland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Other TAGD Business.** President Amber Blount announced that Secretary Bobby Bazan would be leaving Post Oak Savannah GCD to serve as the Executive Director for the Texas Ground Water Association. She said the nominating committee is currently accepting suggestions and a new Secretary would be elected at the January business meeting. Leah Martinsson shared information about the upcoming business meeting and said anyone wishing to join the Legislative Committee but did not sign up during the open signup period can request to join at the Legislative Committee meeting taking place on February 1 after the business meeting. Leah explained the nomination timeline for the Vice President and Secretary vacancies leading up to the meeting. She also reminded members that a request for data for the GCD Index update would be going out soon.

President Amber Blount asked members if there was any other TAGD business to discuss. None was raised.

**P. Adjournment** Gary Westbrook moved to adjourn the meeting and Zach Holland seconded the motion. President Amber Blount adjourned the meeting at 10:20 AM.

Prepared and submitted by Leah Martinsson, Executive Director, and Bobby Bazan, Secretary.

 Approved by the Members on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Amber Blount, President Bobby Bazan, Secretary

Attachment 1

Voting GCD Members Present at December 2023 Special Meeting

1 Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District

2 Bee GCD

3 Bluebonnet GCD

4 Brazos Valley GCD

5 Brewster County UWCD

6 Brush Country GCD

7 Central Texas GCD

8 Clearwater UWCD

9 Coke County UWCD

10 Duval County GCD

11 Evergreen UWCD

12 Fayette County GCD

13 Glasscock GCD

14 Gonzales County UWCD

15 Guadalupe County GCD

16 Hemphill County UWCD

17 Irion County WCD

18 Jeff Davis County UWCD

19 Kenedy GCD

20 Kimble County GCD

21 Live Oak UWCD

22 Llano Estacado UWCD

23 Lost Pines GCD

24 McMullen GCD

25 Menard County UWD

26 Mesa UWCD

27 Mesquite GCD

28 Mid-East Texas GCD

29 Middle Pecos GCD

30 Middle Trinity GCD

31 North Plains GCD

32 North Texas GCD

33 Northern Trinity GCD

34 Panola County GCD

35 Pecan Valley GCD

36 Pineywoods GCD

37 Post Oak Savannah GCD

38 Prairielands GCD

39 Presidio County UWCD

40 Real-Edwards CRD

41 Red River GCD

42 Reeves County GCD

43 Rolling Plains GCD

44 Rusk County GCD

45 San Patricio County GCD

46 Sandy Land UWCD

47 Santa Rita UWCD

48 South Plains UWCD

49 Southeast Texas GCD

50 Sterling County UWCD

51 Sutton County UWCD

52 Trinity Glen Rose GCD

53 Upper Trinity GCD

54 Wintergarden GCD