

**Minutes of
Regular Business Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
June 8-9, 2021
Holiday Inn Austin Midtown**

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 2:16 PM on June 8, 2021. Amber stated that President Zach Holland would not be in attendance so she would be presiding over the meeting.

B. Roll Call. Amber Blount called roll at 2:20pm and was informed that 45 members were present, comprising a quorum. A complete list of Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) represented at the meeting is included as Attachment 1.

C. Membership Update. Amber Blount stated that there are no new members since the last business meeting, but introduced several first-time attendees and announced departures.

D. Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting. Amber Blount presented the minutes of the January 26, 2021 virtual meeting. Gary Ashmore made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Steve Walthour seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. TAGD Report on Activities. Executive Director Leah Martinsson reported on TAGD operations, efforts in the legislative session, and finances. No action was required.

F. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY21 Q1 Finances. David Bailey explained that the Q1 finances had not be ready for the January Business Meeting and therefore presented both the FY21 Q1 and Q2 finances to the membership. Leah Martinsson provided additional details including an overview of the budget vs. actuals for both Q1 and Q2. Gary Westbrook asked if he could combine this with the next agenda item to approve both Q1 and Q2 finances. Amber Blount said that would be appropriate and Gary so moved. C.E. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Discussion and possible action to approve FY21 Q2 financial reports. This was handled in the previous agenda item.

H. Discussion and possible action on annual setting of the dues and fees of the Alliance. Treasurer David Bailey presented a proposed 10% increase in member dues and no change in fees, as recommended by the Finance and Budget Committee and Executive 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. David also shared a draft of the FY 22 budget to show how the budget may look in light of the proposed changes. Doug Shaw made a motion to approve the proposed membership dues and no change in meeting fees. Victoria Whitehead seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

I. Discussion and possible action on proposed bylaw amendments. Parliamentarian Andy Garza presented proposed amendments to the Bylaws, as recommended by the Bylaws Committee and Executive Committee. He detailed changes to the nomination and elections process, as well as cleanup of some incorrect references. Joe B. Cooper moved to approve the proposed bylaws amendments, with a correction to page numbering issues. Luis Peña seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. At 3:10pm, Amber Blount adjourned the business meeting until 8:30am on June 9.

J. Discussion and possible action on resolutions thanking legislators. After reconvening the meeting at 9:27am, Amber Blount presented drafts of resolutions that would go to members of the House Natural Resources Committee and Senate Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs Committee thanking them for their efforts in the legislative session. She asked for a motion to approve the template and authorize TAGD to execute and deliver the resolutions. Andy Garza made that motion and David Van Dresar seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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 – Julia Stanford provided a report on the Information & Education Committee’s activities.

5. Bylaws Committee – Andy Garza provided a report on the Bylaws Committee’s activities.
6. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee – David Van Dresar provided a report on the 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. Amber Blount asked if there was any other TAGD business. There were no other matters discussed.


M. Adjournment. Amber Blount adjourned the meeting at 10:07am on June 9, 2021.

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

Approved by the Members on Aug 31st, 2021.



Zach Holland, President



Greg Sengelmann, Secretary

Attachment 1

Voting GCD Members Participating in the June 2021 TAGD Business Meeting

- 1 Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
- 2 Bee Groundwater Conservation District
- 3 Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District
- 4 Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District
- 5 Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District
- 6 Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District
- 7 Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
- 8 Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District
- 9 Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District
- 10 Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District
- 11 Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District
- 12 Duval County Groundwater Conservation District
- 13 Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District
- 14 Gateway Groundwater Conservation District
- 15 Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District
- 16 High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1
- 17 Irion County Water Conservation District
- 18 Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District
- 19 Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District
- 20 Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District
- 21 Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District
- 22 Lower Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
- 23 Mesa Underground Water Conservation District
- 24 Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District
- 25 Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District
- 26 Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
- 27 North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
- 28 North Texas Groundwater Conservation District
- 29 Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
- 30 Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
- 31 Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District
- 32 Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District
- 33 Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
- 34 Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District
- 35 Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District
- 36 Red River Groundwater Conservation District
- 37 Reeves County Groundwater Conservation District
- 38 Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District
- 39 Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District
- 40 Santa Rita Underground Water Conservation District

- 41 South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
- 42 Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District
- 43 Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
- 44 Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
- 45 Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District