

**Minutes of  
Regular Business Meeting  
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS**

August 31, 2021

Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort

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.** President Zach Holland called the meeting to order at 9:33am on August 31, 2021. Gary Westbrook gave an invocation.

**B. Roll Call and Distribution of Election Ballots.** Zach Holland called roll and distributed a ballot to each present voting member. 56 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 and Announcement of New Members.** Zach Holland announced three new associate members – Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody, John Hinrichs, and Tamera Thompson. With the new additions there are now 90 district members and 41 associate members. Zach Holland welcomed first-time business meeting attendees and asked them to introduce themselves.

**D. Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes of Prior Meeting.** Zach Holland presented the minutes of the June 8-9, 2021 business meeting. David Van Dresar made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Andy Garza seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. TAGD Officer Election.** President Zach Holland reported the Nominating Committee's process and recommended officers, as well as a review of the nomination and election process. He then introduced the nominees appearing on the ballot: Amber Blount for President, Drew Satterwhite for Vice President, David Bailey for Treasurer, Bobby Bazan for Secretary, and Andy Garza for Parliamentarian. Each of the nominees briefly introduced themselves and their backgrounds. Zach Holland opened the floor for nominations and none were offered. C.E. Williams made a motion to approve the ballot by acclamation. David Van Dresar seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**F. Discussion and Possible Action on FY21 Q3 Finances.** Treasurer David Bailey presented the FY21 Q3 finances, including the Finance & Budget Committee's and Executive Committee's recommendation to approve the quarterly financials. Executive Director Leah Martinsson provided additional detail on the budget vs. actuals and reported that TAGD finances are on track to meet or exceed budgeted income for FY21. Steve Walthour made a motion to approve the FY21 Q3 financial statements. Janet Guthrie seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Discussion and possible action on FY22 Budget.** David Bailey presented the FY22 proposed budget and provided a comparison to the FY21 budget. This budget incorporated the 10% dues increase approved by members at the previous business meeting. He explained that this budget differs slightly from the one that was presented at the prior meeting, with modifications to the Executive Director salary, contracted services, and audit expense categories, and the Texas Groundwater Summit income category. David Bailey reported that the Executive Committee recommended this budget for adoption. Steve Walthour made a motion to approve the FY22 budget as presented. Luis Peña seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**H. TAGD Area Caucus.** Considering the outcome of the officer election, the TAGD areas not represented by an elected officer were asked to gather and appoint their area representative on the TAGD Executive Committee. Those representatives include: Far West Texas - Janet Adams; Upper Edwards Trinity - Diana Thomas; Lower Edwards Trinity - Ron Fieseler; and Edwards Carrizo - Kelley Vickers.

**I. Officer and Committee Reports.** Executive Director Leah Martinsson provided the Executive Director report. The following Officer and Committee reports were then provided:

1. Executive Committee – Zach Holland 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.** Zach Holland 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.

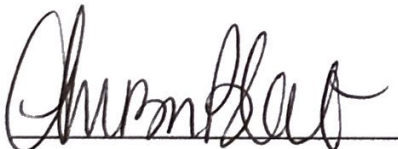
**K. Discussion and Possible Action on Honorary Memberships for C.E. Williams and Greg Sengelmann.** Zach Holland announced that TAGD has received nominations for Honorary Memberships – C.E. Williams and Greg Sengelmann. Gary Westbrook moved to approve the nominations. Ron Fieseler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Zach Holland shared appreciation for Greg Sengelmann's many contributions to TAGD and stated that Greg had retired in July so is not present. Zach Holland then invited Kathy Turner Jones to the podium to share remarks about C.E. Williams. She played a slideshow and shared memories of C.E.'s time in TAGD and relayed well-wishes from other colleagues.

**L. Executive Committee Recognition.** Zach recognized the outgoing Executive Committee members and Programs & Operations Manager Julia Stanford presented each of them with a small token of appreciation for their service to TAGD.

**L. Other TAGD Business.** Zach Holland announced that the Executive Committee has approved TAGD's spring business meeting in Arlington for May 17-18, 2022, and that details will soon be finalized for the January 2022 business meeting as well. He asked if there was any other TAGD business. There were no other matters discussed. Zach Holland adjourned the meeting at 10:54am.

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

Approved by the Members on February 8, 2021<sup>2</sup>



Zach Holland, President

AMBER BLOUNT



Bobby Bazan, Secretary

## Attachment 1

### Voting GCD Members Participating in the August 2021 TAGD Business Meeting

\* signifies that district was represented by a designated proxy

- 1 Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
- 2 Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District
- 3 Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District
- 4 Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District\*
- 5 Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District
- 6 Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District
- 7 Clear Fork Groundwater Conservation District
- 8 Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
- 9 Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District
- 10 Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District
- 11 Duval County Groundwater Conservation District
- 12 Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District
- 13 Gateway Groundwater Conservation District
- 14 Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District
- 15 Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
- 16 Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District
- 17 Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
- 18 Hickory Underground Water Conservation District
- 19 High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1
- 20 Irion County Water Conservation District\*
- 21 Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District\*
- 22 Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District
- 23 Kimble County Groundwater Conservation District
- 24 Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District
- 25 Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District
- 26 Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District
- 27 Lower Trinity Groundwater Conservation District\*
- 28 Medina County Groundwater Conservation District
- 29 Menard County Underground Water District
- 30 Mesa Underground Water Conservation District\*
- 31 Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District
- 32 Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District
- 33 Neches and Trinity Valleys Groundwater Conservation District\*
- 34 North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
- 35 North Texas Groundwater Conservation District
- 36 Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
- 37 Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
- 38 Panola County Groundwater Conservation District\*
- 39 Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District

- 40 Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District
- 41 Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District\*
- 42 Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District\*
- 43 Plum Creek Conservation District
- 44 Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
- 45 Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District
- 46 Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District\*
- 47 Red River Groundwater Conservation District
- 48 Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District
- 49 Santa Rita Underground Water Conservation District\*
- 50 South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
- 51 Starr County Groundwater Conservation District
- 52 Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
- 53 Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District
- 54 Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District
- 55 Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
- 56 Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District