

**Minutes of
Regular Business Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
February 8 and 9, 2022
Sonesta Bee Cave – Colony Ballroom CD
Bee Cave, Texas**

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 2:17 PM on February 8, 2022 and welcomed members.

B. Roll Call Secretary Bobby Bazan called the roll and informed the President that 52 District Members were in attendance, comprising a quorum. A list of Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) represented at the meeting is included as Attachment 1.

C. Membership Update and Announcement of New Members President Amber Blount reported that TAGD currently had 90 groundwater district members and 39 associate members. TAGD gained a new associate member since the last meeting: Rohit Goswami (associate member). President Amber Blount gave an update on new General Managers and member district employees in attendance for the first time. Those recognized include: JJ Weatherby (Santa Rita UWCD), Patrick Wagner (Middle Trinity GCD), Corey Jones (Northern Trinity GCD), Javier Saenz (Assistant General Manager at Lost Pines GCD), Caroline Luna (Brewster County GCD), Tim Loftus (Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District), Laura Martin (Gonzalez County UWCD), Monica Thibodeaux (Assistant General Manager at Headwaters GCD), Britney Britten (Panhandle GCD), Katie Hodges (Business Administrator at Panhandle GCD), Ashley Masters (Technician at Irion County WCD & Sterling County UWCD).

D. Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes of Prior Meeting President Amber Blount presented the minutes of the last meeting. Zach Holland made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. John Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

E. TAGD Annual Report Leah Martinsson presented the 2021 Annual Report. The report may be viewed on the TAGD website.

F. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY21 Q4 Financial Reports Treasurer David Bailey and Executive Director Leah Martinsson presented the FY21 Q4 financial report. Janet

Guthrie made a motion to approve the FY21 Q4 financial report as presented. Steve Walthour seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

G. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY22 Q1 Financial Reports Treasurer David Bailey and Executive Director Leah Martinsson presented the FY22 Q1 financial report. Gary Westbrook made a motion to approve the FY22 Q1 financial report as presented. Steve Walthour seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

H. Discussion and Possible Action on Agreed Upon Procedures Report Treasurer David Bailey and Executive Director Leah Martinsson presented the Agreed Upon Procedures Report which serves as a cost savings replacement of oversight in place of a full audit. The report was reviewed and recommended for approval beforehand by the Finance Committee and Executive Committee. Kelley Cochran made a motion to approve the Agreed Upon Procedures Report. Gary Westbrook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Discussion and Possible Action on Honorary Membership for Joe B. Cooper The Executive Committee, by way of nomination by Dirk Aaron, recommended to bestow an Honorary Membership to Joe B. Cooper for his contributions made to TAGD while serving as a long-time member and past TAGD President. Dirk Aaron gave a brief presentation honoring Joe B. Cooper, who was able to join the presentation via FaceTime video call. Kathy Turner-Jones made a motion to approve the Honorary Membership. Gary Westbrook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Report on 2021 TAGD Salary Study Programs & Operations Manager Julia Stanford gave an overview presentation of the 2021 TAGD Salary Study. The report can be found on the TAGD website.

K. Speaker Series Executive Director Leah Martinsson introduced the speakers invited for the afternoon Speaker Series. The following presentations were provided: "*GCDs and Real Estate Transactions: Key Considerations and Engaging with Agents*" by Charles Porter; "*Study Results: Delineating Injection Well Buffer Zones in Brackish Aquifers*" by Juan Acevedo and Jack Sharp; "*Study Results: Brackish Groundwater Comingling*" by Van Kelley; and "*Progress at Southwestern Travis County GCD*" by Brian Hunt.

President Amber Blount recessed the meeting at 5:25 PM for the evening and invited members to the TAGD reception.

President Amber Blount reconvened the meeting at 8:30 AM on February 9, 2022.

K. Speaker Series continued Executive Director Leah Martinsson introduced the speakers invited for the morning Speaker Series. Agency updates were provided on behalf of TCEQ by Abiy Berehe and Scott Underwood, on behalf of TWDB by Natalie Ballew and Heather Dodson, on behalf of TDLR – Water Well Program by David Gunn, and on behalf of Texas Railroad Commission by Chris Heiligenstein and Peter Pope. An update of relevant Case Law was presented by Lloyd Gosselink attorneys Mike Gershon and James Muela.

L. Joint Planning Round-up: GMA Coordinator Reports Groundwater Conservation Districts are established in 15 of the 16 state Groundwater Management Areas (GMAs). A representative of each GMA gave a report summarizing the progress and challenges on Desired Future Conditions (DFCs).

M. Officer and Committee Updates President Amber Blount asked for Officer and Committee reports:

- a. Executive Committee – Amber Blount provided a report on activities.
- b. Legislative Committee – Drew Satterwhite provided a report on activities.
- c. Bylaws Committee – Andy Garza provided a report on activities.
- d. Information & Education Committee – Bobby Bazan gave a report on activities.
- e. Finance Committee – David Bailey provided a report on activities.
- f. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee – Leah Martinsson gave an update on activities.

N. Member Reports President Amber Blount invited members to provide updates.

O. Other TAGD Business President Amber Blount asked members if there was any other TAGD business to discuss. Announcement was made to note that the May Business meeting would be held in Arlington, TX on May 17-18, 2022. The Texas Rangers would be playing at home during that time and an effort will be made to accommodate those who would like to attend a ballgame.

P. Adjournment President Amber Blount adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.

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

Approved by the Members on 17th May, 2022.


Amber Blount, President


Bobby Bazan, Secretary

Attachment 1

Voting GCD Members Present at February 2022 TAGD Business Meeting

1. Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
2. Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District
3. Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District
4. Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District
5. Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District
6. Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
7. Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District
8. Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District
9. Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
10. Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District
11. Duval County Groundwater Conservation District
12. Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District
13. Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District
14. Gateway Groundwater Conservation District
15. Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District
16. Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
17. Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
18. High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1
19. Irion County Water Conservation District
20. Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District
21. Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District
22. Kimble County Groundwater Conservation District
23. Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District
24. Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District
25. Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District
26. Menard County Underground Water District
27. Mesa Underground Water Conservation District
28. Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District
29. Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District
30. Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
31. North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
32. North Texas Groundwater Conservation District
33. Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
34. Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
35. Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
36. Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District
37. Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District

38. Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District
39. Plum Creek Conservation District
40. Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
41. Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District
42. Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District
43. Red River Groundwater Conservation District
44. Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District
45. Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District
46. Santa Rita Underground Water Conservation District
47. South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
48. Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District
49. Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District
50. Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
51. Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District
52. Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District