

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, January 13, 2023, 10:00 AM
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Minutes

- A. **Call to order & roll call.** President Amber Blount called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Andy Garza, Diana Thomas, David Bailey, Zach Holland, Bobby Bazan, Ron Fieseler, and Doug Shaw were present. Also present were Executive Director Leah Martinsson, Programs & Operations Manager Julia Stanford, and Trey Gerfers from the Presidio County UWCD. Janet Adams and Kelley Cochran were absent at roll call, but Kelley joined at 10:07.
- B. **Review and possible action on minutes of the November 29, 2022 meeting.** President Amber Blount presented the minutes from the previous Executive Committee meeting. Zach Holland moved to approve the minutes. Diana Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Discussion and possible action on Presidio County UWCD request for letter of support.** Leah Martinsson introduced a request from Presidio County UWCD for a letter of support for a grant, and explained that it was a similar request to that submitted by Post Oak Savannah GCD earlier in the year. She invited PCUWCD General Manager Trey Gerfers to provide information about the district and the data monitoring project that the grant would fund. The committee asked a few questions about the application and the project. Trey Gerfers then left the call. Andy Garza made a motion to issue a letter of support to Presidio County UWCD. Ron Fieseler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Executive Director report.** Leah Martinsson delivered a report on TAGD activities and operations including membership renewals, the current job listing for an administrative and event assistant, changes in savings accounts and investments to generate additional income from interest, legislative updates, and GCD Index data collection efforts. She also provided registration and sponsorship numbers for the upcoming business meeting.
- E. **Discussion and possible action on FY23 Q1 finances.** Treasurer David Bailey presented the Q1 finances that were recommended for approval by the Finance & Budget Committee and asked Leah to address highlights. Leah shared budget documents that included the new amendments for the Texas Groundwater Summit, and said everything is tracking as it should be at this point. Doug Shaw made a motion to recommend the FY23 Q1 finances for approval by the full membership. Kelley Cochran seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. **Discussion and possible action on date/venue for 2023 Texas Groundwater Summit.** Leah Martinsson provided an overview of several hotel proposals for the 2023 Texas Groundwater Summit, including several hotels in downtown San Antonio in addition to the Hyatt Hill Country Resort and Embassy Suites San Marcos.

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Committee members discussed opinions on the various settings and hotels – several members expressed a dislike for the Embassy Suites and hesitation about downtown venues. The committee shared support for returning to the Hyatt Hill Country Resort with the hope that a lower room rate could possibly be negotiated. Andy Garza moved to host the Summit at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort from August 29-31, 2023. Ron Fieseler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- G. **Discussion and possible action on communications toolkit.** Programs & Operations Manager Julia Stanford presented the TAGD Communications Toolkit for GCDs, a project that TAGD staff has worked on with the Information & Education Committee since early 2020. Executive Committee members complimented the toolkit and asked questions about the physical format and how to order. Zach Holland moved to approve publication and distribution of this toolkit. Kelley Cochran seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- H. **Discussion and possible action on other matters.** No other business was discussed.
- I. **Adjournment.** Andy Garza moved to adjourn the meeting. President Amber Blount adjourned the meeting at 11:02 am.