

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

March 9, 2023

Courtyard by Marriott Pflugerville – Travis IV Ballroom  
Pflugerville, 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.** TAGD President Amber Blount called the meeting to order at 12:31 PM on March 9, 2023 and welcomed members. Amber invited David Bailey to provide an invocation.

**B. Roll Call & Distribution of Ballots.** Executive Director Leah Martinsson welcomed TAGD's newest staff member, Administrative & Event Assistant Annick P. Maddox, 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. Ballots were handed out as roll was called for vacancies in Vice President and Secretary.

**C. Membership Update and Announcement of New Members.** President Amber Blount reported that TAGD currently had 92 groundwater district members and 39 associate members. TAGD gained three new members since the last meeting: Goliad County GCD, Kodi Sawin, and Gamblin Engineering Group. President Amber Blount invited Zach Weathers with new member John Shomaker & Associates to provide a brief introduction to the organization and work. President Amber Blount asked for introductions of first-time business meeting attendees. Those recognized include Greg Perry (Post Oak Savannah GCD) and George Cofran (Blanco Pedernales GCD).

**D. Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes of Prior Meeting.** President Amber Blount presented the minutes of the last meeting from August and December. Steve Walthour made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jacob Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**E. TAGD Annual Report.** Leah Martinsson presented the 2022 Annual Report. The report may be viewed on the TAGD website.

**F. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY22 Q4 Financial Reports.** Treasurer David Bailey and Executive Director Leah Martinsson presented the FY21 Q4 financial reports. Rhett

Hector asked a question about a charge for TAGD's office phone service. Steve Walthour made a motion to approve the FY22 Q4 financials as presented. Janet Guthrie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**G. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY23 Q1 Financial Reports.** Treasurer David Bailey and Executive Director Leah Martinsson presented the FY23 Q1 financial reports. Steve Walthour made a motion to approve the FY23 Q1 financial report as presented. Doug Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**H. Election of TAGD Vice President & Secretary.** President Amber Blount reported on the Nominating Committee's process and process for the membership to submit written nominations and that no written nominations were received. President Amber Blount provided a review of the election process and then called for nominations from the floor. None were received. Dirk Aaron made a motion to elect Doug Shaw as Vice-President and Stephanie Keith as Secretary by acclamation. Steve Walthour seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**I. Introduction and Overview of GCD Communications Toolkit.** President Amber Blount invited Programs & Operations Manager Julia Stanford to provide an overview of TAGD's newest member resource, the Communications Toolkit. Julia Stanford provided an overview to the Communications Toolkit and shared that it is available for purchase in hardcopy or may be downloaded from the TAGD website.

**J. Speaker Series.** Programs & Operations Manager Julia Stanford introduced the speakers invited for the afternoon Speaker Series. The following presentations were provided: "*Overview of TDLR Water Well Drilling Rules*" by Adam Foster; "*Panel: Groundwater Protection Through Well Construction Standards*" by Bobby Bazan, Wesley Fox, and Micah Voulgaris; "*Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Updates*" by Kelly Mills; and "*Texas Water Development Board Updates & Texas Water Data Hub*" by Natalie Ballew and Taylor Christian; "*Mining Use Study Results*" by Bob Reedy; "*Groundwater Recoverability Tool*" by Justin Thompson; "*Panel: Legislative Outlook*" by Robby Cook, Ty Embrey, Shauna Fitzsimmons Sledge.

**K. GMA Coordinator Reports.** Groundwater Conservation Districts are established in 15 of the 16 state Groundwater Management Areas (GMAs). A representative of each GMA was invited to provide a report on the status of the joint planning process.

**L. Officer and Committee Updates.** President Amber Blount called for the following Officer and Committee reports:

- a. Executive Committee – Amber Blount provided a report on activities.
- b. Legislative Committee – Amber Blount provided a report on activities.
- c. Bylaws Committee – Andy Garza provided a report on activities.



- d. Information & Education Committee – Julia Stanford provided a report on activities.
- e. Finance Committee – David Bailey provided a report on activities.
- f. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee – Leah Martinsson provided a report on activities.

**M. Member Reports.** President Amber Blount invited members to provide updates. Dirk Aaron provided an update on the annexation petition that Clearwater had received. Bobby Bazan announced the TGWA Geoscience Seminar.

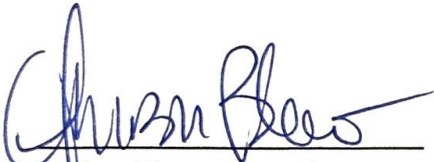
**N. Other TAGD Business.** President Amber Blount asked members if there was any other TAGD business to discuss. No action was taken.

**O. Adjournment.** President Amber Blount adjourned the meeting at 5:27 PM.

Prepared and submitted by Leah Martinsson, Executive Director.

Approved by the Members on March 9, 2023.

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Amber Blount, President

  
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Stephanie Keith, Secretary

## Attachment 1

### Voting GCD Members Present at March 2023 TAGD Business Meeting

- 1 Bee Groundwater 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 Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District
- 10 Crockett County 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 Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
- 18 Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
- 19 Irion County Water Conservation District
- 20 Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District
- 21 Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District
- 22 Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District
- 23 Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District
- 24 Live Oak Underground Water Conservation District
- 25 Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District
- 26 Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
- 27 McMullen Groundwater Conservation District
- 28 Mesa Underground Water Conservation District
- 29 Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District
- 30 Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
- 31 Neches and Trinity Valleys Groundwater Conservation District
- 32 North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
- 33 North Texas Groundwater Conservation District
- 34 Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
- 35 Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
- 36 Panola County Groundwater Conservation District
- 37 Pecan Valley Groundwater Conservation District

- 38 Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District
- 39 Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District
- 40 Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District
- 41 Plum Creek Conservation District
- 42 Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
- 43 Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District
- 44 Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District
- 45 Red River Groundwater Conservation District
- 46 Reeves County Groundwater Conservation District
- 47 Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District
- 48 Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District
- 49 Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District
- 50 Santa Rita Underground Water Conservation District
- 51 South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
- 52 Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District
- 53 Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
- 54 Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
- 55 Uvalde County Underground Conservation District
- 56 Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District