

**Minutes of
Special Meeting
TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS
December 13, 2022
GoToMeeting Video Conference Call**

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 10:02 and welcomed members.

B. Roll Call. Secretary Bobby Bazan asked Programs & Operations Manager Julia Stanford to open the roll call survey at 10:03am. When 41 members had completed the survey or otherwise noted their presence in the chat feature, Bobby announced that a quorum was present. The roll call was closed at 10:06am. A list of Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) represented at the meeting is included as Attachment 1.

C. Discussion and possible action on FY23 proposed budget amendment. Treasurer David Bailey presented a budget amendment provided in the meeting materials that would allow TAGD to hire an additional staff person so TAGD could plan the Texas Groundwater Summit in-house. David described a loss of institutional knowledge that had been experienced recently with IEM, the even management company used previously. David said this budget remains in line with our conservative financial strategy. Rhett Hector, Dirk Aaron, and George Gonzalez asked questions to clarify the proposed changes and what steps have been taken already. Rhett Hector made a motion to approve the FY23 budget amendment as presented. John McFarland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Other TAGD Business. President Amber Blount announced that Secretary Bobby Bazan would be leaving Post Oak Savannah GCD to serve as the Executive Director for the Texas Ground Water Association. She said the nominating committee is currently accepting suggestions and a new Secretary would be elected at the January business meeting. Leah Martinsson shared information about the upcoming business meeting and said anyone wishing to join the Legislative Committee but did not sign up during the open signup period can request to join at the Legislative Committee meeting taking place on February 1 after the business meeting. Leah explained the nomination timeline for the Vice President and Secretary vacancies leading up to the meeting. She also reminded members that a request for data for the GCD Index update would be going out soon.

President Amber Blount asked members if there was any other TAGD business to discuss. None was raised.

P. Adjournment Gary Westbrook moved to adjourn the meeting and Zach Holland seconded the motion. President Amber Blount adjourned the meeting at 10:20 AM.

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

Approved by the Members on _____, 2023.

Amber Blount, President

Bobby Bazan, Secretary

Attachment 1

Voting GCD Members Present at December 2023 Special Meeting

- 1 Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
- 2 Bee GCD
- 3 Bluebonnet GCD
- 4 Brazos Valley GCD
- 5 Brewster County UWCD
- 6 Brush Country GCD
- 7 Central Texas GCD
- 8 Clearwater UWCD
- 9 Coke County UWCD
- 10 Duval County GCD
- 11 Evergreen UWCD
- 12 Fayette County GCD
- 13 Glasscock GCD
- 14 Gonzales County UWCD
- 15 Guadalupe County GCD
- 16 Hemphill County UWCD
- 17 Irion County WCD
- 18 Jeff Davis County UWCD
- 19 Kenedy GCD
- 20 Kimble County GCD
- 21 Live Oak UWCD
- 22 Llano Estacado UWCD
- 23 Lost Pines GCD
- 24 McMullen GCD
- 25 Menard County UWD
- 26 Mesa UWCD
- 27 Mesquite GCD
- 28 Mid-East Texas GCD
- 29 Middle Pecos GCD
- 30 Middle Trinity GCD
- 31 North Plains GCD
- 32 North Texas GCD
- 33 Northern Trinity GCD
- 34 Panola County GCD
- 35 Pecan Valley GCD
- 36 Pineywoods GCD
- 37 Post Oak Savannah GCD

- 38 Prairielands GCD
- 39 Presidio County UWCD
- 40 Real-Edwards CRD
- 41 Red River GCD
- 42 Reeves County GCD
- 43 Rolling Plains GCD
- 44 Rusk County GCD
- 45 San Patricio County GCD
- 46 Sandy Land UWCD
- 47 Santa Rita UWCD
- 48 South Plains UWCD
- 49 Southeast Texas GCD
- 50 Sterling County UWCD
- 51 Sutton County UWCD
- 52 Trinity Glen Rose GCD
- 53 Upper Trinity GCD
- 54 Wintergarden GCD