

The TAGD Bylaws (Article 4.C) allow for the award of honorary memberships to persons in appreciation of outstanding service to the Alliance or in recognition of distinguished achievement related to groundwater management and conservation in Texas. Any District Member may nominate a person for Honorary Membership in the Alliance. More information on the processing of nominations can be found in the Bylaws. Nominations should be made using this form and submitted to the TAGD Executive Director or Secretary of TAGD.

Name of person making nomination: <u>Jason Coleman</u>
District of person making nomination: High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1
Nominee name: Ronnie Hopper
Nominee district: High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1

Please describe the nominee's outstanding service to TAGD: Ronnie has faithfully attended regular meetings of TAGD since his election to the HPWD board of directors in 2013. Ronnie is one of a small group of elected GCD board members that regularly attends TAGD meetings. His attendance and engagement at TAGD events provides an example of service to other GCD colleagues and board members in Texas. He has been intentional in his desire to listen and learn from other GCDs and share that wisdom with HPWD and others. Ronnie has helped guide our involvement with TAGD, supporting and collaborating with our GCD friends.

Please describe the nominee's distinguished achievement related to groundwater management and conservation in Texas: Ronnie has served on the HPWD Research/Demonstration Committee, HPWD Employee Compensation Committee, Region O Water Planning Group, and as a voting member for HPWD at the GMA #2 meetings.

He has promoted water conservation in agriculture using no-till production methods. He has helped HPWD navigate multiple rules changes and invited feedback from groundwater owners to learn about the issues important to them. Ronnie has an appreciation for private property rights and believes active engagement is necessary for GCD board members to make important decisions.

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