

**Minutes of
Regular Business Meeting
Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts**
January 15-16, 2025
Courtyard by Marriott Pflugerville

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.

Call to Order and Welcome. President David Bailey called the meeting to order at 1:01pm. David invited Zach Holland to provide an invocation.

- A.
- B. **Roll Call.** Secretary Stephanie Keith conducted the roll call, confirming the attendance of 53 members, which established a quorum necessary for conducting official business. A list of districts present at roll call is attached to these minutes.
- C. **Membership Update and Announcement of New Members.** President David Bailey announced that we currently have 87 GCD members and 38 associate members. President David Bailey asked for introductions of first-time business meeting attendees.
- D. **Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes of Prior Meeting.** President David Bailey presented the meeting minutes from the August Regular Business Meeting. John Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Britney Britten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. **TAGD Annual Report.** Executive Director Adam Foster presented the 2024 Annual Report.
- F. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY24 Q4 Finances.** President David Bailey asked Treasurer Janet Guthrie to present the FY24 Q4 finances. Janet Guthrie presented the Q4 finances, which had been reviewed and endorsed for approval by both the Finance & Budget Committee and Executive Committee, to the membership. David Van Dresser motioned to approve the Q4 finances as presented. Gary Westbrook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. **Speaker Series.** Executive Director Adam Foster introduced the speakers invited for the afternoon Speaker Series. The following presentations were provided: "*Hydrogen Electrolysis*" by Pradeep Venkataraman, Sr. Technical Director, AES Clean Energy; "*USGS Groundwater Updates*", Natalie Houston, Hydrologist, USGS; "*Maverick Basin Aquifer Overview*", Gerry Grisak, Principal Hydrogeologist, Intera.

Following a short afternoon break, Executive Director Adam Foster reconvened the meeting at 3:30pm and introduced the next speakers. The following presentations were provided: *"Legislative Outlook"* a panel discussion by Robby Cook, Principal, Riceland Consulting LLC; Sarah Kirkle, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, Texas Water Association, and Shauna Sledge, Attorney, SledgeLaw Group PLLC; *"BLF Land, LLC v North Plains GCD Overview"* by Deborah Trejo, Attorney, Kemp Smith Law.

At the conclusion of the speaker series, Executive Director, Adam Foster, recessed the meeting at 5:30pm and invited members to the TAGD reception.

- G. Speaker Series, continued.** Executive Director Adam Foster reconvened the meeting the following day at 8:30am by thanking the sponsors and introducing the speakers invited for the morning Speaker Series. Agency updates were provided by the following: Jared Ware, Director of Critical Infrastructure, RRC; Leslie Savage, Chief Geologist, RRC; Natalie Ballew, Groundwater Division Director, TWDB; Cindy Hooper, Groundwater Planning & Assessment Team, TCEQ; Stephanie Escobar, Assistant Deputy Director, Water Availability, TCEQ; David Gunn, WWD/PI Program Manager, TDLR.
- H. Officer and Committee Reports.** President David Bailey asked for TAGD officer and committee reports:
 - a. Executive Committee – David Bailey provided a brief report regarding the upcoming committee matters.
 - b. Legislative Committee – Doug Shaw provided a brief report regarding legislative matters.
 - c. By-Laws Committee – Kelley Cochran provided a brief update about upcoming committee matters.
 - d. Information & Education Committee: Stephanie Keith provided a report on activities.
 - e. Finance & Budget Committee – Janet Guthrie reported that the Finance and Budget Committee will be working on a proposed FY26 budget in the coming months. She also mentioned that actionable items will need to take place at the June business meetings.
- I. Member and GMA Reports.** President David Bailey invited members to provide updates.
- J. Discussion and possible action on the Honorary Membership nomination of Ronnie Hopper.** President David Bailey announced that TAGD has received a nomination for an honorary membership for Ronnie Hopper. The nomination was previously approved by the Executive Committee for recommendation to the TAGD members. Adam Foster shared highlights of Ronnie's dedicated service and retirement. Amber Blount, Dirk Aaron, provided endearing comments. A motion to approve the membership was made by Louis Pena. David Van Dresser seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

K. Other TAGD Business. President David Bailey asked members if there was any other TAGD business to discuss.

L. Adjourn. President David Bailey adjourned the meeting at 10:44am. Adam Foster provided final announcements and reminded the membership about the Legislative Committee meeting to follow.

Prepared and submitted by Stephanie Keith, Secretary.

Approved by the Members on June 10, 2025.

David M. Bailey
David Bailey, President

Stephanie Keith
Stephanie Keith, Secretary

Andy Garza
Andy Garza, Secretary

Attachment 1

Voting GCD members Present at January 2025 TAGD Business Meeting

1. Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District
2. Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District
3. Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District
4. Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District
5. Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District
6. Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
7. Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District
8. Duval County Groundwater Conservation District
9. Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District
10. Fayette County Groundwater Conservation District
11. Gateway Groundwater Conservation District
12. Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District
13. Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
14. Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District
15. Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
16. Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
17. High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1
18. Irion County Water Conservation District
19. Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District
20. Kimble County Groundwater Conservation District
21. Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District
22. Llano Estacado Underground Conservation District
23. Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
24. Lower Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
25. Menard County Underground Water District
26. Mesa Underground Water Conservation District
27. Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District
28. Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District
29. Middle Pecos 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. Pineywoods Groundwater Conservation District
39. Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply 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