

TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

Legislative Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 2025, 10:45 AM
Courtyard by Marriott Pflugerville
Draft Minutes

- A. Call to order & roll call.** Vice President Doug Shaw called the meeting to order at 10:46 am and asked Executive Director Adam Foster to conduct roll call. Adam conducted the roll call and reminded the committee that there is no quorum requirement for this committee to conduct business. A list of the committee members present is attached.
- B. Discussion and possible action on draft minutes from previous meeting.** Doug Shaw presented draft minutes from the previous meeting held on May 30, 2024. Zach Holland made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Paul Sigle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discussion and possible action to add members to the Legislative Committee.** Doug Shaw reported that several individuals had requested to be added to the Legislative Committee. He explained that, pursuant to TAGD's Legislative Policy, the addition of members requires approval by the committee.
- Requests to join the committee were submitted by voting members Gary Ashmore, Debbie Farmer, Megan Lamb, Laura Martin, and associate members Sarah Kinkle, Greg Ellis, Mike Gershon, Monique Norman, Bobby Salehi, Trey Mixon, and Kodi Sawin.
- Amber Blount moved to approve the addition of the requested members to the Legislative Committee. Ty Edwards seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Discussion and possible action on voting standards for FY25.** Doug Shaw explained that the committee was required to take action to establish a consensus standard for taking legislative positions. He reminded the committee that the consensus standard has been set at 75 percent for at least the past several legislative sessions. Ty Edwards moved that TAGD retain a 75 percent consensus standard for FY25. Dirk Aaron seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Legislative updates.** Doug Shaw invited Executive Director Adam Foster to provide an update on legislative matters. Adam provided a brief overview of committee assignments and budget considerations, followed by an update on potential legislation from Chairman Perry. He also summarized several bills that have been flagged for TAGD tracking.

Adam outlined the anticipated start of weekly legislative tracking reports and the process for committee votes on legislative positions. He concluded by asking districts to

notify him of any local bills or anticipated trips to the Capitol and reminded members to complete the Science and Research Needs Survey, noting that the information gathered will help inform TAGD's response to HB 1400. No action was taken.

F. Discussion on Subcommittees. Doug Shaw provided a brief overview of the four subcommittees formed and invited each subcommittee chair to provide an update on their respective work. Updates were provided by Gary Westbrook (Waste), Adam Foster (Groundwater Permitting), Lynn Smith (Groundwater Science and Research Fund), and Louie Peña (Well Plugging Fund). Doug informed the committee that a poll would be distributed to consider each subcommittee's deliverables. He also reminded members that any action approved by the Legislative Committee would be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration.

G. Discussion and possible action on other matters before the committee. Doug Shaw reminded members that weekly standing calls have historically been held on Friday mornings at 10:00 am, typically beginning in early March, and opened the floor for discussion regarding the meeting schedule. No action was taken.

Doug asked whether there were any other matters members wished to bring before the committee. No additional matters were raised.

H. Adjournment. Doug Shaw adjourned the meeting at 12:01 pm.

Attachment 1. District members present during meeting.

- 1 Bandera County GCD
- 2 Blanco-Pedernales GCD
- 3 Bluebonnet GCD
- 4 Brazos Valley GCD
- 5 Brush Country GCD
- 6 Clearwater UWCD
- 7 Duval County GCD
- 8 Evergreen UWCD
- 9 Hays Trinity GCD
- 10 Gonzales County UWCD (added to committee during this meeting)
- 11 Kenedy County GCD
- 12 Kimble County GCD
- 13 Lipan-Kickapoo WCD
- 14 Llano Estacado UWCD
- 15 Lonestar GCD
- 16 Lower Trinity GCD (added to committee during this meeting)
- 17 Menard County GCD
- 18 Mesquite GCD
- 19 Middle Pecos GCD
- 20 Mid-East Texas GCD
- 21 North Plains GCD
- 22 North Texas GCD
- 23 Panhandle GCD
- 24 Post Oak Savannah GCD
- 25 Prairielands GCD
- 26 Red River GCD
- 27 Rolling Plains GCD
- 28 Sandy Land UWCD
- 29 Southeast Texas GCD
- 30 Sutton County UWCD
- 31 Wintergarden GCD (added to committee during this meeting)

Also in attendance: Amy Bush, Greg Ellis, Ty Embrey, Robert Howard, Monica Jacobs, Stacey Reese, Cole Ruiz, Bobby Salehi, Brian Sledge, Shauna Sledge