**Minutes of**

**Regular Business Meeting**

**TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS**

May 17, 2022

Sheraton Arlington, Champions Ballroom

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 10:17 AM on May 17, 2022 and welcomed members.

**B. Roll Call.** Secretary Bobby Bazan called the roll and informed the President that 45 District Members were in attendance, comprising a quorum. A list of Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) represented at the meeting is included as Attachment 1.

**C. Membership Update.** President Amber Blount reported that TAGD currently had 90 groundwater district members and 38 associate members. There were no new members since the February business meeting. President Amber Blount asked for introductions of first-time business meeting attendees. Those recognized include: Lana Tolleson (Sutton County UWCD), Susan Prewitt (Menard UWD), Allison Rodgers (Permian Basin UWCD), Aspen Edgar (Panhandle GCD), and Shrader Davis (Central Texas GCD).

**D. Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes of Prior Meeting.** President Amber Blount presented the minutes of the last meeting. Leon Braden made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Andy Garza seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

**E. TAGD Report on Activities.** Leah Martinsson presented a summary of TAGD’s recent activities, including updates on operations, educational efforts, member communications, legislative interim charges, and other policy work. No action was required.

**F. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY22 Q2 Finances.** Treasurer David Bailey and Executive Director Leah Martinsson presented the FY22 Q2 financial report. Janet Guthrie made a motion to approve the report as presented. Ron Fieseler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

**G. Discussion and Possible Action on Annual Setting of the Dues and Fees of the Alliance.** Treasurer David Bailey presented the proposed member dues and fees for FY23, as recommended by the Finance and Budget Committee and Executive Committee. He explained that this reflects no change from FY22 rates. David also shared a draft of the FY23 budget to show how the budget may look in light of the proposed changes. Zach Holland made a motion to approve the proposed membership dues and no change in meeting fees. Kelley Cochran seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**H. The New and Improved TAGD GCD Index.** David Coyer of Halff Associates presented a demonstration of the new GCD Index that can be found on the TAGD website. No action was taken.

**I. Officer and Committee Reports.** President Amber Blount asked for Officer and Committee reports:

1. Executive Committee – Amber Blount provided a report on activities.
2. Legislative Committee – Drew Satterwhite provided a report on activities.
3. Bylaws Committee – Andy Garza provided a report on activities.
4. Information & Education Committee – Julia Stanford gave a report on activities.
5. Finance Committee – David Bailey provided a report on activities.
6. Texas Groundwater Protection Committee – Leah Martinsson gave an update on activities.

**N. Member and GMA Reports.** President Amber Blount invited members to provide updates. No action was taken.

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

**P. Adjournment** President Amber Blount adjourned the meeting at 11:42 AM.

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

Approved by the Members on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Amber Blount, President Bobby Bazan, Secretary

Attachment 1

Voting GCD Members Present at May 2022 TAGD Business Meeting

1. Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
2. Bee County Groundwater Conservation District
3. Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District
4. Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District
5. Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District
6. Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District
7. Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District
8. Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District
9. Duval County Groundwater Conservation District
10. Gateway Groundwater Conservation District
11. Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District
12. Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District
13. High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1
14. Irion County Water Conservation District
15. Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District
16. Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District
17. Kimble County Groundwater Conservation District
18. Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District
19. Live Oak Underground Water Conservation District
20. Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District
21. Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District
22. McMullen Groundwater Conservation District
23. Menard County Underground Water District
24. Mesa Underground Water Conservation District
25. Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District
26. Mid-East Texas Groundwater Conservation District
27. Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
28. North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
29. North Texas Groundwater Conservation District
30. Northern Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
31. Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
32. Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District
33. Plum Creek Conservation District
34. Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District
35. Prairielands Groundwater Conservation District
36. Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District
37. Red River Groundwater Conservation District
38. San Patricio County Groundwater Conservation District
39. Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District
40. Santa Rita Underground Water Conservation District
41. South Plains Underground Water Conservation District
42. Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District
43. Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District
44. Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District
45. Wintergarden Groundwater Conservation District