



TEXAS GROUNDWATER ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
Hill Country University Center, Fredericksburg, TX
Saturday, April 13, 2024, 10:00am
MINUTES

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Group led pledge and invocation was given by Mike Pyburn.

2. Call to order Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by presiding officer John Julian

Board Members in attendance were:

Clark Abel, Rodney Ball (online), Joshua Barrett, Jeff Brien (online), Pete Brien (online), Justin Brisnahan (online), Jaythan Browning, Amy Bush, Patrick Casarez (online), Kelley Cochran (online), Chase Crane, Robert Dilldine, Dale Felder, Robert Hill, John Julian, Dennis Kern, Bill Lange, Chris Lange, Terry Lowe, William McPike, Michael Miller, Weston Mitchell, Lacey Nivens, Mike Pyburn, Ruben Reyna (online), Eli Rodriguez, Vickie Ross, Roger Russell, Bill Stoner, Jacob Strunk, Rusty Tarver, Jimmy Vela, Robert Wagstaff (online), and John Waugh,

Members in attendance were:

Todd Armstrong, Jeremy Kuhn, Tiffany Lange, Tisha Shipman, and Blake Talkmitt.

Staff in attendance were:

Bobby Bazan

3. Discussion and possible action on approval of minutes of the January 26, 2024, board meeting

Bill Stoner made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dale Felder seconded the motion. No discussion was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Committee Reports

- **Finance**

Finance Committee chair Mike Pyburn summarized the financial reports included in the board package. Bobby Bazan, the executive director, gave a breakdown of the 2024 Annual Convention cash flow.

- **Convention**

Bob Hill, committee chair gave a report on the progress of planning for the 2025 Annual Convention on January 28-30 in Lubbock, TX.

- **Auction & Raffle**

Chris Lange, committee chair, provided a report for the earned income from the Scholarship Auction and Raffle. This year was the highest amount ever earned by the raffle (\$8,858.44).

- **Continuing Education**

Amy Bush, committee chair, reported on the work that the committee has in front of it to streamline existing CE classes to reduce redundancy and to produce new courses for the convention and the next CE Class cycle. A concern is still the turnout with the change to TDLR rules. Announced a joint HR Seminar with TAGD that will be free to TGWA members. John discussed visiting with TDLR to get approval for CEUs to attend board meetings.

- **Membership**

Tiffany Lange, committee chair, reported the number of renewals versus drops in membership and the number of C&D members versus licensed drillers and pump installers in the state. She expressed that we would need to examine the numbers more closely to understand why members don't renew and what additional benefits we can offer.

- **Awards**

Josh Barrett, committee chair, recommended opening award nominations earlier in the year. We would like to do it in late July/August or sooner in the following years.

- **Bylaws**

Josh Barrett, committee chair, provided an update on potential amendments to the bylaws. A previously scheduled meeting was postponed and will take place later (June 22).

- **Legislative**

Mike Pyburn, committee chair, provided a summary of the TWCA Legislative Committee launch meeting. TGWA should be more active in monitoring policy changes, especially those that have an impact on the groundwater industry. William McPike also advertised the NGWA Fly-in to talk with national-level legislative and regulatory groups.

5. Division Reports – Division Chairs

- **Contractors & Drillers** – *No report given*
- **Manufacturers & Suppliers** – *Meeting scheduled for following week.*
- **Groundwater Science**

The 2024 Geoscience Seminar was the day before. Over 50 geoscientists and several drillers and pump installers attended. The theme was the aquifers of the Llano Uplift.

6. NGWA Update Report

Jeremy Kuhn, NGWA Manufacturers Section Vice President, gave an update about NGWA happenings. 2023 Convention in Las Vegas was the biggest show ever. Las Vegas will again host in 2024 and will move to New Orleans in 2025. The Water Well Journal now has a podcast. NGWA University is coming along and is an excellent resource for entry-level professionals. NGWA Business Pro is a new program offered by NGWA that is a business suite designed for water well companies.

7. Other Business

- **Affiliate Membership**

- i. **NGWA**

Motion was made by Josh Barrett to renew membership as an affiliate state program. Jacob Strunk seconded the motion. No discussion was heard. Motion passed unanimously.

- ii. **Water Systems Council**

No interest was expressed from the Board. No action was taken.

- **Member Benefits**

- i. **Driller / Member Index**

LRE Water has expressed interest in providing the service of completing a mapping system in exchange for advertising. Will still need to see a demo product and an agreement of what the exchange rate would be.

ii. Update on Business/Health Insurance Packages

Tasked the ED to send out another survey to gauge member/non-member interest in services offered.

- **Contract with Bravura Technologies for onsite registration at the Annual Convention**

No discussion, no action

- **TDLR Rules**

There is no new information, but ED expressed to the board that if any proposed changes to rules are wanted, they need to be sent to ED for compilation.

- **Poll for October Board Meeting**

A vote was taken to chose between Bryan/Colleg Station and San Marcos for the October board meeting. San Marcos had the majority vote.

8. Comments from Membership

9. Next Board Meeting – July 20, 2024 – Arlington, TX

10. Adjournment of Board Meeting

Bill Stoner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 PM.