



**TEXAS GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING | Saturday, July 30, 2022, 10:00 am**  
**San Marcos Embassy Suites and Conference Center | Spring Lake Salon A**  
**MINUTES**

**1. Call to order – William McPike, President**

William called the meeting to order at 10:11am with the following board members in attendance: John Waugh, Jason Yonce, Rodney Ball, Chad Hillis, Clark Abel, Jim Jackson, Amy Bush, Mike Miller, William Gamblin, Allan Standen, CJ Bennett, Robert Hill, Vickie Ross, Ruben Reyna, Jimmy Vela, Jacob Strunk, Jeff Brien, Eli Rodriguez, Robert Tarver, Steve Musick, Alex Neely, Roger Russell, Randy Roberts, Patrick Casarez, Robert Wagstaff, Pete Brien, Ross Smart, Mike Pyburn, Dake Jackson, Ezequiel Cervantes, Eric McElroy, Don McElroy, Chris Lange, Jaythan Browning, Bill Lange, John Julian, Terry Lowe, Josh Barrett, Kelley Cochran, Robert Dilldine, Chase Crane, and William McPike. Lacey Nivens, Stefan Stamoulis, and Bill Stoner had excused absences. Dale Felder was not in attendance. Guest: D.A. Bush.

**2. Discussion and possible action on the approval of May 2022 board minutes**

John Julian moved, and Rusty Tarver seconded the motion to approve minutes of the May meeting, and the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Report from TGWA Transition Committee and discussion and possible action on financial matters – Mike Pyburn, Transition Committee Chair and Don McElroy, Treasurer**

**Financial reports.** Stacey reported that we had the same amount of money we had last year. Our fiscal year ended in June with \$2400 in the black.

**Dues.** Mike provided an update on the transition committee. He referenced the 2023 proposed budget. He noted that CE Class income was down and still not back to pre-covid CE class numbers. We are filling a budget deficit from decline in revenue from CE classes. It was decided that adjusting membership dues would be the best plan. Dues will be based on the size of the organization within each division. The committee met in June to figure out member dues structure and to develop a transition budget. Stacey showed the dues scenarios. The committee decided on the dues structure three model with \$800 being the highest cost and proposed this to the board.

**Transition budget.** With the dues increase, we are projecting that we will retain 80 percent of our members. Mike highlighted the staff and expense scenarios to show transition between TWCA and TGWA staff. TWCA will share office space with TGWA staff through

transition period. Pete mentioned extending the TGWA / TGWA SF contract payments as a way to potentially help TGWA meet budget and planning and also noted the significant work TGWA does for SF.

Roger Rusell moved, and Vickie Ross seconded the motion to approve the financial reports, dues fees structure and transition budget, and the motion passed unanimously.

There was additional discussion about membership dues and clarification of number of members for each division. Division chairs weighed provided their thoughts about the increase of membership dues.

- 4. Discussion and possible action on TGWA Executive Director posting – Mike Pyburn**  
Mike mentioned appointing a hiring committee to work through the job description and distribution process. Bob Hill moved, and Patrick Casarez seconded the motion to authorize the president to create a hiring committee, and the motion passed unanimously.

Stacey reported that William will put together a hiring committee who will finalize the job posting and put it on hiring sites. TGWA staff will develop a form to submit applications online. Hiring committee could come back with recommendations at the October board meeting, but the official start date wouldn't be until Jan. 1.

- 5. Discussion and possible action on 2023 and 2024 TGWA Annual Conventions – Lisa Henley**  
Lisa reported that we are contracted in 2023 and 2024 for San Marcos. TGWA will need a contract for 2025. It was discussed to book San Marcos for 2025. Rodney mentioned getting the specs for the convention to the convention committee so they can look around. Bob reported that the social committee wants to do a cornhole/game night/bingo/bunko tournament again. They will be asking for donations for prizes. Lisa will need to check with the hotel on where the cornhole tournament could take place.

- 6. Report on TGWA Scholarship Foundation – Pete Brien, President**  
Pete reported that the group met yesterday and selected the top three candidates from 44 applicants. Looked at 10 applications for the top tier. The top 3 will be awarded \$2500, \$1500, \$1000. The next seven will get \$700. Then the remaining applicants will get \$500. This is once again a record-breaking scholarship year with the highest number of applicants and money distributed.

- 7. Reports from Division Chairs:**
  - a. C&D – Chris Lange – no report
  - b. M&S – Robert Dilldine – no report
  - c. GWS – Kelley Cochran reported that the division is working to bring new classes to the convention in Jan. We are hoping to offer a field opportunity on Wednesday morning and go to well site. The geoscience seminar will be on

March 31 in San Marcos and the theme will be Springs of Texas. Fountainhead content and forming a subcommittee to help provide content. Rusty recommended trying to get some credits for the contractors for the seminar.

**8. Water Well Drillers and Pump Installers Advisory Council Update – Bill Lange, Mike Pyburn, and Roger Russell**

Roger reported that the council met in June. The meeting mostly covered orientation of new members. The council did form a brackish water commingling subcommittee. The subcommittee will be meeting on August 11 and members are Mike, Bill, Rusty, and Roger. The general meetings are streamed. He encouraged people to look at the commingling report.

**9. Membership and programs updates, with discussion and possible action – Adeline Fox**

- a. Membership – Adeline reported that membership retention is good and gave everyone a heads up that dues renewal will be going out on Sept. 1.
- b. Continuing Education – She summarized the in-person classes from 2022.
- c. The Fountainhead – Recognized advertisers and contributors. Q3 content deadline will be due at the end of August.

**10. Report on interim legislative matters – Sarah Kirkle**

Sarah reported that TCEQ and TWDB are under sunset. Findings and decisions will go to the full legislature in 2023. Most of the recommendations for TCEQ deal with transparency, recommendations on enforcement for chemical plants, and legal aspects of surface water rights including cancellation of unused surface water rights. One groundwater issue relates to requiring public hearings in designation of a priority management area (PGMA). TWCA is gearing up on committee work for legislative agenda. She listed the subcommittees of the groundwater committee.

**11. Report from TGWA Women’s Division – Jan McPike**

The women’s division is working on the social event and hoping to find a Bunko game and collect donations for prizes.

**12. Other business**

Lacey Nivens is sick with COVID. Bill Stoner also asked to be excused for his absence. Patrick brought up the passing of Mark Collins and his grandchildren. He asked that we recite a prayer. Some TGWA members are working on a memorial at the Collins family’s church. Staff will share more details when we know them.

**13. Next board meeting (Saturday, October 29, San Marcos Embassy Suites)**

**14. Adjournment**

Josh Julian moved to adjourn at 11:56am.