



TEXAS GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Alister Square Inn – Port Aransas, TX | Hybrid via Zoom
Saturday, July 22, 2023 | 10:00 am

BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

1. Call meeting to order.

President John Julian called the meeting to order at 10:26 am

2. Establish a quorum.

The following Board members were present:

John Julian, Chris Lange, Pete Brien, Josh Barrett, Jacob Strunk, Rodney Ball, Alex Neely, Jaythan Browning, Dennis Kern, William McPike, Clark Abel, Jimmy Vela, Robert Dilldine, Robert "Bob" Hill, Vickie Ross, Amy Bush, Mike Pyburn, Terry Lowe, Bill Stoner, Ezequiel Cervantes, CJ Bennett, Rusty Tarver, Kelley Cochran, Justin Brisnahan, Lacey Nivens, John Waugh (online), Jim Jackson (online), Brad Davis (online), Robert Wagstaff (online), Jeff Brien (online), Josh Barrett (online), Roger Russell (online), Ruben Reyna (online)

The following members were present:

Chase Crane, Glenn Riske, Jim Hopkins, Blake Talkmitt, Craig Bennett

The following staff was present:

Bobby Bazan

3. Discussion and possible action on approval of minutes of April 22, 2023 Board meeting.

Motion by Bill Stoner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion 2nd by Terry Lowe. No discussion was heard. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action on Financial Reports.

Financial Reports were given by Mike Pyburn. Recognition was given to GWS Geoscience Seminar for bringing in an unexpected profit windfall for the association. Conversation was had on ways to increase Fountainhead income from sponsorships or other advertising dollars. Glenn Riske suggested simple email to members to encourage Fountainhead sponsorship.

5. Announcement of TGWA Scholarship Foundation award recipients.

TGWA Scholarship Foundation president Pete Brien announced that 32 scholarships totaling over \$25,000 were awarded this year. Of the 32 recipients, a Top 10 was selected to receive a larger award of \$750, and a Top 4 awards were recognized. Madelene Spencer was awarded \$2,500, Emily Schmuck was awarded \$2,500, Retha LaForge was awarded \$1,500, and Reese Weick was awarded \$1,000.

6. Discussion and possible action of TGWA Office and Personnel Policy.

TGWA will retain the services of Becky Arledge as a part-time employee. Office space will be kept at the current location under lease from TWCA for about \$1,200/month beginning in January 2024.

7. Committee Reports

- Finance – *Report was given in agenda item 4*
- Membership – *Report by Tiffany Lange, Chair. Committee has been developing a vision statement to demonstrate benefits of membership to deliver a consistent message. Made a request for a rebranding campaign, including changing Ground Water to Groundwater in the association name. Logo change with branding package can be developed for \$1,000. Requested additional funds to purchase promotional products, including backdrop, handouts, and other items. Requesting \$5,000 for those items. First-time member incentive to entice new membership.*



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A request was made to separate the requests into three separate items. Heavy discussion was had about the logo and why some interest is valid in redesigning it. Some members made comment about the appeal of the current logo and why certain items of it should be kept. Motion was made by Kelley Cochran to spend \$1,000 to engage a graphic designer to redesign logo for consideration. The motion was 2nd by Vickie Ross. Motion passed unanimously.

- *Convention – committee meet and made a recommendation to make convention a 2-year home base and 3rd-year rotational location. 2024 convention will be in San Marcos, 2025 will be in Lubbock. RFPs were received for San Marcos for 2026 and 2027 conventions.*
- *Continuing Education – Amy Bush gave a report on classes that are being considered for future classes.*
- *Legislative & Regulatory – No Report*
- *Auction & Raffle – Chris Lange gave a report that a budget had been agreed to and that gift card drawing would also be offered. Possibility of setting up an association Venmo account to collect payment of raffle tickets.*
- *Awards – No Report*
- *Bylaws – No Report*
- *Nomination – No Report*
- *Other Updates – No Report*

8. Division Updates

- *Contractors & Drillers (Josh Barrett) – Discussed TDLR changes due to HB3744, and position on state plugging fund*
- *Manufacturers & Suppliers (Robert Dilldine) – No Report*
- *Ground Water Science (Amy Bush) - Planning the Geoscience Seminar for 2024, deciding on seminar topic, location, and date.*

9. Executive Director Updates

- *Burleson & Milam County Groundwater Summit – August 17, 2023 in Caldwell, TX*
- *TAGD 2023 Texas Groundwater Summit – August 29-31, 2023 in San Antonio, TX*
- *Announced that Representative Tracy King, and Senator Four Price, two water champions, will not be seeking re-election.*

10. Other Business

CJ Bennett informed the group that TCEQ has added a requirement for an ammonia field test for public water supply wells.

11. Next Board Meeting – October 21, 2023; Waco, TX, at Hilton Garden Inn

12. Adjournment

Motion by Chris Lange. 2nd by Bob Hill. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm
