



TEXAS GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Special Called Meeting – via Zoom
Monday, March 20, 2023, 1:00pm

Minutes

1. Call meeting to order

Meeting was called to order by President John Julian at 1:02pm

2. Establish a quorum

Quorum was established according to bylaws (requires simple majority) with 31 Board members present

The following Board members were present:

Clark Abel, Josh Barrett, CJ Bennett, Andrew Bettle, Pete Brien, Justin Brisnahan, Jaythan Browning, Amy Bush, Kelley Cochran, David Dennett, Robert Dilldine, Dale Felder, Bob Hill, Dake Jackson, Jim Jackson, John Julian, Chris Lange, Terry Lowe, Don McElroy, Eric McElroy, William McPike, Mike Miller, Lacey Nivens, Mike Pyburn, Ruben Reyna, Vickie Ross, Roger Russell, Russell Southerland, Jacob Strunk, Rusty Tarver, John Waugh, Jason Yonce

The following Board members were absent:

Jeff Brien, Patrick Casarez, Ezequiel Cervantes, Brad Davis, Billy Gamblin, Chad Hillis, Dennis Kern, Bill Lange, Steve Musick, Alex Neely, Eli Rodriguez, Stefan Stamoulis, Allan Standen, Bill Stoner, Jimmy Vela, Robert Wagstaff

The following staff was present:

Bobby Bazan, Adeline Fox

3. Discussion and possible action on approval of minutes of January 26, 2023 board meeting

Motion was made by Vickie Ross to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2023 meeting as presented, Dale Felder seconded the motion. No discussion was heard, motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Notice of Resignation from the Board

Effective February 28, 2023, Ross Smart notified the Executive Director of his decision to resign as a member of the TGWA Board of Directors.

5. Executive Committee Report

Executive Director gave a summary of the meeting minutes from the Executive Committee meeting on February 9, 2023.

6. Discussion and possible action on Amendments to Bylaws

Proposed amendments were sent to members of the Board via email on March 10, 2023, which is pursuant to the 10-day notice required by current bylaws. Proposed changes were considered on an item-by-item basis. A motion was made by Bob Hill to accept language which creates the Finance Committee as a standing committee, motion was seconded by Robert Dilldine. Discussion included the drawbacks or advantages to having this as a committee versus an officer position. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Mike Pyburn to accept language to amend officers of the Board to remove the Treasurer position, motion was seconded by Pete Brien. Discussion was made that language include that division chairs and committee chairs are not officers of the Board. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Amy Bush to accept language to amend officers terms to 2-years. Vickie Ross seconded the motion. Discussion was had on if flexibility was allowed for instances that elections could not be held at a regularly scheduled annual meeting on a 2-year interval. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

7. Discussion and possible action on President-appointed Committees

John listed the committees that are currently listed. Sign-up for standing committees was distributed in August 2022. President asked Bobby to distribute to membership a new signup for committees.



8. Staff Reports

- Membership
gave report that 88 outstanding invoices out of the 505 invoices that were emailed for renewals.
- Continuing Education
gave report that 167 people showed up for CE Class in San Antonio, and starting April 1 would hit the road each weekend except for Easter until May 5th.
- Fountainhead
Spring edition (Quarter 1) would be out for distribution before end of March
- Legislative Update
gave report of bills of interest to TGWA. SB 2291 by Zaffarini to establish a fund for plugging wells. TGPC interim report mentioned the need for a state fund to assist with plugging abandoned wells. Some issues with bill that need to be addressed. SB 2213/HB4856 to plug leaky water wells has language which undermines Occupations Code 1901 by requiring pluggers to be on an approved list held by RRC. HB 3744 TDLR bill that allows 2-year renewals. Any changes to rules would be made by TDLR Board. List is posted on Board information page. SB 638 which would automatically disqualify GCD Board members who recuse themselves from two permit votes.

9. Other Business

Mike Pyburn asked for a legislative update to be shared weekly. Mike Miller announced the Geoscience Seminar that would be taking place on March 31. Bobby asked for opinions on sharing list of Annual Convention attendees with exhibitors/companies.

10. Next Board Meeting

April 22, 2023; Lubbock, TX at High Plains UWCD will be a hybrid meeting

11. Adjournment

Motion by Vickie Ross to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Don McElroy. Meeting adjourned at 2:16am.

Topic: TGWA Board Meeting

Time: Mar 20, 2023 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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