



## Texas Groundwater Association Quarterly Board Meeting

Embassy Suites by Hilton (Spring Lake Salon A), San Marcos, TX

**Saturday, November 2, 2024, following the Membership Meeting**

This meeting was hosted in a hybrid format and was made available via Zoom for those who could not attend in person.

**1. Call to order Board Meeting – Board President, presiding officer**

*John Julian, Board President, called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.*

**2. Discussion and possible action on approval of minutes of the July 20, 2024, board meeting and September 4, 2024 Special Board Meeting**

*Bob Hill made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and was approved unanimously.*

**3. Discussion and possible action on Nomination and Election of Board of Directors Policy**

*TGWA Executive Director Bobby Bazan and John Julian noted that the new Policy had been recommended by the Executive Committee. Josh Barrett made a motion to approve the policy, and Amy Bush seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**4. Discussion and possible action on Employee Policy.**

*Bobby Bazan presented the policy handbook with a recommendation to change the office hours to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. John Julian thanked Josh Barrett for his contributions to the handbook.*

*Dale Felder made a motion to accept the policy with the recommended change. William McPike seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.*

**5. Committee Reports**

**• Executive – Bobby Bazan**

*Bobby Bazan said the Executive Committee had met several times to discuss proposed policies and contracts. Bazan said he had been working with the Texas Railroad Commission on rules for shallow closed-loop geothermal systems. Theresa Davis introduced herself as the new TGWA Communications and Outreach Director and discussed her work on the 2025 Convention and the TGWA website, social media, print products, and future projects.*

*Bobby Bazan said the board will likely need to discuss going to the legislature as a group to ask for more TDLR funding for enforcement and license*

*programs. Bazan discussed a possible statewide campaign to promote the value of licensed drillers. Pete Brien said the enforcement issue could benefit from an environmental and public health message. Bob Hill said that emphasizing the importance of licensed drillers is important to TGWA's identity.*

- **Finance – Mike Pyburn**

*Mike Pyburn presented TGWA financial reports for the current fiscal year and Scholarship Foundation foundation reports. Mike suggested treating the TGWA Women's Division funds as an auxiliary enterprise with its own profit and cost center.*

*Bobby Bazan discussed adding another signatory to grant another person access to the TGWA debit card. The board decided to put the item on a future agenda for discussion.*

- **Convention – Bob Hill**

*Bob Hill reminded board members to register for the 2025 Convention.*

- **Auction & Raffle – Chris Lange**

*Chris Lange encouraged board members to take TGWA Scholarship Foundation raffle tickets to sell.*

- **Continuing Education – Amy Bush**

*Amy Bush and Bobby Bazan updated the board about CE Classes at the 2025 Convention that have been submitted to TDLR for approval.*

- **Membership – Tiffany Lange**

*Tiffany Lange was in attendance at the Women's Division. Instead, Bobby Bazan presented Membership updates, including a reminder about Membership renewals and member discounts for Convention Registration.*

- **Awards – Josh Barrett**

*Josh Barrett reminded the board that the Member Award nomination form was available on the TGWA website and had been emailed out to members.*

- **Bylaws – Josh Barrett**

*Josh Barrett thanked the Bylaws committee and other board members who contributed to the revised TGWA bylaws that were adopted earlier in the day at the Membership meeting.*

- **Legislative – Mike Pyburn**

*Mike Pyburn presented updates about possible legislation that could impact the groundwater industry in Texas.*

## **6. Division Reports – Division Chairs**

- **Contractors & Drillers**

*There were no additional updates from the C&D Division.*

- **Manufacturers & Suppliers**

*There were no additional updates from the M&S Division.*

- **Groundwater Science**

*Michael Miller and Amy Bush presented updates about the 2025 TGWA Geoscience Seminar, which will be held on May 2 in Brenham, Texas. Amy Bush said the event has all of its speakers confirmed and will work with TGWA staff on advertising and opening registration and sponsor slots. Amy said they may also consider submitting some of the Seminar classes to TDLR to get them certified as CE classes for drillers.*

**7. NGWA Update Report**

*This update was presented during the Membership Meeting*

**8. Other Business**

*No other business was presented*

**9. Comments from Membership – time reserved for non-board members to address the Board**

*Comment from William McPike thanking Bobby for his efforts with the Geothermal rules and RRC.*

**10. Next Board Meeting – January 30, 2025 – Lubbock, TX**

*The next Board Meeting will be hosted on January 30, 2025, in Lubbock, in conjunction with the 2025 TGWA Annual Convention.*

**11. Adjournment of Board Meeting**

*Motion to adjourn by Dale Felder, was seconded by Vickie. Meeting was adjourned at 12:06 PM*