



TEXAS GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION
BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Hilton Garden Inn – Waco, TX | Hybrid via Zoom
Saturday, October 21, 2023, 10:00pm

MINUTES

1. Call meeting to order

President John Julian called the meeting to order at 10:07 am

2. Establish a quorum

The following Board members were present:

John Julian, Dennis Kern, Chris Lange, Terry Lowe, Robert L. Wagstaff, Patrick Casarez, Ezequiel Cervantes, Bill Stoner, Bill Lange, Clark Abel, Jim Jackson, William McPike, Jimmy Vela, Vickie Ross, Alex Neely, Jaythan Browning, Mike Pyburn, Pete Brien, Robert Dilldine, Ruben Reyna, Eli Rodriguez, Robert "Bob" Hill, Amy Bush, Mike Miller, Lacey Nivens, Jason Yonce, Rodney Ball, Justin Brisnahan, Rusty Tarver (online), Brad Davis (online), Allen Standen (online), John Waugh (online), Dale Felder (online), Don McElroy (online)

The following Association members were present:

Van Schmuck

Staff present:

Bobby Bazan

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

Motion was made by Bill Stoner to approve the minutes of July 22, 2023 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Terry Lowe. No discussion was heard and motion passed unanimously.

4. Notification of resignation of C&D representative to Board of Directors

President Julian notified the Board of the resignation of Eric McElroy as chapter representative on the Board of Directors of the Panhandle/ South Plains Chapter.

5. Discussion and possible action on TGWA logo

Motion was made by Amy Bush to accept Option 1 (block TGWA) as the new Association logo. The motion was seconded by Vickie Ross. Discussion was had that Option 3 and Option 1 were both favorable and that. A primary and secondary logo should be considered. Amy Bush withdrew her motion to accept Option 1 as the logo. The withdrawal was approved unanimously.

Bob Hill made the motion to accept Option 3 as the primary logo, with consideration of altering the water well to be more prominent and to make Option 1 a secondary logo. Motion was seconded by Vickie Ross. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible action on Financial Reports

Finance chair, Mike Pyburn gave a report on financial standing of the Association. He reviewed the Statement of Activity, Profit & Loss (P&L) Statement compared to Budget, and P&L compared to previous Fiscal Year.

7. Discussion and possible action on request from the Membership Committee for funds.

A request from the membership committee to spend funds on promotional products was entertained. A recommendation from the finance committee was to allow for the purchase of table cloth, exhibitor booth backdrop, and rack cards. Vote was unanimous to accept the recommendation of the finance committee.



8. Discussion and possible action on the request for sponsorship from the American Groundwater Trust

Executive Director received a request to sponsor an upcoming children's book from AGWT. Sponsorship would be for \$2000 to assist with publishing and distributing. No action was taken.

9. Committee Reports

- Executive (Bobby Bazan)
Executive Committee met on October 11, 2023 to 1) allow ED permission to execute a contract with Embassy Suites San Marcos for 2026 & 2027 Annual Conventions, and 2) directed ED to conduct survey vote of the logo options from the membership.
- Membership (Tiffany Lange)
Committee was waiting for action from board on logo and promotion products before meeting again.
- Convention (Bob Hill)
Committee made the recommendation to the Executive Committee to go to 2 years in San Marco as home base for annual Conventions and a third year in a satellite location. Wrapping up pre-planning of CE topics and schedule tweaking.
- Continuing Education (Amy Bush)
Provided information to ED to plan for new classes for the Convention. Should have more than 3 new classes for 2024 Annual Convention.
- Fountainhead (Bobby Bazan)
Reminder to board and members that if they have topics they would like to see/share in the fountainhead to pass those along to ED.
- Finance/Legislative (Mike Pyburn)
Legislative committee needs to meet to discuss TDLR rules recommendations.
- Bylaws (Josh Barrett)
No report at this time
- Awards (Josh Barrett)
Nomination forms will be going out soon, please fill them out if you have any nominations of someone deserving.

10. Division Updates

- Contractors & Drillers (Josh Barrett)
C&D Division is focused on bylaws pertaining to local chapter seats and chapter activity, or lack there of.
- Manufacturers & Suppliers (Robert Dilldine)
Meeting immediately after this board meeting
- Ground Water Science (Michael Miller)
Met prior to Board meeting to discuss upcoming Geoscience Seminar. Location and date was selected as Fredericksburg, TX and April 12 to cover topics on the Hickory and Ellenburger Aquifers. CE classes and future topics was also discussed.



11. Executive Director Updates

- Exhibitor and Sponsorship registration – 2024 Convention
Update on current exhibitor registrations
- MemberClicks Database and Website update
Database is live and still waiting for website to finish transition.
- TDLR Water Well Drillers Advisory Council recommendation letter and update
TGWA submitted a letter to the Advisory Council making recommendations to amend rules.
- NGWA and state delegates
If going to Las Vegas for NGWA and want to serve as a state delegate please let Bobby know
- Raffle Tickets
Tickets are ready for distribution and selling. Unfortunately a Venmo account was not able to be setup.

12. Other Business

ED and John Julian had a topic that would like to take to Finance committee. The feasibility of moving some funds into a short-term CD account to accrue some interest.

Bill Stoner asked about RRC and Statewide Rule number 8. The rule and any changes do not appear to impact TGWA and its member.

Terry Lowe asked for a summary of the Proposition 6. Bobby gave a quick summary of the Texas Water Fund and what it would be allowed to do.

13. Next Board Meeting – January 26, 2024; San Marcos, TX at 2024 TGWA Annual Convention

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:54pm
