

**GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS
NETWORK (GAATN)
INTERLOCAL AGENCY**

**625 East 10th Street, 6th Floor
Austin, Texas 78701**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING held on November 1, 2004 at
Lower Colorado River Authority
Shapiro Building Room 517
3701 Lake Austin Blvd
Austin, Texas**

Agenda Item No. 1:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Patrick Jordan at 1:33 p.m.

The following Board members announced as present at the start of the meeting:

John Kohlmorgan, on behalf of the Austin Independent School District
John House, on behalf of the University of Texas
Wayne Wedemeyer, on behalf of the University of Texas
Tom Lott, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority
Martha Krische, on behalf of the City of Austin
Patrick Jordan, on behalf of the City of Austin
Gray Salada, on behalf of the Austin Independent School District
Dave Kelly, on behalf of the State of Texas

GAATN Personnel present at the start of the meeting:

Ronald Roberts, Project Coordinator
Ashley Caron, Project Manager
Heidi Cottingham, Maintenance Contractor
Syd Falk, GAATN Attorney

Agenda Item No. 2:

Citizen Communication

There were no citizens present.

Agenda Item No. 3:

Approval of October 4, 2004 Board Minutes.

Wayne moved to approve with a second from Tom; the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 4:

Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.

Patrick requested that the Board consider the various opportunities with wireless and future integrations with the GAATN network. He noted that ACC has an interest, UT also working on some things and other entities outside of GAATN could be interested in partnerships as well. He encouraged the Technical Subcommittee to look at these alternatives and further suggested a special called meeting in January or February to discuss strategies.

Agenda Item No. 5:

Executive Session: Adjourn for closed session, under Tex Gov't Code section 551.071, to seek legal advise about pending or contemplated litigation for:

- A. Construction, equipment, and product warranty claims; and**
- B. Damage to GAATN Fiber Optic Cables, equipment, hardware, and other property, and**
- C. Contractual or Tort claims against GAATN.**

Reconvene for discussion and decisions, if any, on matters considered in closed session.

Patrick moved the Board to executive session at 1:38 p.m and returned at 2:15 p.m.

There was no need for open meeting discussion on any of the items.

Agenda Item No 6:

Discussion and possible action regarding the financial report and budget issues.

Gray distributed the AISD financial summary and reported that it might be good for entities to consider getting caught up. John noted a typo on the report as it related to the payment of the SLA but he stated that he would correct it.

Agenda Item No. 7:

Discussion of and possible action regarding the Technical Subcommittee Update.

Ron shared that he would be attending the City Clerk's class on retention policy this month and would bring that information to the Technical Subcommittee once he was completed. Tom asked Patrick about contacting the Toll Authority and was told that Bubba Needham was the contact that Patrick had spoken with about possible opportunities for GAATN to expand along these new highways. The opportunities would come in the form of shared conduit or shared fiber or another undetermined joint venture and Ashley added that she would stay in touch with the contact to see what could be done.

Ashley shared that TxDot is doing the work and much of it will not be forced underground and Heidi added that a new pole line was going in and that GAATN would be transferring to some of those new poles. Wayne commented that it was good to have a relationship and conversations like this beforehand and that it would be great to have GAATN into new areas and to entice others to join.

Ashley went on to state that the previous statements from TxDot about being responsible for compensations for relocations had been inaccurate. She added that the only opportunity for reimbursements would be if the entity owned the easements, otherwise GAATN is responsible for the cost of the fiber relocations.

Tom then shared the other discussion at the technical subcommittee was the need for a flow chart or plan for dealing with teardowns in a more expeditious manner. Patrick asked Ron to work on this for the subcommittee.

Agenda Item No. 8:

Discussion and possible action regarding the Network Manager's update.

Ashley continued with the TxDot topic from agenda item 7 by stating that she would get the questions answered for next time. She then passed out a draft of the network rights that was based on the information that had been returned to her by the entities. The entities can review them and vote on this information in December.

The TxDot at 183 project has changed again. TxDot had been trying to get us to go in first but

Jeff Kirk at CoCom had been able to alter this plan after discussions with them so that the gas line can go in first. Ashley added that Hwy 290 was waiting for plan approval.

She then stated that approval for the use of the state tunnel had gone through and that \$337,065 was the amount that would be billed to finish out the job, the engineering was done. Heidi has coordinated a reel to reel splice through so that splices can be located off the capital grounds. Work should be done in January, Heidi added that a lot could be done with little impact over the holidays.

Patrick shared that drawings had been shared through Martha to the Technical Subcommittee and that some had taken a tour of city hall as well.

Ashley added that UT was relocating GAATN for the new dorm, the cost would be around \$10,000 and Ashley added that Patrick had forwarded her email stating an increase to GAATN from the SLA was to happen next year.

Agenda Item No. 9:

Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as December 6 , 2004 at 1:30 p.m. in room 517 of the Shapiro Building at LCRA on Lake Austin Blvd.

Time and location for next regular meeting was confirmed (December 6, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.) and the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.