

**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
held on December 15, 2004 at
Co Com Cabling Systems
16021 N. IH 35
Pflugerville, TX 78664**

Agenda Item No. 1:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Patrick Jordan at 1:05 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
Brian Kunz, 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
Tom Lott, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority
Dave Kelly, on behalf of the State of Texas
Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College

GAATN Personnel present at the start of the meeting:

Ronald Roberts, Project Coordinator
Ashley Caron, Project Manager
Heidi Cottingham, Maintenance Contractor

Agenda Item No. 2:

Citizen Communication

There were no citizens present.

Agenda Item No. 3:

Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of 2005-2006 Network Rights and Entity Site List.

Ashley distributed the newest changes and noted that Wayne had found some additions, four for Travis County, one for University of Texas, and two for the State. These changes had been made on the information that Ashley distributed. Patrick noted that the City has had more changes over time. John Kohlmorgan moved to accept the corrected site list and Tom Lott seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item No. 4:

Discussion and possible action regarding the B1N expansion payment.

Martha had sent out the background and minutes with the information and discussions about this issue. The \$84,111.16 owed to the City of Austin was decided to come out of this upcoming budget year. The fiber is in place for GAATN and already spliced in for the city use only at present. Patrick noted that Cap Metro is interested in some wireless in this area and he was looking into the feasibility of that activity. Wayne made the motion to approve the payment to the city in the 2006 budget and was seconded by John Kohlmorgan, motion was unanimous.

Agenda Item No. 5:

Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of the GAATN Damage Recovery Process Policy.

Ron had distributed a written policy that would reference the flow chart that would expedite reimbursements to GAATN from damage caused by third parties. Changes that had been suggested from the last time were to allow the attorney to begin preparing for actions prior to the next Board meeting in cases where there is no response in the allotted time. Patrick made the motion to approve and was seconded by John Kohlmorgan, the policy passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No 6:

Discussion and possible action regarding bulk material acquisition.

Ashley had suggested to Heidi to look into savings that this activity would create and, excluding fiber it was some \$37,000 saved on materials. There was a lot of discussion on splice enclosures and the price increases expected next year. It was noted that individually these items, with the exception of the splice enclosures and fiber, were easily under the \$20,000 limit given to the Network Manager. Minus splice enclosures, the expenditure to the budget was \$85,000. The need for armored cable was also discussed and Heidi share that the distributor had accidentally made 4 more rolls at 10,000 feet increments for GAATN and was offering it at \$1.68 a foot. The Board discussed this and countered to them with a flat \$60,000 for the 4 rolls at \$1.50 a foot. The offer was accepted. Heidi updated the Board that some 60,000 feet of self support cable needed replacement along 3 of the rings. Wayne made a motion to approve the purchase of the fiber and the additional bulk items that were on the list, he was seconded by Gary and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 7:

Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as January 10 , 2005 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 (January 10, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.) and the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.