

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

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Austin, Texas 78701**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING HELD February 7, 2005  
Lower Colorado River Authority  
Shapiro Building Room 517  
3701 Lake Austin Blvd**

**Agenda Item No. 1:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Patrick Jordan at 1:34 p.m.

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

Patrick Jordan, on behalf of the City of Austin  
Martha, Riekenberg-Krische, on behalf of the City of Austin  
John Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin Independent School District  
Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College  
John House, on behalf of the University of Texas  
Brian Kelly, on behalf of the State of Texas  
Tom Lott, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority  
Brian Kunz, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority

Joining the meeting in progress:

Gray Salada, on behalf of Austin Independent School District

GAATN Personnel present at the start of the meeting:

Ronald Roberts, Project Coordinator  
Ashley Caron, Project Manager  
Syd Falk, GAATN Attorney

**Agenda Item No. 2:**

**Citizen Communication**

Roland Rojas and Bill Short were on hand from SouthWestern Bell as observers.

**Agenda Item No. 3:**

**Approval of January 10, 2005 Board Minutes.**

Patrick noted an error in item 8A, Patrick was left in a sentence on the motion and needs deletion. Gary moved to accept the minutes with the change, with a second from Tom. The subsequent vote was unanimous.

**Agenda Item No. 4:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.**

Patrick stated that he had contacted Bob Kahn and Sonny Hood about legislative updates and that areas concerning telecommunications were being reviewed. He added that the PUC was deregulating some telecommunication markets, this action could impact both public and private services.

Syd noted that his law office had lobbyists that were attentive to these issues, a resource available to GAATN under the contract. Tom added that LCRA also had 'watchdog' groups and that they

were forwarding 3 bills for review which he volunteered to email to everyone. Patrick noted that there were sites on the web with information as well, he asked if there was a way to get that information out about bills and any possible impact to GAATN and stated that city legal would contact him directly. Syd added that in house counsels could review and send them forward through the Technical Subcommittee, maybe circulate the information through the list serve. Patrick asked that they be sent to Ron to circulate and Syd added that the bill number and description in the title be included. It was agreed that this needs to be a standing agenda item from now on per Syd's suggestion.

**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 to executive session at 1:42 pm and back in regular session at 1:59 p.m. There were no issues to be brought forward and Patrick moved to the next agenda item.

**Agenda Item No. 6:**

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

Gray distributed the report and Ashley asked about a \$5,500 negative in the Maintenance category. John shared that the number was correct but added that it was encumbered amounts and not money that has been spent. He added that it dealt with a p.o. that was sent and that it was soon to be corrected. Tom asked if their payment had gone in and Ron shared that it had, he added that everyone was paid up at present.

**Agenda Item No 7:**

**Discussion of and possible action regarding the Technical Subcommittee Update.**

Ron updated the Board that he and Martha had been able to create electronic copies of the early GAATN Board Minutes and that these had been sent over for inclusion onto the GAATN website once they were converted into pdf format. Tom asked how long before the records were placed into GAIN and Ron stated that he could have them in place by late spring or early summer. The remainder of the Technical Subcommittee meeting had dealt with damages and changes to the Network, which Ashley would highlight in her report.

**Agenda Item No. 8:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Network Manager's Update (COA, 10 minutes).**

**A. Contract Renewal with GAATN Attorney**

Ron shared that the present 3 year agreement with Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever & McDaniel, L.L.P. would be up on March 31, 2005. He added that there were two one year extensions under the contract and that he needed to make the Board aware of this activity. He requested a letter from the firm that outlined fee changes, if any, that would be forthcoming for the first one year extension of the contract. This item would remain on the agenda for official vote upon review of the intentions of the GAATN Attorney.

Ashley updated the Board on several projects

The SRN final phases for the New City Hall were reported incorrectly last month to go before the Utility Coordination Meeting, that action took place later and was approved.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> street rail project has popped up again and they are asking for quotes to remove facilities from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> street. A quote from CoCom is being generated for this proposed work but the first quote was \$2.3 million for lowering along 3<sup>rd</sup> street.

TxDot on C2S cutover at Hwy 290 and Hwy 71 is set for February 21<sup>st</sup>.

The D1N repair will be March 15<sup>th</sup>

B1N at Duval Road and Hwy 183 is still placed but damage on SRN took precedent. Noone is in wrap and this will proceed later.

Ashley had no news about TxDot and Bolm Road as the gas people were still working on the area and noone has called GAATN to move forward.

A1N will go into City Hall on 2/19.

B2S with activity to Del Valle for Travis and City will be on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Ashley then passed out a sheet showing the City Hall expenditures to date as requested. She noted that ZNET was highlighted on the sheet because it could be included in this cost or not, depending. Tom asked if the expenditures were below budget. Ashley stated that she could not answer that because SRS and A2N had no stated budget but the others were slightly under budget. She added that the one leg of SRN was well under budget due to the actions of the state and she thanked them for that assistance. Patrick noted that ZNET was \$800,000 less than it would have been without the ZNET purchase. Ashley added that she wanted to go through all the billings for accuracy now that the project was done.

**Agenda Item No. 9:**

**Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as March 7, 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 (as March 7, 2005) and the meeting was adjourned at 2.18 p.m.