

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD April 4, 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 1:30 p.m.

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

Patrick Jordan, on behalf of the City of Austin
John Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin Independent School District
Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College
Wayne Wedemeyer, on behalf of the University of Texas
Dave 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
John House, on behalf of the University of Texas
Walter LaGrone, on behalf of Travis County

GAATN Personnel present at the start of the meeting:

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

Agenda Item No. 2:

Citizen Communication

There were no citizens present but Wayne took a minute to share a list of conferences which may benefit GAATN. It was suggested that Ashley and Ron look into these events in the near future.

Agenda Item No. 3:

Approval of March 7, 2005 Board Minutes.

Tom moved to accept the minutes, with a second from Gary. The subsequent vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item No. 4:

Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.

Patrick stated that H.B. 789 had now gone into conference. In speaking with City legal representatives he understood that some of the possible negative impact from the bill was to be removed. Wayne asked about WCIT and Patrick stated that he had heard there were some new appointments that he would be contacting.

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 1:41 pm and back in regular session at 2:17 p.m. There were no issues to be brought forward for action or open discussion and Patrick moved to the next agenda item.

Agenda Item No. 6:

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

John distributed the report and noted that all members were caught up with payments. He asked about interest in making one payment a year to GAATN. The difference in fiscal years was a factor but the item will be revisited later. There being no other discussion on the budget report, Patrick moved to the next item.

Agenda Item No. 7:

Discussion of and possible action regarding the Technical Subcommittee Update.

A. Updating and Detail of GAATN database.

Ron, Tim, Ashley and Martha to look into other software and upgrades to increase the detail of the information on the GAATN plant. Patrick stated that ESRI was what the city used but Ron added that it would not be beneficial to share that information with ESRI groups due to aspects of privacy from GAATN members. This item would be ongoing and Tom submitted email on some upcoming GIS conferences for Ron and Ashley to attend.

B. Future UT internet plan

Wayne noted that UT was going to have a 2.5-gigabit connection in Austin by July/August. This will entail a completely separate provider. He shared that UT was going to an OC-48 and plans are to place this into City Hall in the future. Patrick noted that this would assist with concerns from his network security people.

Agenda Item No. 8:

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

Ashley updated the Board on several projects.

She stated that she just had a call about new apartments on 5th street that may involve relocating fiber. Heidi to work up a pricing as details are gathered.

Ashley then mentioned the vacant conduit at William Cannon and the fact that it had to be lowered last week to keep it viable. This same conduit is desired by Traffic and Trans for a 48-count fiber to allow cameras at intersections near there. If they are allowed to use the conduit it would require them to populate with interduct for future use. This involves two, four-inch conduits. John K had concerns because AISD is putting a new school in the area and may need the conduits, he asked for a print and to wait for the next Technical Subcommittee to pursue this matter. Wayne asked about reimbursements but Ashley stated that this was a CIP project that would not be reimbursing GAATN for the conduit lowering which was \$15,000. Ashley will be talking with Capital Excavation to ensure that the conduits are viable.

CoCom is estimating costs for the 3rd Street rail project at \$3.1 Million

SRN had some squirrel damage near Fire 14, repairs to take place April 9th of 2800-3000 feet.

C1N repair at Loyola is April 5th.

B1N at Duval Road- Ashley brought in some splice trays showing the brittle and damaged fiber. This cutover will take place April 25th.
B1S damage at Nuckells Crossing is not scheduled yet.
C2S cutover is still waiting on Time Warner
Ashley had no news about TxDot and Bolm Road.
A1N at City Hall had no update, still waiting on LCRA repeater, which is on order.
ABIA project with Travis County and City-peds are set.
SRN final leg into City Hall, hoping on permit soon.
She concluded her report.

Agenda Item No. 9:

Discussion and possible action regarding pending Legislative Bills.

Patrick noted that closing time for new bills has passed and that he was in contact with Austin Energy and city legal to monitor the bills that may impact GAATN.

Agenda Item No. 10:

Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as May 2, 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 May 2, 2005**) and the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.