

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

**625 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Austin, Texas 78701**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING HELD May 2, 2005  
Lower Colorado River Authority  
Shapiro Building Room 517  
3701 Lake Austin Blvd**

**Agenda Item No. 1:**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Gray Salada at 1:32 p.m.

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

Gray Salada, on behalf of Austin Independent School District  
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  
Martha Riekenberg-Krischke, on behalf of the City of Austin

Joining the meeting in progress:

Patrick Jordan, on behalf of the City of Austin

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**

Todd Maddin and Jean Ann Ford from SBC were in attendance but had no comments.

**Agenda Item No. 3:**

**Approval of April 4, 2005 Board Minutes.**

Wayne 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.**

Gray had no updates for this item.

**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.**

Gray moved to executive session at 1:41 pm and back in regular session at 2:30 p.m. There were no issues to be brought forward for action or open discussion and Gray moved to the next agenda item.

**Agenda Item No. 6:**

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

John distributed the financial report and noted that all members were caught up with payments. It shows Travis County as not paid but he noted that that was received. Ashley shared that there were soon to be some impacts reflected due to work on SRN. Patrick shared that he had pursued John's idea through the City concerning participants making single payments in full to GAATN rather than quarterly and the city would be able to do the annual payments. Tom stated that LCRA was looking into it stated that it could be phased in and would let AISD know when the LCRA fiscal year starts in July rather than the GAATN fiscal year. Wayne said that UT could not participate because its payments were derived from other payments to it for internet service, which dictated cash flow for the payments to GAATN, and Dave added he believed that the state would also decline. Patrick asked Ron to send out an email to participants about electing the payment changes.

**Agenda Item No. 7:**

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

Tom shared that the new UT internet connection was discussed and Wayne added that it would be in place in July. Patrick noted that CTECC and Security engineering at the City were reporting outages of 30 minutes every other month. Wayne stated that this new dual connection would eliminate that altogether.

**A. Updating and Detail of GAATN database.**

Tom added that Heidi and Ashley were compiling a list of brittle installed cable that could be used for future updates to the GAATN database. Tom added that Ron and Ashley were still looking into GIS, Aperture, and Autocad as a base for the database. Martha noted that any change from the current Autocad base would be a major operational change affecting access for users.

**Agenda Item No. 8:**

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

Operations:

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Street Light Rail-Ashley stated this was a Cap Metro project so if it stays that way the utilities will be compensated, but if it becomes a CIP project they may not be compensated. Patrick asked if 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> street was preferred and Ashley shared that 4<sup>th</sup> street was cheaper with less impact (GAATN is installed along 6 blocks of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, but would only cross 4<sup>th</sup> Street twice). Patrick suggested putting together a cost analysis to indicate GATTN's preference for, and encourage the 4<sup>th</sup> street decision. Ashley stated that it was \$65 million for

all utilities to relocate at 3<sup>rd</sup> street and \$29 million for 4<sup>th</sup> street. She added that the issue was soon to go before City Council.

C2S@290 was still in the design phase waiting on Time Warner to move.

B1N @Amherst would be on 5/19

A1N City Hall was scheduled for 5/28 but Dave noted that the Legislature was still in session that day and interruption of service might be an issue.

TxDot & 183 @Bolm Road would be in January

SRN into City Hall final leg would be 5/14

B2S exp. TC/COA-waiting on Jeff Kirk at CoCom to schedule the aerial installation.

Use of Conduit by Traffic and Transportation-they are going aerial.

SRN damage cutover completed

TxDot@ 183 and Springdale Road will be in August.

B1S repair complete

C2S strands unexplainable break, was one or two fibers but now is 6; Heidi indicated she thought this meant there is continued degradation. This run to be scheduled

Huntland @Twin Crest-this is a pole line move so no down time.

William Cannon-abandoned conduit move and repair-it's a 'do it now and avoid boring under a six lane road later at greater expense' choice.

Handhole reinforcement- Installed holds were originally rated for traffic reinforcement but that type have been de-rated by the manufacturer and are no longer rated for traffic. This will require redoing some existing installed covers which will proceed soon.

A2N @ Barton Springs will be 5/19-this is only a City spur cable, but was part of the original GAATN construction and so technically is a GAATN spur.

#### **Agenda Item No. 9:**

##### **Discussion and possible action regarding pending Legislative Bills.**

Noone had heard of any relevant new activity on legislation. It was noted that the regular session will be over on 5/29 so this item will not be necessary for the June meeting unless a special session is called.

#### **Agenda Item No. 10:**

##### **Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as June 6, 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 1:30 p.m. on June 6, 2005) and the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.