

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD June 6, 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 1:32 p.m.

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

Patrick Jordan, on behalf of the City of Austin
Gray Salada, on behalf of Austin Independent School District
John Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin Independent School District
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:

Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College
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
Syd Falk, GAATN Attorney
Heidi Cottingham, Maintenance Contractor

Agenda Item No. 2:

Citizen Communication

No citizens were present so Chairman Jordan moved on to the next agenda item.

Agenda Item No. 3:

Approval of May 2, 2005 Board Minutes.

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

Agenda Item No. 4:

Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.

A. Board Elections in July

Patrick stated his intentions to run for Chair again and encouraged anyone interested to discuss it with their respective entities and move forward with nominations if they so choose.

Patrick then asked if everyone had had a chance to consider the once a year GAATN payment to AISD. He added that the ones that did not want to participate needed to email Ron so he would have a record.

Patrick added that he would not be able to attend the August Board meeting and asked that the vice-chair cover the meeting.

Executive Session: Adjourn for closed session, under one or more of Tex. Gov't Code sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and/or 551.076, to seek legal advise about pending, anticipated or contemplated litigation concerning:

- A. Construction, equipment, and product warranty claims;
- B. Damage to GAATN fiber optic cables, equipment, hardware, and other property; or
- C. Contractual or tort claims by or against GAATN; or
- D. the procedures and operations of the Board or the organization; and/or

to consider matters concernin g

- E. real property purchase, exchange, lease or value;
- F. personnel matters; or
- G. security devices or security personnel.

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

Patrick moved to executive session at 1:37 pm and back in regular session at 2:42 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.

Gray distributed the financial report and noted that the agency was getting close to the end of the year and there were still good numbers in the budget, and it didn't appear there would be any shortfall. Patrick asked if there would be funds to carry forward and Ashley added that some recent project costs were not represented. Gray noted that even with those projects there probably would be some excess. Patrick added that the carry over will be clearer once preparations begins on the 2007 budget.

Agenda Item No. 7:

Discussion of and possible action regarding the Technical Subcommittee Update.

A. New COA node.

Tom shared that the committee had voted to recommend approval of a new site on the network for a COA site at Ridge Oak. There was a motion to approve made by Gary and seconded by Tom, to approve the new site; the subsequent vote was unanimous.

Tom added that there was a request from the State to add a node at Smith School Road. This was a previous approved site that had been taken off, but the State now wants to add it back on. Patrick asked about joint opportunities and was told by Martha that this was an old site for which that everyone had been offered a chance to participate long ago. Tom made a motion to approve and was seconded by Patrick and the subsequent vote was unanimous.

Tom finished his report by adding that the Technical Subcommittee had approved the purchase of manhole locator equipment by CoCom. Heidi added that the locator was around \$6,700 but would pay for itself quickly. There is still price research being done regarding the kind of detectable marker for the manholes that will be used.

Agenda Item No. 8:

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

Ashley began her report by sharing that the C1S repair was completed with no problems. She went on to say that the A1N repair would be on Wednesday June 8th and the C2S repair would be Thursday June 9th. The SRN into City Hall was holding to the date of June 18th and the A1N City Hall project was still aiming for June 25th. The C2S@ Highway 290 was waiting on SWBell to move, and the TxDOT project at US 183 and Bolm Road was going to move up but she was unsure when it would take place. The B2S Project, a joint venture between Travis County and COA, began on June 1st and was still in progress at this time. The TxDOT project at US 183 and Springdale Road was set for August but she had not heard anything further at present. There was a project underway as of Friday, June 3rd that involved conduit at William Cannon but she had not heard about progress yet. The handhold reinforcement project was in the progress of getting a comprehensive list together of where these will need to be changed because those installed were no longer deemed traffic-worthy. The last item that she had was the 3rd/4th street light rail project that has seen no change or word as of yet.

Agenda Item No. 9:

Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as July 11, 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 July 11, 2005) and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.