

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD April 3, 2006
Lower Colorado River Authority
Hancock Building, Board Room
3701 Lake Austin Blvd**

Agenda Item No. 1:

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Gray Salada at 1:34 p.m.

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

Brian Kunz, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority
Gray Salada, on behalf of Austin Independent School District
Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College
John House, on behalf of the University of Texas
Martha Krischke, on behalf of the City of Austin
Wayne Wedemeyer, on behalf of the University of Texas

Joining the meeting in progress:

Dave Kelly, on behalf of State of Texas

GAATN Personnel present at the start of the meeting:

Ronald Roberts, Jr, Network Coordinator
Syd Falk, GAATN Attorney
Corey Brymer, Maintenance Contractor
Heidi Cottingham, Maintenance Contractor

Non-GAATN meeting attendees

Russ Rumney

Agenda Item No. 2:

Citizen Communication

There were no citizens present so Gray moved forward with the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 3

Approval of March 6, 2006 Board Minutes.

Gary moved to approve both sets of minutes with a second from Wayne, motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 4:

Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.

Gray requested that the Board consider moving the GAATN Board meeting in May from the 1st to the 8th to allow for attendance to the World Congress on Information Technology (WCIT) which is in town that week. All present agreed to the change in date and Ron stated that he would contact Tom about the meeting date change for next month so that he could secure a meeting room.

A. Update from the City on GAATN appointment to the Board.

Russ shared that the City was moving forward with an appointment but a candidate has not been determined. In the interim, Martha is the City representative to the Board and Technical Subcommittee. Gray shared that he and Pete had conversations on Friday and that he had asked about the GAATN Chair and was told that there were work related issues that prohibited his attendance. The Board elections are in July, but until then Russ stated that the City was fully engaged in GAATN and in providing the network support through Martha and Ron. John House asked about Pete's absence at the Technical Subcommittee but Russ could not speak to that as he did not know his schedule. Russ added, however, that he and Heidi had spoken beforehand and she was to speak to the report at the meeting, which she had done. Gray stated that the issue just needed closure and others echoed the sentiment.

Russ added that he could provide a report at the Technical Subcommittee meeting in April after he has a meeting with Heidi. John House then asked about the suggested audit of the network. Russ stated they had looked into that and if it was necessary then the city was prepared to pursue the issue and had looked into and priced some of those services. Russ shared that since the last Board meeting there is a better understanding of the GAATN plant by the city and also of the issues around the pictures that Pete was given. Russ understood the Board's concern about closure and would attend the Tech meeting April 19th with more information. Gray stated that it sounded like the audit may be a non-issue and Russ agreed that it may indeed be a non-issue.

Agenda Item No. 5:

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 concerning

- 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.

Gray removed the Board to Executive Session at 1:51 pm and back to regular session at 1:55 pm. Wayne made a motion to allow the acting Board Chair to sign the settlement documents for Pleasant Hill Mobile Homes. This was seconded by Gary and passed unanimously. There was some discussion on the By-Laws and it was decided to add an agenda item to review them at the May Board meeting.

Agenda Item No. 6:

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

Gray distributed the AISD report and Martha handed out her cost projection sheet for the balance. Martha used the outstanding invoices and other information to project an amount that could be transferred from the holding account to fund GAATN through the remaining fiscal year. She also went through the projects she felt would take place and those that she suspected could be deferred until after September 1st when the new budget starts. The result was a best guess of \$206,000 to keep GAATN in the black. This issue had been addressed before, it was noted that AISD preferred to spend down the funds and then move money over as needed. Gray explained that in this case, having the detail available, it was better to show responsibility in the minutes of actually moving amounts around in the budget to compensate for the coming shortage. Gary took this a step further and suggested that specific project amounts that had previously been approved by the Board, but which had not been completed in their allotted year be utilized up to the amount necessary. That stated, Gary made the motion to use the Bolm road amount of \$72,000, the C1S extension for \$99,000 and the Bluebonnet project for \$30,000 for a total of \$201,000 from the holding account for this years budget use. Wayne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 7:

Discussion and possible action regarding the Technical Subcommittee Update. (Lott, 20 minutes).

**A. SLA renewal and SLA Evaluation-meeting prior to Tech meeting on April 19th
Meeting will begin at 11:30 am.**

B. Bentley Presentation-They are collecting all data on C2S –please send any drawings or info forward to Network Coordinator.

Ron shared that the next Technical Subcommittee meeting will be on April 19th and will start early at 11:30 to allow for SLA review prior to the meeting. Notification and reminders will be sent out as the date gets closer.

Ron then discussed the Bentley fiber presentation. Wayne and Gary felt the utility to GAATN was high and that it was up to the individual entities to decide their own utility for this product. Gary stated that the inside plant may not be necessary for GAATN. Ron stated that he had not yet received any additional information to send to Bentley and if there was none then he was going to ask them to go ahead. He explained that the technical subcommittee folks desired to know how much it was going to cost to get the existing data into the software. To accomplish this, the Bentley folks are going to return with a figure that represents the data previously sent on C2S being converted. Ron explained that the technical subcommittee desires to extrapolate that figure to compute what the entire data conversion would cost. It is hoped that they will then be able to plan how best to proceed with the project, i.e. to outsource, outsource a portion, etc. Ron restated that he would contact the Bentley folks to move forward using the existing data. Heidi added that Alexander Engineering had GAATN prints in microstation and that she was talking with them about this asset and would report back.

Agenda Item No. 8:

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

Martha updated the Board that the C1S change out was completed and the DOM over 183 had also been placed. She noted that the A2N cut around at 'The Shore' was on track and that CoCom was working on a solution for TxDOT and 183. She added that she had heard nothing back on the executive center design and was also waiting on a quote concerning CapCog. Heidi added that CapCog was an issue that was still being investigated for the best solution.

Agenda Item No. 9:

Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as May 8, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in Building behind the Hancock Building at LCRA on Lake Austin Blvd.

A. Add agenda items for next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m. Please note the change in date for the May meeting to the 8th instead of the 1st.