

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD May 8, 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 1:33 p.m.

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

Tom Lott, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority
Gray Salada, on behalf of Austin Independent School District
John House, on behalf of the University of Texas
Martha Krischke, on behalf of the City of Austin
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

Agenda Item No. 2:

Citizen Communication

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

Agenda Item No. 3

Approval of April, 2006 Board Minutes.

Tom moved to approve both sets of minutes with a second from John House, motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 4:

Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.

Gray shared his attendance to the World Congress on Information Technology (WCIT) with the group. He shared that it was the largest ever WCIT held so far with 80 countries participating. The WCIT is held every two years. Gray added that CEO's from SAS, AMD, Dell, XEROX and Intel all gave speeches at the event. The identified goals were 1) providing access 2) health care and 3) security. The speeches were not sales pitches but in line with the stated goals, several companies had affordable computers they wanted to share including one whose cost was just over \$100. Gray had a few other interesting factoids such as South Korea having 70% of their population on broadband. He mentioned also that he had run into Denise Ducharm with Cap Metro and requested that she come to the Board next month to talk about where they were with wireless on the busses. Ron stated he would add her to the agenda.

Gray also noted that his systems had encountered problems powering back up from the recent storms. Martha noted that GAATN did not go down at all anywhere at anytime. Gray's issues were his generators and he wondered if the GAATN disaster recovery plan could be updated and Ron said he would put something together in draft form for the Technical Subcommittee. Martha added that each entity had its own disaster recovery process but that something overall would be beneficial.

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 2:02 pm and back to regular session at 2:25 pm. There was no action required by the Board in regular session.

Agenda Item No. 6:

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

Gray distributed the AISD reports and Ron added that the fourth quarter invoices had gone out for those entities that did not pay in full at the start of the fiscal year. Dave added that his entities check was sent last Tuesday. Martha shared that all should be fine as long as something unforeseen did not arise. She added that the armored cable was keeping squirrel damage down considerably and that the higher pole assignments were also great value in damage avoidance. Gray's report did not yet reflect the funds transferred from the holding account which was approved last month.

Agenda Item No. 7:

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

A. SLA renewal and SLA Evaluation

B. Bentley Presentation.

Ron shared that the changes suggested at the Technical Subcommittee meeting had been incorporated into the draft SLA that was sent out electronically. He pointed out that there were additional deliverables requested which Martha had already started putting together and he added the expansion of the definitions to the document. Additional changes were a non-compete clause for employees, date changes for approval and employee notification time limits. The group looked over the document and noticed one or two more items to be changed and Ron stated he would make the changes and resend out for the technical Subcommittee to look at next week.

Ron also noted that the Bentley fiber proposal had been sent out electronically but he had received no comments. There were a variety of options available for consideration and would leave the item on the Technical Subcommittee agenda and would resend to the group as well. He added that the Bentley folks would be prepared to initiate the conversion within 48 hours of acceptance.

Agenda Item No. 8:

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

Martha had moved up the CapCog project since it looked to be on track for September. She had received a quote for \$20,415 from CoCom for the work. She also gave a heads up on work at fire 14 since that was a site that would impact multiple entities. That work would be problematic but would leave the agency in good position when completed. It was scheduled for the end of May at this point and would send out notices later. She reported on a gun shot repair at B2S and also some transfers around Waller Creek. The connectivity through UT to the Internet was a hot topic and the details and direction needed to be chosen soon. Martha and others were to follow up with Wayne soon.

Agenda Item No. 9:

Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as June 5, 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 3:19 p.m.