

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING HELD June 5, 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 Kruschke, on behalf of the City of Austin  
Dave Kelly, on behalf of State of Texas  
Wayne Wedemeyer, on behalf of the University of Texas  
John Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin Independent School District  
Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College

GAATN Personnel present at the start of the meeting:

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

Visitors:

Malcolm Yeatts, City of Austin  
Darrell Rochte, City of Austin

**Agenda Item No. 2:**

**Citizen Communication**

Wayne announced that the UT CIO, Dan Updegrave, had resigned but was staying on until his replacement could be hired. There were no citizens present so Gray moved forward with the meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 3**

**Approval of May 8, 2006 Board Minutes.**

Wayne motioned to approve the minutes and this was seconded by Tom. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 4:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.**

**A Denise Ducharme from Cap Metro.**

Gray stated that she was unable to attend today but would next month on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July. The subject will be joint wireless opportunities for GAATN entities and Cap Metro.

**B. Direct connect University of Texas internet connectivity and pricing discussion.**

Wayne stated that UT had been negotiating for over six months for a secondary ISP to provide redundancy that would guarantee service at a level not previously had. He stated that there would be an increase of 5% to 8% in cost per megabit but that 99% of the traffic would be supported. He explained further that the bulk of traffic would be over Qwest with 600 meg but that, if the new contract were executed as currently under discussion, the new ISP would carry 250 meg. One ISP would be in Austin and the other in Dallas. Wayne noted that AISD had established 2 pairs on each side of the UT equipment/access point already. Malcolm asked about packet routing and Wayne explained that the .bgp was set to allow natural flow, but under the new arrangement, should a spike occur on one side it would automatically route through the other ISP with no impact to the users. Malcolm also asked Wayne to assist on some routing possibilities for the city of Austin to get to the new equipment and Wayne stated that he would do so.

Gray also reminded the Board that the GAATN Chair and Vice-Chair elections would be held at the July meeting. He asked that candidates be considered in advance for that meeting.

**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 1:49 pm and came back to regular session at 2:19 pm.

Wayne made a motion that, based on the response letter back from Gallagher Bassett Services, the insurance adjustor for Trans Tech Electric, refusing to offer any reasonable settlement of the GAATN claim, the GAATN Board authorizes the GAATN attorney to file a lawsuit for damages against Trans Tech subject to receipt of job workscope information about the repair by TransTech from TxDOT and other background information Martha has. This motion was seconded by Gary Weseman and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 6:**

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

John Kohlmorgan distributed the financial report and shared that the maintenance account was down to \$3,000. He added that there was just over \$818,000 in the budget and that the agency had spent (or encumbered) approximately \$1.99 million to date (through April 30) of the approximately \$ 2.13 million budgeted, with 4 months remaining in the current budget year. He further stated that while this had been anticipated to occur, it was still important to run 'lean' until the next fiscal year could begin.

**Agenda Item No. 7:**

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

**A. SLA renewal**

The current SLA is going through a review and some revisions have been identified that will replace and/or augment components of the existing SLA with the City of Austin. In the interim, a vote to renew for an additional one-year term is required on the current SLA by June 30<sup>th</sup> lest the document lapse by its terms into a 120-day expiration period. There were some questions by John K about the upcoming changes and Syd stated that once they were in place in the new document and agreed to by GAATN and the City there was not a need to wait a whole year to put them into effect, if the parties wanted to do so sooner. The upcoming, new SLA changes, once completed and signed by Participants and approved by the City (the City Council would have to approve the new agreement), could be implemented by vote immediately. Ron stated that he would review the additional changes suggested by GAATN legal counsel, distributed at this meeting, with those made at the Technical Subcommittee at its last meeting, for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting. Gary made the motion to extend the present SLA for one year and this was seconded by Wayne. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Bentley Presentation.**

Ron distributed the streamlined quote for Microstation and the Bentley fiber that he received. The request by the Technical Subcommittee to get the 'bare bones' software and support for the GAATN workstation is intended to aid in the network conversions by the CoCom employees tasked with maintaining the GAATN workstation. The software will be owned (licensed) by GAATN and placed on the GAATN workstation at the maintenance contractor's office. The Board members had a variety of detailed questions about the quote and software and Ron stated that he would put these concerns together for distribution to everyone. The goal is to get all the final concerns answered by the next Technical Subcommittee meeting so that the purchase can move forward. This purchase will be made in the next fiscal year for GAATN with funding coming from the consultant and work station budgets.

**Agenda Item No. 8:**

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

Martha explained that the CAPCOG project was on hold due to the City's need to deal with its FDDI strands at the location in question. Once a solution was established then the final touches on the move from the location will be completed. She added that a new project had developed, a relocate near some new loft construction on 5<sup>th</sup> street. She added that she was meeting with the

developer tomorrow and would get a site plan and know more about the project for the Technical Subcommittee meeting.

Martha added that the second round of pricing for DPS was in and that the entities involved with that project should be at the point of purchase orders.

**Agenda Item No. 9:**

**Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as July 10, 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 3:18 p.m.