

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD July 10, 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 1:30 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
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
Lee Romans, Maintenance Contractor

Visitors:

Earbie Metheny, on behalf of Travis County

Agenda Item No. 2:

Citizen Communication

There were no citizens so Gray moved on with the next item.

Agenda Item No. 3

Approval of June 5, 2006 Board Minutes.

Wayne motioned to approve the minutes with a date correction in the previous draft minutes and this was seconded by Gary. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 4:

Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.

A Denise Ducharm from Cap Metro.

Gray stated that she was unable to attend today but would keep her on the agenda for next month. The subject will be joint wireless opportunities for GAATN entities and Cap Metro.

B. Board Elections.

Martha nominated Gray Salada as GAATN Chair. He stated that he would accept the nomination. Gary made a motion to cease nominations and accept Gray as the GAATN Chair candidate. Gary's motion was seconded by Wayne and the vote carried unanimously. Gray then nominated Wayne to serve as the GAATN Vice-Chair. Wayne stated that he would accept the nomination. Gary made a motion to cease nominations and accept Wayne Wedemeyer as the GAATN Vice-Chair, this motion was seconded by Tom. The subsequent vote was unanimous and Gray Salada and Wayne Wedemeyer will be the GAATN Chair and Vice-Chair.

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 1:39 pm and came back to regular session at 1:48 pm.

There were no actions required in regular session.

Agenda Item No. 6:

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

John Kohlmorgan distributed the financial report and shared that Travis County was the only entity that still needed to send the last quarter payment into AISD for processing before the end of the GAATN fiscal year. He added that GAATN had recovered about \$86,000 worth of damage from insurance companies which was a benefit due to the lean budget. He further added that the budgeted amount was \$1.9 million and GAATN had spent about \$2.01 million and have a month and a half to go. He surmised that the budget was right where it needed to be. There was no other discussion on the budget report.

Agenda Item No. 7:

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

A. Bentley Software

Ron explained that the technical subcommittee had asked him to discuss a minimal option plan with the Bentley representatives that would utilize a \$10,000 common

equipment category left in this year's GAATN budget but would require an additional \$5-6,000 over the common equipment monies for the single licenses sought. After discussions with Bentley, Ron distributed the streamlined quote for Microstation and the Bentley fiber that he received but explained that the oracle software would have to be added back in since AISD had received the same price quote as the vendor. So with no savings possible from AISD, the \$300 per license for oracle needed to go back into the quote distributed. The request by the Technical Subcommittee to utilize the common equipment category is intended to aid in the advancement of the network conversions by the CoCom employees tasked with maintaining the GAATN workstation. Ron added that it would allow for users to establish a familiarity with the software prior to training. He responded to the question about using the city to purchase the software and allow GAATN to reimburse as was discussed in the affirmative. Ron stated that he had spoken to Russ Rumney about this proposal and Russ had asked for some official documentation about the arrangement. Wayne stated that inclusion in the minutes and motion should suffice. Wayne further stated that the longer that GAATN waits to begin utilizing the software, the more costly it will be in the long run as new edits are placed daily into the existing maps. Syd raised a few last minute concerns about specific items in the contract. The first dealt with a request to indemnify intellectual property in the 4.07 section of the select agreement, adding that it was not an unreasonable request to ask for an inclusion of that nature. He also raised a concern over ownership of the software and liability concerns that he had for GAATN. He stated that he would send these issues to Ron as Network Coordinator to discuss with Bentley and get their feedback. The Board desired to move forward at present with the purchase and find out about these issues, along with some information on training, at the next Technical Subcommittee meeting.

Wayne made a motion to approve the purchase of the Bentley software for an amount not to exceed \$16,000 in cost which would be borne by the City of Austin with GAATN to reimburse from this years budget. The motion was seconded by Tom and the subsequent vote was unanimous

Ron stated that the additional purchase will be made in the next fiscal year for GAATN with funding coming from the consultant and work station budgets. Gray asked that the additional purchase be included on the August agenda.

Agenda Item No. 8:

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

Martha noted that Fire 14 parking garage was under construction and that the consequences to GAATN were fairly major but that the city was handling the cost of the rearrangements. Wayne requested an executive overview on Mueller and added that UT would need GAATN connection at the hospital. John K asked about conduits through the site. Martha shared that discussions had been ongoing since 1999 for the DIN interconnect through the area. Lee and Ron noted that the Utility Coordination meetings had generated some waterline projects around the Mueller site but nothing specific to the interior yet. Martha added that GAATN was on three sides and that the deeper utilities were being planned with construction projected to begin in 2007. A vast majority of Mueller was still conceptual at this point but that when the time came she would be ready to discuss options with appropriate personnel involved and with the GAATN participants. She noted that the hospital was at 60% completion at present but that many opportunities were still in front of GAATN. Once the street design was presented then there would be more clarity about options. Martha stated that she would get as detailed plans as possible for the next Board meeting. She further added that Travis County and the City were already involved in connections through Brackinridge and the Seton network. There will be options for inclusion of sites at Mueller and also with the replacement site for CAPCOG. Earbie added that he had just found out about the

CAPCOG opportunity and was designing and Tom inquired about sharing fibers. This issue would be a Technical Subcommittee discussion next week, per Ron.

Martha then explained that the CTM security group (at COA) had requested action by the Board on procedures for building access at City sites. She explained that the Agency's current informal procedure has been to observe the rules for access as stated by the hosting participant. In this instance the city requires a bi-annual Criminal Background Investigation (CBI) on participant's employees desiring unescorted access to City Hall. There is no cost associated with the CBI's to any of the participants or their employees. The specific policy paragraph had been emailed to the Board members late last week for review. Gray stated, as GAATN Chair, that the Board does acknowledge and agree to adhere to the City's access policy. He added to please pass this agreement on to appropriate personnel at the city and to reflect it in the Board minutes.

Agenda Item No. 9:

Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as August 7, 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 3:09 p.m.