

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD August 7, 2006
Lower Colorado River Authority
Hancock Building, Board Room
3701 Lake Austin Blvd**

Agenda Item No. 1:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gray Salada at 1:32 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
Brian Kunz, 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
Wayne Wedemeyer, on behalf of the University of Texas
John Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin Independent School District
Dave Kelly, on behalf of the state of Texas, DIR

GAATN Personnel present at the start of the meeting:

Ronald Roberts, Jr, Network Coordinator
Syd Falk, GAATN Attorney
Heidi Cottingham, Maintenance Contractor
Cory Brymer, Maintenance Contractor
Nick Cottingham, Maintenance Contractor
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.

Tom motioned to approve the minutes with a capitalization of Fire 14 for agenda item 8 last month, this was seconded by Tom. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 4:
Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.

Gray reported that he gets continual comments on the GAATN network from within AISD and other agencies as well. He added that the wireless topic should be included for the Technical Subcommittee discussion and possibly meet with vendors. This last comment came about from meetings with Cap Metro who was in talks with AISD about some future opportunities.

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 1:42 pm and came back to regular session at 2:21 pm.

Based on the recent legal RFP for GAATN, Tom moved to select Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever and McDaniel in accordance with the RFP for a one year term with 2 optional one year renewals. This was seconded by Wayne and the vote passed unanimously. Gray identified some areas for communication improvements to compensate for the lapse in between Board meetings. Syd stated that he had talked with Bill Dugat about some of the concerns and had some thoughts on delegation to a sub group or single point of contact to facilitate more fluidity in the decisions. This was an area everyone agreed needed to be worked on. Gray asked Ron to bring the Claims Policy to the next Technical Subcommittee meeting to see if there was something that could assist communication, or possibly establishing a separate policy. John K noted that the Tech and Board meetings were 2 weeks apart already but agreed with improving communication. The thoughts on this topic ranged from identifying expectations, economic boundaries and regular legal updates through the month. Ron stated that he would add it to the tech agenda for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 6:
Discussion and possible action regarding the financial report and budget issues.

Gray distributed the financial report and shared that all entities had paid up for the year and that Travis County was already creating a PO for this upcoming fiscal year and encouraged those entities that would like to do so to begin that process. The payments were not reflected in the report yet.

Agenda Item No. 7:

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

A. Bentley Software

Ron shared that the city had the Bentley fiber purchase request form in the queue for processing. A purchase order in the amount of \$14,221.85 would soon be issued. He added that Judy Ochoa at AISD had been informed to look for an invoice from the city for that amount for repayment back to the city of Austin. Ron shared also that the training site would not be an issue and that the city had several labs for which training could be facilitated. The training was better for schedules in the October time frame. Ron stated he would share additional information later but that getting the product in and having personnel utilize it would assist with better questions for a training class. He added that there was a lot of interest but reminded everyone that the training would be specific to the Bentley fiber software. A final thought was to remind the Board that the next budget year included funding for additional software that would take place once the new budget was in place.

B. GAATN Legal RFP

This item was discussed and an official vote to retain the existing legal representation was taken immediately after executive session.

C. Insurance RFP

Ron stated that the RFP for insurance went out and that the responses are due back on August 15th. He added that he had some phone calls and interest from carriers and expected a good return. He would update later and bring the results to the next Board meeting for an official vote.

Agenda Item No. 8:

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

Martha shared that the University of Texas Executive Center was being deleted as a project and that it would not be a reroute. The fiber will remain in place unless payment was received. She shared that CapCog had 2 months left and that it was holding until after September. Martha stated she was waiting on revised quotes and added that October-November looked to be the time frame for completion. There would be a bore project on Lamar in a month, she would detail later. She also shared that the DPS project had been rescheduled for 8-16. Martha then shared that she was responding to a request by the Technical Subcommittee to generate some network survivability and damage trend information. There was some good feedback from the Board on these documents. Martha added that she had used some FCC guidelines to determine average repair times which were about 4 hours under the national average. The outages were all included but that impacts to the entities were not as excessive as indicated due to network wraps and scheduled cuts. She offered several scenarios for reporting that were discussed by the Board. Overall everyone was please and decided to take up more discussion on the topic at the Technical Subcommittee level.

Agenda Item No. 9:

Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as September 11, 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 3:25 p.m.