

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING HELD December 4, 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 1:30 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 Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin Independent School District  
Martha Krischke, on behalf of the City of Austin  
Dave Kelly, On behalf of the State of Texas  
Earbie Matheny, on behalf of Travis County  
Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College  
Brian Kunz, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority

Joining the meeting in progress:

John House, on behalf of the University of Texas

GAATN Personnel present at the start of the meeting:

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

**Agenda Item No. 2:**

**Citizen Communication**

Heidi introduced the new CFO for CoCom, Mr. Greg Bogart. There were no other citizens present so Gray moved on with the next item.

**Agenda Item No. 3**

**Approval of November 6<sup>th</sup> , 2006 Board Minutes.**

Tom moved to approve the November Board minutes; the motion was seconded by John K., and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 4:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.** Gray shared some information gathered on wi-fi projects nationwide with the Board. He invited them to look over an article from InformationWeek. COM's November 20, 2006 issue, entitled "Sky's The Limit" for future discussions. John K asked if the City of Austin was assisting Cap Metro with its current

wi-fi project and was told no by Martha who added that there was a City wi-fi initiative for the east side due on line soon. She outlined the area as around the recreation centers near 7<sup>th</sup> and up to Rosewood. Gray added that the 802.11 networks were filling up. He also stated that AISD desired to go paperless in a few years but noted that 25,000 to 30,000 people at AISD did not have online access yet. AISD has programs to get computers to the students and teachers but providing access is the bigger concern. He noted some other cities that were involved with Google and other entities for this type coverage. Martha noted that Cisco was assisting the City of Austin in its efforts.

Gray encouraged the group to review and revisit this at some future time.

**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 adjourned for closed session, under one or more of Tex. Gov't Code sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and/or 551.076, at 1:42 pm. The regular open session resumed at 2:10 pm.

There were no actions from executive session required by the GAATN Board.

**Agenda Item No. 7:**

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

John K distributed the financial report. Earbie and John K discuss the possibility of Travis County doing a one time payment for the year at the beginning of the new budget like the City of Austin, AISD, and LCRA currently do. This would aid Travis County to overcome past late payments and streamline the accounting for GAATN as a whole. Ron asked if AISD had received the city payment for the year and was told that they had per John K, but it was not reflected in this budget report. Earbie stated he would check into the one time billing for Travis County.

**Agenda Item No. 8:**

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

**A. Approval of new node site for Travis County.** The Technical Subcommittee had considered and approved a new node for Travis County at the Central Library. Tom made the motion to approve the new node for Travis County at Central Library on ring A2N, seconded by Dave Kelly. There was no discussion and it passed unanimously. There was no other report from the Technical Subcommittee except a reminder that the December Technical Subcommittee meeting

held on the 13th would begin at 12:30 to allow for some holiday treats before the meeting. Heidi invited the Board members that did not frequent the Technical Subcommittee to come by as well.

**Agenda Item No. 9:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Network Manager's update (COA 10 Minutes).**

Martha distributed the current project list and the preliminary network rights summary based on information that she had gotten back from everyone. She spoke about the project at 27<sup>th</sup> and Guadalupe specifically since it was a normal practice in the past by Austin Energy in similar instances to give a pole to be abandoned by AE to the last entity attached. This was not an option offered GAATN in this instance, however, due to the redesign of the street, so the reroute will cost around \$15,000. She reported that CapCog was completed before going into the entity-specific node work. SAR was pending a pole transfer. Martha had the network rights summary sheet completed with the State providing the last feedback prior to the meeting. She noted that all had review time with this document. Gray asked about the proposed budget figures in the rights summary, noting that there appeared to be a slight increase in the overall budget amount. Martha shared that putting the full proposed project list in a draft budget required an increase in the total budget, primarily due to an increase in materials for fiber and also capital improvements. She added that it was possible to reduce the projects but stated that the decision to remove or re-order projects would have to come from the Technical Subcommittee to the Board, her focus today was on the Network Rights.

**A. 2008 Network Rights**

Martha moved to approve the Network Rights for FY 2007-08, as follows: AISD as 29.54%, City of Austin as 22.7%, ACC as 12.31%, 12.72 for Travis County, 12.58% for the State, 4.59% for UT and 5.55% for LCRA. The motion was seconded by Tom and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 10:**

**Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as January 8th, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the Hancock building at LCRA on Lake Austin Blvd.**

**A. Add agenda items for next month.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.