

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD March 5, 2007
Lower Colorado River Authority
Hancock Building, Board Conference Room
3701 Lake Austin Blvd**

Agenda Item No. 1:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gray Salada at 1:31 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 Kruschke, on behalf of the City of Austin
Earbie Matheny, on behalf of Travis County
John House, on behalf of the University of Texas
Wayne Wedemeyer on behalf of the University of Texas

GAATN Personnel present at the start of the meeting:

Syd Falk, GAATN Attorney
Heidi Cottingham, Maintenance Contractor
Tommy Diaz, COA Support

Guests

Lee Romans, CoCom

Agenda Item No. 2:

Citizen Communication

Not present

Agenda Item No. 3

Approval of February 5th, 2007 Board Minutes.

Wayne moved to approve the February Board minutes without change; the motion was seconded by Earbie Matheny, and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 4:

Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.

One item was up for discussion by the board.

A. ABIA Request

- a. COA-Aviation is requesting permission to use 3600 feet of GAATN interduct along Old Burlson Rd south of ABIA for redundancy purposes.
- b. Gray passed out copies of the letters from COA-Aviation and Time Warner.

- c. Should Aviation have to install an underground pathway themselves, the estimated cost per Martha would be about \$300,000 for the 3600' distance. Six years ago, Aviation contributed extra funding to allow the Bergstrom expansion project to be built (City's total contribution was 47.7% of the project). At that time, that stretch of conduit cost the Agency ~\$145,000 to construct.
- d. The board discussed the repercussions of allowing this kind of use presently and what that might mean for future requests from other service providers.
- e. The board also discussed whether Time Warner would be delivering redundant services for Aviation only or if merchants and vendors at ABIA would be included.
- f. Primary service connections to ABIA run along Highway 71.
- g. Syd informed the Board that the standard for Tax Exemption is that a service or product be used for public purposes.
- h. Tom Lott suggested that ABIA donate the fiber to GAATN
- i. Gray requested this be further discussed at the Technical Committee meeting, and Martha agreed to obtain a list of intended services for the Board to consider.

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

- A. litigation concerning:
- B. Damage to GAATN fiber optic cables, equipment, hardware, and other property;
- 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.
- H. 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 2:08 pm. The regular open session resumed at 2:14 pm.

Agenda Item No. 6:

Discussion and possible action regarding the financial report and budget issues. (AISD, 10 minutes)

Gray distributed the GAATN budget report and John Kohlmorgan pointed out that the Gables money had been credited to the GAATN account. There were no questions.

Agenda Item No. 7:

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

Tom Lott informed the Board that the LCRA Spam issue that had been bouncing mail-server generated network notifications from Co Com had been fixed. He also shared that henceforth Co Com would be receiving receipt confirmations from all entities on the 2nd (usually a week out) cut notification, and will follow-up with individual phone contact if necessary.

Agenda Item No. 8:

Discussion and possible action regarding the Network Manager's update (COA 20 Minutes). This item may necessitate an executive session due to protection provided by Government Code 551.076. This will be at the discretion of the Chairperson.

There were three items up for discussion by the board.

- A. Martha informed the Board that the GAATN website had been updated. She then discussed the Bentley Training which is scheduled to take place from March 19 – March 22 at CoCom's office in Round Rock. There are 10 seats available, 4 seats for CoCom and 6 seats for GAATN. The cost of the training is \$9800 plus travel expenses for the trainer, nte \$15,000 total.
- B. The second item concerned the possibility of converting part of Fire Station 6 into a supernode. The current SOW being priced by Co Com is for a room measuring 10X10. Gray inquired about expanding it out to measure 1000 sq ft. Martha stated that there probably is enough room for 2000 sq ft. Earbie stated that he would support a Supernode, but not if it became a Data Center.
- C. The third item up for discussion was the status of the hiring process for the GAATN Agency personnel positions. Martha reported that COA-CTM has attempted to interview 9 individuals across the 2 positions. Of the 9 possibilities, 4 are very strong candidates. The next step in the process is to negotiate salary range with COA HR, after which salary can then be negotiated with the candidates. Martha expressed hope that the Project Coordinator position might be filled by March 19th so that he could be included in the Bentley Training.

Agenda Item No. 9:

Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as April 2nd, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. at LCRA.

A. Add agenda items for next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.