

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD April 2, 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 1:33 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 Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin Independent School District
Martha Krischke, on behalf of the City of Austin
Brian Kunz, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority
David Kelly, on behalf of the State of Texas
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

A. Discussion about response to requests for assistance from similar network startups (Wayne Wedemeyer). Wayne reported that he had been contacted by representatives from El Paso (Mayor's NextGen Committee, project to serve public sector—gigabit to every site by 2010) and Brownville (501(c)(3) organization, GENTENET to enhance economic development). They believe that using GAATN's methods and lessons learned will benefit their situations. Wayne suggested that the Board might put together a packet of information that might be distributed to start-ups or others requesting such information. John Kohlmorgan suggested that the questions and associated answers could be worked into a "FAQ" page on GAATN's website. Discussion ended with Wayne agreeing to collect questions from one or both groups for use at a future working committee meeting.

Agenda Item No. 3

Approval of March 5th, 2007 Board Minutes.

Wayne moved to approve the March Board minutes; Syd brought up 2 corrections. The motion was amended to approve the minutes “as corrected”, seconded by Tom Lott 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 – Syd suggested any comments be made in closed session. Moved to Agenda Item No. 5: Executive Session at 1:59pm.

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;
- 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 1:59 pm. The regular open session resumed at 3:28 pm. There were no actions from executive session required by the GAATN Board.

Agenda Item No. 6:

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

Gray Salada distributed the February Budget Report and there were no questions.

Agenda Item No. 7:

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

- A. Cancelled Work Policy
Tom Lott introduced a GAATN Cancellation of Scheduled Work Policy for Review. The Board discussed altering the Dispute Resolution section of the document.

Syd suggested the following changes:

1. Any participant may request cancellation of scheduled work but subject to a cancellation fee.

2. Change “Work Days” to “Business Days”

B. COA – Convention Center Redundancy

Tom Lott presented a recommendation from the Technical Subcommittee in the form of a motion to allow the City to create a redundant, ring-sized connection at the Convention Center at no cost to GAATN. The motion was seconded by Wayne and was unanimously approved.

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. COA Hiring Update – new personnel are currently undergoing background checks.

B. Cable Reorder

After discussion, Gray moved that the board to authorize AISD to increase the 2007 GAATN budget (Account 6319 Cable) by \$48,328.00 transferred from local services revenue. The motion was seconded by Wayne, and passed unanimously.

Gray then moved that the Board to instruct AISD to move \$10,132.00 from the project accounts (PO # 142049, Account 6319-GA) into the 6319 Cable account. The motion was seconded by John K. and passed unanimously.

Wayne then moved to purchase 31,600 feet of cable @ \$1.85/ft; the motion was seconded by Gray and passed unanimously.

C. Bentley Update

(Discussed during Agenda Item No. 5: Executive Session.)

Agenda Item No. 9:

Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as May 7th, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. at LCRA.

A. Add agenda items for next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.