

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD May 7, 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 1:32 p.m.

The following Board members announced as present at the start of the meeting:

Gray Salada, on behalf of Austin Independent School District
Martha Krischke, on behalf of the City of Austin
James Gomez, on behalf of the City of Austin
Earbie Matheny, on behalf of Travis County
Brian Kunz, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority
John House, on behalf of the University of Texas

GAATN Personnel present at the start of the meeting:

Syd Falk, GAATN Attorney
Tommy Diaz, COA Support

Guests

Lee Romans, CoCom
Carlos Reyes, CoCom
Bill Bennett, COA

Guest, Arriving Late

William Gammon, William Gammon Insurance

Agenda Item No. 2:

Citizen Communication

Not Present

Agenda Item No. 3

Approval of March 5th, 2007 Board Minutes.

Gray made the motion to approve the April Board minutes; Gray brought up 1 correction. The motion was amended to approve the minutes "as corrected", then seconded by John House. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 4:

Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.

Two items were up for discussion by the Board:

- A. Representative of William Gannon Insurance, not yet present.
- B. Appoint working committee to prepare FAQ and answers for webpage. Schedule first meeting. The suggested course of action was for Gray to appoint a working committee to assemble questions and answers on the formation of GAATN. They could then begin work using the questions that Wayne had received from the El Paso startup. The committee as appointed by Gray:
 - a. Wayne Wedenmeyer (chairperson)
 - b. Earbie Matheny
 - c. Martha Krischke
 - d. John Kohlmorgan
 - e. Heidi Cottingham

Syd cautioned about creating a quorum: the working committee meetings will need to be posted. Tentative timeline was to schedule the first meeting prior to the next Tech Committee meeting on May 16th.

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 1:56 pm. The regular open session resumed at 2:31 pm. There were no actions from executive session required by the GAATN Board.

Gray made a motion to reopen Agenda Item 4-A that had been skipped earlier in this meeting. The motion was seconded by Earbie and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 4:

- A. Representative of William Gannon Insurance, to present summary of analysis on GAATN damage history and options for consideration.

Up to 2000, GAATN was routinely submitting claims and receiving payments on qualifying damage situations. In 2001, in response to rising insurance costs, the Board designated the insurance policy for catastrophic use only. Now, William Gammon reported that, in his opinion, there is a good chance that GAATN could recover damages on these unsubmitted claims. The question for the Board was whether it wanted Gammon Insurance to try to

pursue these losses. After discussion, Gray summarized the Board's position as supporting Mr. Gammon's efforts to recover previously unclaimed losses from September 1, 2001 to present. Paired with this was a request that Mr. Gammon's agency look at other policy options such as having a flat deductible (dollar amount or a straight percentage) to determine a "best" solution for the Agency. Mr. Gammon agreed to continue working as requested.

Syd stated that no vote is required for this action.

Agenda Item No. 6:

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

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

Agenda Item No. 7:

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

A. A recommendation was made to re-route C1S along Manchaca based on a CoCom proposal of \$24,184.00, replacing approximately 10,000 feet of cable. Motion was made by Earbie and seconded by John House. Funding to come from the Maintenance account. The motion was approved unanimously.

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. The B1 South Supernode project continues to be discussed.
- B. A possible joint site out 969 continues to be discussed.
- C. The board was informed that recent changes to the status page on the GAATN website will be have a "NEW" icon next to it to indicate that it is updated info.

Agenda Item No. 9:

Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as June 4th, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. at LCRA.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.