

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

**625 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Austin, Texas 78701**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING HELD January 8, 2007  
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  
Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College  
Brian Kunz, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority  
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:

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

**Agenda Item No. 2:**

**Citizen Communication**

Heidi shared that CoCom had completed their move to the new building without any problems. The new address is 2611 Oakmont, Round Rock, Texas, 78660.

**Agenda Item No. 3**

**Approval of December 4<sup>th</sup> , 2006 Board Minutes.**

Wayne noted a correction to the agenda for the meeting. It stated that the December Board meeting was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> and needed to be changed to the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Wayne moved to approve the December Board minutes, with the correction; the motion was seconded by Tom, and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 4:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.** Gray did not have any specific updates to share but welcomed everyone back from the holiday break.

**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 1:35 pm. The regular open session resumed at 2:03 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.**

Gray distributed the financial report and there were no questions.

**Agenda Item No. 7:**

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

Tom had two items from Technical Subcommittee. The first was the disaster recovery plan and he noted that Ron was still waiting on information from some of the entities. The second item required Board approval. Gables development had approached GAATN about relocating their plant. GAATN will receive reimbursement for the move. Martha stated that she would have had that check already but had waited for AISD to return from break so she could get the W-9 that the construction company required to send the payment. Tom moved to approve the project with Gables Development at West 5<sup>th</sup> street and noted in the motion that GAATN would be reimbursed for the full amount of \$36,725. The motion was seconded by Wayne. There was no more discussion and the vote passed unanimously. This business being concluded, Gray moved onto the next item.

**Agenda Item No. 8:**

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

Martha distributed the current project list and the preliminary budget for 2007-2008. She then noted some of the projected changes such as the B2S repair move to be later in January. She stated that the aforementioned Gables Development project just approved would involve A1N. This was important because the A1N project planned for last Friday had to be rescheduled after some entities were not ready. She noted that the date on her handouts were firm dates and would not change unless she sent out a notice for a change. Heidi added that the Technical Subcommittee also discussed the projects.

Tom stated that he was concerned about not getting some notices and suggested some sort of a positive receipt-acknowledgement method. The response back idea was favored by many and will be added to the Technical Subcommittee agenda for further exploration.

Martha went on to the entity-specific items and noted that the next Capcog project would involve Travis County and LCRA. She also noted that she was still waiting on an internet connection cost quote from UT. Wayne stated he would get that to her.

Martha shared that the fiber on hand had fallen below the 40,000 foot mark so she had asked Heidi to order more. That came in at a really good price of \$1.85 a foot for the armored cable.

#### **A. 2007-2008 Budget**

Martha shared that the preliminary view of the budget was to work from last year's budget and go from there. She had included various projects and amounts and also had information on the cable order to share. She stated that the individual projects on the 10yr forecast had not been approved yet for any budget year, but were included in the draft budget to see the economic impact and allow for changes. She explained that the projects did not include the cost of the fiber for each. Cable requirements (\$) were displayed in the adjacent column. Based on her estimates, and due to the amount and scope of the projects, she projected having to bump up the fiber purchase from \$290,000 to \$500,000 for FY2008. The Board, she explained, had three decisions to make. 1.) Include the higher amount to allow for the fiber purchase; 2.) cut back on the projects for the year, moving them to the future; or 3.) Use up the maintenance fiber, i.e., to levels below the operational minimum on-hand level of 40k feet.

Gray asked about the \$290,000 for the maintenance fiber amount and was told by Martha that it was an established precedent at that amount and she did not have a breakout of associated costs as he was asking. The GAATN Board had long established that the Maintenance contractor needed to keep the 40,000 feet on hand all the time. It was noted that fewer teardowns have occurred due to the use of armored cable and also due to the higher assignment being given to GAATN on some rings that allowed for higher placement on the poles. The importance of this statement is that it is possible that GAATN would have a larger fiber inventory closer to the end of the fiscal year than in previous years, a situation that could be expected to improve as more un-armored aerial cable was replaced with armored.

It was decided to defer some projects until later, effectively putting them into the next budget cycle. The B1N project was moved into the following year.

The Board decided after deliberation to fix the budgeted amount at \$2,100,000, a figure that all felt could be justified.

Gray asked that the budget be reworked and brought back for the February meeting so that it can be approved prior to the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

#### **Agenda Item No. 9:**

**Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as February 5th, 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 3:34 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING HELD February 5, 2007  
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  
David Kelly, on behalf of the State of Texas  
Earbie Matheny, on behalf of Travis County  
Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College  
John House, on behalf of the University of Texas

GAATN Personnel present at the start of the meeting:

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

Guests

Billy Gammon, William Gammon Insurance, per Board request  
Russ Rumney, COA

**Agenda Item No. 2:**

**Citizen Communication**

Not present

**Agenda Item No. 3**

**Approval of January 8th, 2007 Board Minutes.**

Gray moved to approve the January Board minutes; the motion was seconded by Tom Lott, and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 4:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.**

Billy Gammon, a representative of William Gannon Insurance, was present for a question and answer session about the current GAATN insurance coverage.

- A. Policy in the amount of \$12,480,000.00 with an aggregate 12 month deductible of \$50,000 expiring in September. All incidents would be subtracted from the deductible.
- B. Normal threshold acceptable to the insurance company for loss ratio is 40%
- C. Vehicular damage currently top expense, although squirrels cause more damage in terms of dollars.
- D. Insurance company will need to clarify if squirrel damage is considered rodent damage, as rodents are not covered by the policy.
- E. Of the policy 8.2 Million is below ground; 4.1 Million is above ground.
- F. The success rate for GAATN collecting on vehicular damages is 60%, assuming the data collecting process is not impeded.
- G. Insurance company will stand in for the Agency to recover any loss from a negligent party.
- H. If operation is below threshold, GAATN will take a look at the cost vs. return in handling it through the insurance company versus GAATN Legal.
- I. Should a loss become a full loss, the policy total will reset back to \$12 Million.
- J. Continuing the current Agency practice of setting aside 10% of overall value of the plant (\$800.000 estimated annually) was discussed.

Martha will forward a copy of the Agency damage workbook to Mr. Gammon for his use in analyzing GAATN's damage history. He will then formulate options for the Board to consider. These will be brought to the Board either in March or April 2007.

**Agenda Item No. 5:**

**Executive Session:**

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- 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 1:35 pm. The regular open session resumed at 2:40 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)**

John Kohlmorgan distributed the financial report and there were no questions.

**Agenda Item No. 7:**

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

Two items were up for discussion by the board

- A. The first item from the committee was a recommendation to approve UT's request to add a new node at Brackenridge Hospital. Tom Lott made the motion for approval; Gary Weseman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- B. The second item up for a vote by the board was a request by the Network Manager for approval to use \$23,800 to fix a conduit that was discovered damaged (in place 10 years). The funds would come from the Repair budget which currently sits at a \$235,000 balance. At this time there will not be a second conduit installed; however, through this work, we will be able to verify if the second duct exists. Motion by Tom Lott; seconded by Gary Weseman with unanimous approval.

**Agenda Item No. 8:**

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

- A. **COA Update, Russ Rumney** - Russ gave an update on the two positions currently open at the COA that directly affect GAATN. One position is for Project Coordinator and the other is for a LAN/WAN Integrator. Two interviews have been held for the LAN/WAN Integrator Position and one is currently scheduled for the Project Coordinator Position. It is anticipated that the LAN/WAN Integrator position will be filled by the end of February, and the Project Coordinator position in late March. Russ handed out copies of the COA Job Postings, with descriptions, for both positions. In discussion, it was suggested that the Board be included in the interview process; COA, however, would like to do the hiring itself as they both are COA positions. Russ agreed to provide the resumes of the candidates selected for interview to the GAATN Board. Martha stated that she will remain Acting Network Manager until she feels confident that the new Network Manager will be able to perform sufficiently. The title change from IT Project Manager to LAN/WAN Integrator was effected by Russ to more clearly define the reporting structure of the COA GAATN team. This structure identifies Martha as the team lead.
- B. **2008 Budget** – Handouts on the draft budget for 2008 reflecting changes as discussed in the January Board meeting were distributed. The B2N finish-out project had been moved from 2008 into 2009 to allow the 2008 to be set at \$2,100,000. This included \$350,000 for Capital Improvements and \$433,000 for cable and material, an increase to support additional cable required for the approved A1N fiber replacement project. The net change in the budget, 2008 versus 2007, would be a 5% increase, and amount that Gray deemed reasonable and defensible for the entities. After discussion, Gray made a motion to approve the 2008 budget as proposed:

Network Management/SLA	-	\$183,000
Legal	-	50,000
Consultants	-	32,000
Maintenance	-	300,000
Mtce Contract	-	280,000
Teardown/Repair	-	250,000
Capital Improvements	-	350,000
Mat'l/Cable Reorder	-	433,000

OneCall, Locates	-	75,000
Common Equipment	-	14,000
Insurance	-	125,000
Fees, Dues	-	<u>8,000</u>
<b>2007/2008 Total Budget</b>		<b>\$2,100,000</b>

Tom Lott seconded the motion. The motion on the 2008 budget passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 9:**

**Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as March 5th, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the previous location.**

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

Martha announced that she will not be at the Tech meeting in April due to attending a conference in Dallas.

John Kohlmorgan requested that copies of the revised GAATN Damage Recovery Flowchart and Policy be available at the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

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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:**

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- A. litigation concerning:
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- 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;
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- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> (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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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:**

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- B. Damage to GAATN fiber optic cables, equipment, hardware, and other property;
- C. Contractual or tort claims by or against GAATN; or
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and/or to consider matters concerning

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- 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.

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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 16<sup>th</sup>.

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- E. Real property purchase, exchange, lease or value;
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- 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.



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

**625 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Austin, Texas 78701**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING HELD June 4, 2007  
Lower Colorado River Authority  
Long Building, Room 111  
3701 Lake Austin Blvd**

**Agenda Item No. 1:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gray Salada at 1:34 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  
Earbie Matheny, on behalf of Travis County  
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  
Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College

GAATN Personnel present at the start of the meeting:

Bill Bennett, GAATN  
Syd Falk, GAATN Attorney

Guests

Heidi Cottingham, CoCom  
Lee Romans, CoCom

**Agenda Item No. 2:**

**Citizen Communication**

Not Present

**Agenda Item No. 3**

**Approval of May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Board Minutes.**

Gray Salada made the motion to approve the May Board minutes. The motion was seconded by Wayne Wedemeyer and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 4:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.**

Gray Salada reported that he had received a call from Kingston Cole, consultant for Capital Metro, regarding the RFP Capital Metro is releasing June 7<sup>th</sup> on building fiber plant from Leander (along Hwy 183) to their headquarters in midtown Austin. After discussion, it was decided that

Gray would obtain a copy of the RFP and do a quick review. He will then bring it for discussion at the next Board meeting.

A. Wayne Wedemeyer reported on the actions of the Website FAQ working committee meeting that took place on May 16, 2007. The committee took the group of questions sent by the El Paso startup as a place to begin and crafted answers one by one. After the meeting, Martha Krischke had compiled those FAQ's/answers into a draft document that was now ready for further review. Martha will distribute these via E-mail in the next few days. Upon approval, the FAQ's and answers will be placed on the GAATN website.

**Agenda Item No. 5:**

**Executive Session:**

Adjourned for closed session at 1:54 PM, under one or more of Texas Government 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.

Discuss status of and issues concerning ABIA Agreement for use of GAATN innerduct.

Discuss proposed settlement of *GAATN v. Trans Tech Electric* lawsuit.

Reconvene for discussion and actions, if any, on matters considered in closed session:

- Approval of ABIA agreement;
- Approval of Trans Tech settlement.

The regular session was reconvened at 2:15 pm for discussion and actions, if any, on matters considered in closed session. There were two items from executive session that required action by the GAATN Board, which were:

A. Gray Salada moved for the approval of the proposed settlement of the *GAATN vs. Trans Tech Electric* lawsuit as provided and to authorize Gray to execute (sign) the settlement on behalf of GAATN. The motion was seconded by Wayne Wedemeyer and passed unanimously.

B. Gray Salada moved for the approval of the proposed Consent to Permit COA/ABIA Use of Certain GAATN Underground Innerduct document and to authorize Gray to execute (sign) it on behalf of GAATN. The motion was seconded by Wayne Wedemeyer and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 6:**

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

Gray Salada distributed the April Budget Report which was discussed briefly.

**Agenda Item No. 7:**

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

- A. Tom Lott mentioned that the GAATN Cancellation of Scheduled Work Policy was still under review by the Technical Subcommittee and that the revised policy changes would likely be presented to the Board at its next meeting.
- B. Tom Lott led the discussion regarding the possible addition of a South SuperNode Location, carrying forward the Tech Committee's recommendation to participate.

**Recall of Executive Session due to protection provided by Government Code 551.076 at the discretion of the Chairperson:**

Gray adjourned for closed session, under one or more of Texas Government Code sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and/or 551.076, at 2:39 pm.

Gray Salada reconvened to regular session at 2:56 pm

Gray made the motion to allow the expansion of a COA node on the Southside into a Supernode and to authorize funding of GAATN's participation in the project (approximately \$67,000) from the Unplanned Projects category. The motion was seconded by Wayne Wedemeyer and passed 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.**

Martha discussed current and upcoming work.

**Agenda Item No. 9:**

**Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as July 9th, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the Hancock Building at LCRA on Lake Austin Blvd.**

- A. Add agenda items for next month.
  - a. Board Elections
  - b. Capital Metro RFP

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING HELD July 9, 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  
Martha Krischke, on behalf of the City of Austin  
John House, on behalf of the University of Texas  
Wayne Wedemeyer on behalf of the University of Texas  
Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College

Joining the meeting in progress:

John Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin Independent School District

GAATN Personnel present at the start of the meeting:

Bill Bennett, GAATN  
James Gomez, GAATN  
Syd Falk, GAATN Attorney

Guests

Earbie Matheny, on behalf of CoCom  
Lee Romans, on behalf of CoCom

**Agenda Item No. 2:**

**Citizen Communication**

Not Present

**Agenda Item No. 3**

**Approval of June 4th, 2007 Board Minutes.**

Wayne Wedemeyer made the motion to approve the May Board minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Tom Lott and passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item No. 4:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.**

B. Gray Salada distributed copies of the Capital Metro RFP for the construction of fiber plant from Leander to their headquarters downtown. After discussion, it was decided that Gray would draft a letter from the GAATN Board to the Capital Metro Board offering the possibility of future GAATN assistance if the RFP does not bring them satisfactory results.

A. The elections of Board Officers for the upcoming year were held. For Board Chair, Gray Salada was nominated by Wayne Wedemeyer with a second coming from Gary Weseman. Gray was then re-elected by unanimous vote. For Vice Chair, Wayne Wedemeyer was nominated by Gary Weseman with the second coming from Gray Salada. Wayne was then re-elected by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item No. 5:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the renewal of the GAATN insurance contract.**

After discussion concerning the options, Wayne Wedemeyer moved that the current policy be renewed for one additional year at the same rate and terms. The motion was seconded by Tom Lott and passed by unanimous vote. It was also requested that the comprehensive insurance analysis and report that is pending with William Gammon Insurance be completed and presented to the Board by January so that the information can be used during budget prep 2008.

**Agenda Item No. 6:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the renewal of the GAATN maintenance contract.**

Technical Committee action on June 20<sup>th</sup> had produced a recommendation to the Board for exercising the final renewal option on the existing Maintenance Contract with Co Com Cabling Systems. Term would be one year beginning January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 for a cost of \$295,000. After discussion, Tom Lott made the motion to renew the contract and Wayne Wedemeyer seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote. It was also reported that committee work on assembling specifications for the rebid on the Maintenance Contract should commence in January 2008.

**Agenda Item No. 7:**

**Executive Session:**

Adjourned for closed session at 2:19 PM, under one or more of Texas Government 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;

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- E. Real property purchase, exchange, lease or value;
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- G. Security devices or security personnel.

The regular session reconvened at 2:25 PM for discussion and actions, if any, on matters considered in closed session. There were no items from executive session that required actions by the GAATN Board.

**Agenda Item No. 8**

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

It was moved by Wayne Wedemeyer to postpone this item to the end of the agenda. Motion was seconded by Gray Salada and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 9**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Technical Subcommittee Update.**

A. Scheduled Work Cancellation Policy

After discussion, it was decided to further modify the revised policy that was presented, to change the second paragraph of part 2, to read “To stop Scheduled Work, contact must be made with the Network Manager”.

Wayne Wedemeyer moved to approve the revised Policy. Gary Weseman seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

B. Underground Facility Locate Procedure

After discussion, it was decided to further modify the draft procedure to add the phrase “at no additional cost to the participant” at the paragraph denoted 2. and in the first sentence after the word “choose”. Also, in the sentence following “Please Note:” the word “entity” is changed to “Participant”. Furthermore, the sentence that immediately follows the previous change is to be amended to read “Each Participant is responsible for providing, at its own expense, any specific entity design documents for inclusion into the Master GAATN documentation.”

Gary Weseman moved to approve the new Procedure for inclusion on the GAATN website. Wayne Wedemeyer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

C. FAQ Page

Gray moved to approve the FAQ document in its current format with one change: add “at Austin” to UT’s name. Wayne Wedemeyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 10**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Network Manager’s Update. 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.**

Martha Krischke led the discussion regarding the status of current and future projects that are under way. One member noted that we have not had any outages during the recent heavy rains. Also, it was pointed out that the past Board decision to install armored replacement cable was now saving GAATN money in terms of avoided teardowns and squirrel damage. These ‘saves’ should be noted and the information pointed out to our insurance carrier.

**Agenda Item No. 11 (formerly Item No. 8)**

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

Gray Salada distributed the May Budget Report which was discussed briefly.

**Agenda Item No. 12:**

**Confirm date, time and location for the next regular Board meeting as August 6th, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the Hancock Building at LCRA on Lake Austin Blvd.**

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

It was announced that both Tom and John K. would be absent from the upcoming Technical Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING HELD August 6, 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:

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  
David Kelly, on behalf of the State of Texas  
Wayne Wedemeyer on behalf of the University of Texas  
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:

Bill Bennett, GAATN  
James Gomez, GAATN  
Syd Falk, GAATN Attorney

Guests

Lee Romans, CoCom Cabling Systems  
Billy Gammon, William Gammon Insurance Agency

**Agenda Item No. 2:**

**Citizen Communication**

Not present.

**Agenda Item No. 3:**

**Approval of the July 9, 2007 Board Minutes**

Wayne Wedemeyer made the motion to approve the July Board minutes as written. The motion was seconded by David Kelly and passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item No. 4:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.**

- A. Capital Metro RFP discussion was delayed until the September Board meeting.
- B. William Gammon presented to the Board an updated summary of the analysis on GAATN damage history and options for consideration. He indicated that he was



optimistic that the insurance carrier would reimburse GAATN for at least a portion of the claims (approximately \$ 62,000) related to the policy period that expired 9/1/2006. As to changing the terms of the policy, Mr. Gammon stated that analysis of GAATN's repair history under various deductible schemes made little difference premium-wise. The only recommendation that he made was that GAATN stay with the \$50,000 cumulative deductible, writing into the policy a clause so that loss recovery expense would be included along with actual damage expenses toward that deductible. Under this arrangement, he anticipated that the premium for next year will stay at or below the current rate, especially combined with the apparent down-trend in the number of teardowns and similar incidents. Several Board members pointed out to Mr. Gammon that the down-trend was not coincidental, but is due to an ongoing improvement program on the network. At this time, one ring has been rebuilt, replacing all of the original self-support cable with armored cable as well as transitioning the cable to a higher position on the pole, wherever it was possible. This improvement program will continue for the next five to ten years, working across all the rings. Once completed, only about 30% of the network will still be original vintage lashed all-dielectric cable, the balance having been replaced by armored cable. It was also noted that GAATN's ongoing systematic plant inspection program allows the catching of many potential problems before they turn into more costly repairs.

**Agenda Item No. 5:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the PSIC Grant Program for State & Local First Responders to Improve Public Safety Communications during natural or man-made disasters.**

Wayne Wedemeyer led the discussion of this federal grant program. It was noted that the final proposal was due on August 22, 2007 and that would be difficult for GAATN to respond in such a short time frame. It was suggested that other area governmental entities may already have applications for the grant prepared and that GAATN could possibly be added in to enhance their package, acting as the transport to whatever First Responder equipment that they were proposing. If additional money for GAATN could be piggy-backed on to these entities' proposals, GAATN could extend certain rings to connect to that entity and generally upgrade the network to offer greater reliability and redundancy. It was concluded that all GAATN participants should inquire with their Grant Writing personnel as well as with nearby towns, counties and multi-agency First Responder agencies to see if GAATN could be included in on their grant proposals.

**Agenda Item No. 6:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding**

There was nothing to discuss.

**Agenda Item No. 7:**

**Executive Session:**

Adjourn for closed session at 2:31 p.m., under one or more of Texas Government Code sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and/or 551.076,

to seek legal advice 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.

The regular session reconvened at 2:49 p.m. for discussion and actions, if any, on matters considered in the closed session. There were no items from executive session that required actions by the GAATN Board.

**Agenda Item No. 8:**

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

Gray Salada distributed the June Budget Report which was discussed briefly. There were no questions.

**Agenda Item No. 9:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Technical Subcommittee Update**

A. Wayne Wedemeyer led the discussion of the A1N All-Dielectric Cable Project and informed the Board that the Tech Committee had voted to recommend going ahead on A1N with the replacement of a section of all-dielectric cable in conjunction with the previously approved renovation of the self-support elements. The total cost of the combined project is \$100,030 (replacement cable plus labor - see CoCom proposal # 606). Wayne Wedemeyer made the motion to approve this recommendation of the Technical Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by John Kohlmorgan and passed by unanimous vote.

B. Wayne Wedemeyer mentioned that the Tech Committee had discussed the importance of completing the Disaster Recovery Project and urged all Participants who have not yet responded to redouble their efforts to provide the necessary information regarding the criticality of their ring presence as well as the names with phone numbers of the Emergency Contact Persons.

**Agenda Item No. 10:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Network Manager's Update. 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.**

Martha Krischke reviewed the projects that are now planned, noting that the A1N All-Dielectric Cable replacement project is the only new one added since the last Board Meeting. She noted that this project would commence during the next budget year.

**Agenda Item No. 11:**

**Confirm date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting as September 10, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the Hancock Building at LCRA on Lake Austin Blvd.**

**A. Add any agenda topics for next month.**

David Kelly of the State of Texas announced that they had two new locations where they need to attach node cables to GAATN rings, but he feared that the work needed to start BEFORE the next Board meeting.

The Board adjourned for closed session at 3:03 p.m., under one or more of Texas Government Code sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and/or 551.076,

to seek legal advice about pending, anticipated or contemplated litigation concerning:

- F. Construction, equipment, and product warranty claims;

- G. Damage to GAATN fiber optic cables, equipment, hardware, and other property;
- H. Contractual or tort claims by or against GAATN; or
- I. the procedures and operations of the Board or the organization;

and/or to consider matters concerning

- J. Real property purchase, exchange, lease or value;
- F. Personnel matters; or
- G. Security devices or security personnel.

The regular session reconvened at 3:12 p.m. for discussion and actions, if any, on matters considered in the closed session. There were no items from executive session that required actions by the GAATN Board. The meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 3:14 pm.

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HELD August 15, 2007  
Co Com Cabling Systems  
2611 Oakmont  
Round Rock, Texas 78683**

At 1:35pm, the Board meeting that had been scheduled to begin at 1:15pm was postponed until after the Technical Subcommittee meeting because a quorum was not yet present.

**Agenda Item No. 1:**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Wayne Wedemeyer at 3:38 p.m

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

John Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin Independent School District  
Martha Krischke, on behalf of the City of Austin  
David Kelly, on behalf of the State of Texas  
Wayne Wedemeyer on behalf of the University of Texas  
Tom Lott, 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:

Bill Bennett, GAATN  
James Gomez, GAATN

Guests:

Lee Romans, CoCom Cabling Systems  
Heidi Cottingham, CoCom Cabling Systems  
Chris Phillips, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority  
Danny Herbat, on behalf of Travis County

**Agenda Item No. 2:**

Dave Kelly briefly described to board that the state wished to add two additional sites to the GAATN network at:

- 1) TCEQ - B1N
- 2) Northside Data Center - B1N and C1N

After further discussion, Dave Kelly moved that GAATN allow the State to add these two nodes into the network. Tom Lott seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item No. 3:**

Adjourn at 3:45 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING HELD September 10, 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 1:30 p.m

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

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  
David Kelly, on behalf of the State of Texas  
Wayne Wedemeyer on behalf of the University of Texas  
John House, on behalf of the University of Texas  
Jimmy Don Havins, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority  
Walter LaGrone, on behalf of Travis County  
Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College

GAATN Personnel present at the start of the meeting:

Bill Bennett, GAATN  
James Gomez, GAATN  
Syd Falk, GAATN Attorney

Guests

Heidi Cottingham, Co Com Cabling Systems  
Earbie Matheny, Co Com Cabling Systems  
Lynn Butler, Attorney (Brown, McCarroll, L.L.P.) for Co Com Cabling Systems

**Agenda Item No. 2:**

**Citizen Communication**

Not present.

**Agenda Item No. 3:**

**Approval of the August 6, 2007 Board Minutes**

Wayne Wedemeyer made the motion to approve the August 6 Board minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Gray Salada and passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item No. 4:**

**Approval of the August 15, 2007 Board Minutes**

Wayne Wedemeyer made the motion to approve the August 15 Board minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by John Kohlmorgan and passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item No. 5:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.**

A. Capital Metro RFP was discussed briefly, noting the RFP apparently did not get many responses and that the Board members will continue to monitor the status of this project.

B. Co Com Status Report - Heidi Cottingham and Lynn Butler, the bankruptcy Attorney for Co Com, described the background and status of their pending litigation with First Citizen's Bank of North Carolina (FCB), who has been factoring their Accounts Receivable for about one year. FCB had filed in state court on August 20, 2007 for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) with a hearing scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>, which could have had the effect of shutting down Co Com's operation until a second hearing could be held. To counteract the possibility of being shut down, Co Com went to Federal court and filed for Chapter 11 reorganization protection.

The Co Com representatives stated that Co Com is solvent with \$ 22 million dollars in awarded contracts and support from their creditors, suppliers and customers. Neither Heidi nor her attorney fully understood why FCB filed the TRO in lieu of simply going through with the process of Co Com obtaining other financing and paying FCB off. The next hearing is September 13, 2007, at which time Co Com hopes to demonstrate that they have obtained \$ 1.5 million of temporary financing from Trinity River Advisors of Dallas. This financing should allow them to operate normally for about 5 weeks until their cash flow stabilizes. Additionally, Co Com plans to acquire \$ 8 – 9 million of long term financing that will allow for FCB to be paid off. These actions should allow Co Com to emerge from the Chapter 11 in about 3 to 4 months.

**Agenda Item No. 6:**

**Executive Session:**

Adjourn for closed session at 2:42 p.m., under one or more of Texas Government Code sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and/or 551.076,

to seek legal advice 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;
  
- E. and/or to consider matters concerning
- F. Real property purchase, exchange, lease or value;
- F. Personnel matters; or
- G. Security devices or security personnel.

The regular session reconvened at 3:24 p.m. for discussion and actions, if any, on matters considered in the closed session. There were no items from executive session that required actions by the GAATN Board.

**Agenda Item No. 7:**

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

Gray Salada distributed the July Budget Report which was discussed briefly. There were no questions.

**Agenda Item No. 8:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Technical Subcommittee Update**

A. Connector Types - Martha Krischke explained that GAATN has traditionally used the Unicam ST & SC type connectors. However, recently the HLC (hardened lens contact) type connector has been utilized by several of the individual entities (LCRA, UT & COA) because it exhibits superior qualities. The Tech Subcommittee discussed the use of the HLC connectors at the last meeting and recommended that GAATN try them on one GAATN Super Node, to see what benefit is noticed. Board members discussed the qualities of the HLC connectors and had no objection to implementing the recommendation.

B. Bentley and GAATN workstation - Martha Krischke described the report that was presented at the last Tech Subcommittee meeting. With the addition of the building footprint layer of information to the workstation, the problem with conflicting resolution between node details and the GAATN as-builts has been eliminated. The only remaining obstacle is the "slow" workstation performance, which seems to be primarily due to the workstation's age & the speed of its processor(s). The Subcommittee will be looking into alternatives, including replacement of the workstation or some of its components.

**Agenda Item No. 9:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Network Manager's Update. 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.**

Martha Krischke reviewed the projects that are now planned for the balance of the calendar year, noting that the eight A1N cable replacement projects scheduled in October will probably have to be spread out across November & December at least. The Board discussed the upcoming projects in detail and appeared satisfied with the outlook.

**Agenda Item No. 10:**

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

Before adjournment, Syd Falk announced that he would be traveling from September 13<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>, and if anything was needed, to contact his assistant Emily Albrect.

The meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 4:03 pm

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING HELD October 1, 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 1:30 p.m

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

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  
David Kelly, on behalf of the State of Texas  
Wayne Wedemeyer on behalf of the University of Texas  
John House, on behalf of the University of Texas  
Tom Lott, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority  
Brian Kunz, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority  
Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College

GAATN Personnel present at the start of the meeting:

Bill Bennett, GAATN  
James Gomez, GAATN  
Syd Falk, GAATN Attorney

Guests

Heidi Cottingham, Co Com Cabling Systems

**Agenda Item No. 2:**

**Citizen Communication**

Not present.

**Agenda Item No. 3:**

**Approval of the September 10, 2007 Board Minutes**

Wayne Wedemeyer made the motion to approve the September 10 Board minutes as amended.  
The motion was seconded by Gary Weseman and passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item No. 4:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.**

There was none at this time.



### **Agenda Item No. 5:**

#### **Executive Session:**

Adjourn for closed session at 1:38 p.m., under one or more of Texas Government Code sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and/or 551.076,

to seek legal advice 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;
  
- E. and/or to consider matters concerning
- F. Real property purchase, exchange, lease or value;
- F. Personnel matters; or
- G. Security devices or security personnel.

The regular session reconvened at 2:08 p.m. for discussion and actions, if any, on matters considered in the closed session. There were no items from executive session that required actions by the GAATN Board.

### **Agenda Item No. 6:**

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

Gray Salada distributed the August Budget Report which was discussed. There was one question about a double \$48,328 entry on page 5. John indicated that he would have the entries verified and corrected if necessary.

~~ere no questions.~~ **Agenda Item No. 7:**

#### **Discussion and possible action regarding the Technical Subcommittee Update**

- A. Backup Maintenance Contract - Tom Lott summarized the discussion from the last Technical Subcommittee meeting ~~that which~~ had culminated in a suggestion that GAATN might want to continue as is ~~with the present maintenance agreement~~ until the new fiber RFP is bid out in 2008. Tom mentioned Co Com's sister company that could ~~step in continue~~ to provide the same level of maintenance or repair services for GAATN, if the need should arise. After further ~~Tom's presentation and~~ discussion, the Board members felt comfortable with this approach but recommended that additional committee level future discussion ~~take place is needed~~ to identify other viable options. ~~present alternatives.~~ Possible solutions might include Such alternatives may splitting the maintenance and & repair responsibility among multiple contractors; by function, geographically, or by some other method. The possibilities ~~alternatives~~ should be identified and discussed further so that the best ones could be presented to the Board in early spring. January. This will allow the Board to choose an option that could ~~the one which~~ be integrated into the 2008 contract award process.

Also, Tom reported that Heidi had introduced Co Com employee David Hamilton at the Tech meeting. David ~~, who~~ will be working with GAATN as well as learning the usage of Bentley.

### **Agenda Item No. 8:**

#### **Discussion and possible action regarding UT's installation of equipment at CTECC.**

Wayne Wedemeyer presented ~~an update on~~ UT's plans to install a DWDM transport platform ~~in UT's designated rack in the GAATN room at CTECC.~~ ~~using GAATN's space at CTECC.~~ He explained that CTECC ~~was~~ requiring that the GAATN Board approve the installation before the CTECC Board ~~would consider it~~ ~~give final approval to UT's request.~~ ~~After brief discussion,~~ ~~'s plan.~~

Wayne Wedemeyer ~~made the motion moved~~ that GAATN allow UT to install DWDM ~~transport platform~~ equipment ~~into the GAATN room at 's space at~~ CTECC. The motion was seconded by Gary Weseman and passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item No. 9:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Network Manager's Update. 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.**

Martha Krischke reminded the members that she needs their updated Site List by December's ~~meeting~~ in order to ~~have prepare~~ next year's network rights spreadsheet ~~prepared for voting on in January.~~ ~~She mentioned that~~ AISD and COA ~~are~~ ~~is~~ the only entities ~~y that which has~~ ~~have provided updates so far.~~ ~~given her the updated list.~~ Martha then reviewed the project ~~schedule for~~ ~~that are now planned for~~ the balance of the calendar year, noting that the ~~pending eight~~ ~~AA~~ IN cable replacement projects ~~will be continue to added in as Co Com assigns~~ tentative dates. Also, ~~be spread out across November & December.~~ Martha pointed out the two new projects – squirrel damage on C1N (near Braker, Parkfield and Kramer) and ~~brittle fiber in a single buffer tube on~~ B1S (South Congress near TC Juvenile Court). There was additional discussion regarding ~~brittle~~ fiber deterioration that GAATN has been noticing. James Gomez stated that this phenomenon is well known and ~~has been documented~~ ~~documented~~. James promised to do some research on ~~premature brittle~~ fiber ~~deterioration~~ to bring to the Board in the future. ~~The Board then discussed the upcoming projects in detail.~~

~~In addition,~~ ~~Chairperson~~ Gray Salada requested ~~that~~ Heidi Cottingham ~~update to review the~~ Board on the current status of Co Com's ~~C~~chapter 11 filing that had been discussed at the last meeting. Heidi ~~reported said~~ that Co Com ~~had arranged received for~~ their permanent financing about ~~two 2~~-weeks ago and that their business is operating normally. She also mentioned that Co Com had just been awarded an ~~additional~~ ~~-\$~~ ~~1550~~ million contract from ~~the City.~~ ~~COA.~~

**Agenda Item No. 10:**

**Confirm date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting as November 5, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the Hancock Building at LCRA on Lake Austin Blvd.**

The meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 2:59 pm.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING HELD November 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 1:33 p.m

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

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  
David Kelly, on behalf of the State of Texas  
John House, on behalf of the University of Texas  
Tom Lott, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority  
Brian Kunz, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority

GAATN Personnel present at the start of the meeting:

Bill Bennett, GAATN  
James Gomez, GAATN  
Syd Falk, GAATN Attorney

Guests

Heidi Cottingham, Co Com Cabling Systems  
Earbie Matheny, Co Com Cabling Systems

**Agenda Item No. 2:**

**Citizen Communication**

Not present.

**Agenda Item No. 3:**

**Approval of the October 1, 2007 Board Minutes**

As members were reading the minutes, John House presented several changes that needed to be addressed. After some discussion, Gray Salada requested that approval be tabled at this time to allow the inclusion of these changes. The October minutes will be E-mailed to the Board (along with the November minutes) and presented at the December meeting for approval.

**Agenda Item No. 4:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.**

Gray asked whether anyone had heard what was the status of the Capitol Metro RFP? Martha said that she had heard nothing since the original bid date extension in August, and that she would try to get an update for the next Board meeting.

Gray also suggested that the Technical Subcommittee begin a discussion of whether GAATN should consider future expansion into the wireless area. Specifically, he described installing Wi-Max or 802.11-type networks as an overlay to the current network. Tom Lott mentioned that LCRA is currently discussing this subject.

Gray then recognized Heidi Cottingham and asked her to update the Board on the status of Co Com's Chapter 11 filing. Heidi said that the only new item was that last Saturday the attorneys for the bank had contacted her attorney to propose a settlement. Syd Falk interjected that he had received information that another hearing was scheduled for Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup>, at which time the court will be asked to approve the "exit financing" that will pay off whatever settlement is negotiated between the bank and Co Com. The second thing that hearing will accomplish is to ask the court's approval to clean up numerous Supplier Liens which had been filed by vendors against Co com's major customers.

Syd pointed out that even if the November 8<sup>th</sup> hearing is totally favorable to Co Com, there will be mandatory waiting periods which could make the emergence from Chapter 11 occur during the time frame of January-February 2008.

**Agenda Item No. 5:**

**Executive Session:**

Adjourn for closed session at 1:53 p.m., under one or more of Texas Government Code sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and/or 551.076,

to seek legal advice 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;
  
- E. and/or to consider matters concerning
- F. Real property purchase, exchange, lease or value;
- F. Personnel matters; or
- G. Security devices or security personnel.

The regular session reconvened at 1:55 p.m. for discussion and actions, if any, on matters considered in the closed session. There were no items from executive session that required actions by the GAATN Board.

**Agenda Item No. 6:**

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

John Kohlmorgan distributed the September Budget Report which was discussed. John indicated that the August report should be considered the final one for FY 2006-2007. Also, John commented that the question about a double \$48,328 entry on page 5 of last month's report had been investigated and found to be correct as reported.

**Agenda Item No. 7:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Technical Subcommittee Update**

- A. Discuss addition of the Revised Definitions List to the Website – Tom Lott and Martha Krischke explained that the definitions have been edited by the committee

and that the final draft is ready to be used as an internal document or for addition to the website. The definitions of the two terms “NETWORK RIGHTS” and “NETWORK MANAGER” were also discussed and it was decided that the Technical Subcommittee should consider these two terms further. Martha requested suggestions from other members of the Tech Subcommittee to improve these definitions. If the Board wishes to place the definitions on the GAATN website, there will be some delay as UT has been experiencing difficulties in hiring and retaining a capable HTML web designer. Martha further described the need to trial changes to the website at a “test” web location, to be sure they are fail-safe before actually going live with them on the official website. Additional discussions followed concerning the possibilities of finding qualified students or graduate students to do the work – or the possibility of passing this responsibility to another GAATN participant. A third possibility that was mentioned would be to subcontract this out to a private firm.

- B. Tom Lott explained that the Backup Maintenance project will be incorporated into the RFP rewrite/rebid due in 2008, and has been referred to the appointed subcommittee (of the Technical Subcommittee). This subcommittee consists of John Kohlmorgan, Dain Herbat, and James Gomez. John requested that a fourth member be appointed to bring additional GAATN experience to the subcommittee. Tom Lott then volunteered to join the subcommittee and welcomes any other volunteers to the subcommittee.
- C. Tom Lott led the discussion regarding the State’s new site near Reagan Terrace and IH-35 South on BIS ring, which the Technical Subcommittee has recommended for Board approval. After brief discussion, Tom made a motion to approve the new site for the State of Texas, and John Kohlmorgan seconded the motion, which then passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item No. 8:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Network Manager's Update. 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.**

Martha Krischke discussed the pending work sheet noting that the A1N self-support cable replacement described as Highland Court to Balcones is scheduled to begin on Wednesday 11/7. Also, Martha updated the Board on the 801 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street project scheduled for splicing on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Martha further noted that the third item on the schedule was to be discussed on Agenda Item No. 9, but that it was tentatively scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Martha reported that she has received updated Site Lists from everyone with the exception of the State (who submitted its list at the conclusion of the meeting). She expects to have next year’s network rights spreadsheet prepared for action on by the Board in December or January. She also mentioned that the tentative Schedule of Board Meetings and Technical Subcommittee Meetings for 2008 had been distributed today and gave a brief description of why certain meetings were in variance to the normal schedule of the “first Monday” and “third Wednesday” of each month.

**Agenda Item No.9:**

**Discussion and possible action on SRS repair at Lamar and Cinco. 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.**

Martha Krischke described that this failure in self-support cable was reminiscent of past unexplained failures in original vintage self-support cable. Two strands in the red buffer tube failed for no apparent reason – there is no detectable damage or other obvious reason for failure. Services on these two strands have been moved to another pair, so Travis County is okay for now. However, there is the potential for other strands in any tube to fail just as suddenly and then outages on the superring would be persistent. It was also noted that the self-support replacement for SRS is not on the 10 year project plan until 2011-2012 and that perhaps we needed to reprioritize it during the coming budget cycle. The immediate replacement (estimated total cost of \$ 53,342.75, of which \$ 29,419 is labor) would be funded from the repair budget and Martha indicated that Bill Gammon had told her that he would submit it for consideration against the insurance deductible. After additional discussion, Martha made the motion to replace the 10,000 foot section of self-support cable as described. Tom Lott seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item No.10:**

**Confirm date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting as December 3, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the Hancock Building at LCRA on Lake Austin Blvd.**

The meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 2:59 pm.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING HELD December 3, 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 1:30 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  
David Kelly, on behalf of the State of Texas  
John House, on behalf of the University of Texas  
Tom Lott, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority  
Brian Kunz, on behalf of the Lower Colorado River Authority  
Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College  
Walter LaGrone on behalf of Travis County

GAATN Personnel present at the start of the meeting:

Bill Bennett, GAATN  
Syd Falk, GAATN Attorney

Guests

Earbie Matheny, Co Com Cabling Systems

**Agenda Item No. 2:**

**Citizen Communication**

Not present.

**Agenda Item No. 3:**

**A. Approval of the October 1, 2007 Board Minutes**

Tom Lott made the motion to approve the October 1,2007 Board minutes. The motion was seconded by Gary Weseman and passed by unanimous vote.

**B. Approval of the November 5, 2007 Board Minutes**

Tom Lott made the motion to approve the November 5,2007 Board minutes. The motion was seconded by Gray Salada and passed by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item No. 4:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Board Chairperson Update.**

Gray Salada asked whether anyone had heard what was the status of the Capitol Metro RFP? Martha said that she had heard nothing since the original bid date extension in August, but that she had requested for Bill Bennett had make contact with Capital Metro. Bill recounted that he had talked to Mohammad Abdullah with the purchasing department of Capitol Metro, regarding the 7-31-07 fiber optic bid. Mr. Abdullah answered the question by commenting that it is still in the evaluation phase of the process and he was not free to divulge anything regarding the responders or what had been proposed. Further, he said that the possibility of re-opening the bidding remained, and he inquired whether GAATN would be interested in submitting a proposal. Bill answered that the only purpose for the telephone call was to satisfy the curiosity of GAATN board members as to the outcome of Capitol Metro's RFP. Martha pointed out that this was the second time that Capitol Metro had gone out with this RFP – the first attempt was about two years ago, which resulted in a cancelled bid proposal.

Gray Salada then asked whether William Gammon was to report back to the Board regarding damage recoveries. Martha said that Mr. Gammon had been working with the underwriters trying to recover some portion of the last several years' claims. However, as of September, he was still discussing prior years' cases with the insurance carriers and that nothing had yet been determined. She said that she would contact him again and report back at the next meeting.

Gray then asked Syd Falk to update the Board on the status of Co Com's Chapter 11 Bankruptcy filing. Syd said that the November hearing did not go as expected, in that the motions for (1) dismissal of the bank and (2) to approve the Exit Financing were not heard. Instead, the bank had the court appoint a Chief Restructuring Officer or Special Master (SM) to oversee the bankruptcy. The SM is now sorting through the billing records at Co Com to reconcile what was actually invoiced with what is claimed by the bank. This should result in final agreement on the older factored invoices (prior to the bankruptcy filing) and the discovery of double billings, if any.

Current non-factored payments, since August 2007, are being held up about 4-5 weeks in order to reach agreement between the court appointed SM, the bank, and Co Com. This procedure will insure that there is agreement on which party is to receive payment before the check is cut.

Syd said that these investigations and procedures will help in the resolution of the disagreements between the parties, which then should result in a settlement and the conclusion of Chapter 11. In the meantime, business continues as usual for customers and vendors of Co Com.

**Agenda Item No. 5:**

**Executive Session:**

Adjourn for closed session at 2:03 p.m., under one or more of Texas Government Code sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, and/or 551.076,

to seek legal advice about pending, anticipated or contemplated litigation concerning:

- A. Construction, equipment, and product warranty claims;
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- C. Contractual or tort claims by or against GAATN; or
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- E. and/or to consider matters concerning
- F. Real property purchase, exchange, lease or value;



- F. Personnel matters; or
- G. Security devices or security personnel.

The regular session reconvened at 2:05 p.m. for discussion and actions, if any, on matters considered in the closed session. There were no items from executive session that required actions by the GAATN Board.

**Agenda Item No. 6:**

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

Gray Salada distributed the October Budget Report which was discussed. There were no questions.

Gray also posed a question to the Board whether GAATN had ever investigated what the monetary value (annual cost of service to the seven participants) of a similar OC3 fiber optic network would be, in current dollars, if purchased from the private commercial providers. Other members commented that individual entity value studies had been done several years ago. It was noted that the consulting firms that typically could be used to do a comprehensive study would be quite expensive. Gray said that he would investigate using his AISD contacts, and if a study could be done for \$10-20 thousand dollars, it might be a very worthwhile document to have. A study such as this could demonstrate to the community the value of GAATN or the dollars saved annually by participation in and ownership of GAATN.

**Agenda Item No. 7:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Technical Subcommittee Update**

Tom Lott reported that the Technical Subcommittee was underway on the following topics: 1. meetings to redraft the fiber maintenance contract for rebid would commence in January, 2. the wireless discussion was continuing, and 3. website possibilities were still being discussed. Tom indicated that the Committee might even consider looking for an alternate Webmaster if UT cannot continue to provide service. John House commented that the UT job is still posted (unfilled) and added that he thought that the reconstruction of a website similar to GAATN's might cost \$8-10,000 plus periodic update fees.

Regarding the website, Martha mentioned that there is a programming challenge that needs to be solved, whereby "interactive sorting" features are incorporated into the design to facilitate the weekly addition of ongoing Projects and their frequent updating. The older and completed projects need to be sorted so as to fall toward the bottom of the list and the newest and ongoing projects need to stay in date order near the top. .

**Agenda Item No. 8:**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Network Manager's Update. 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.**

- A. Martha presented to the Board the 2008-09 Network Rights Spreadsheet and briefly explained its usage. After Board discussion, Tom Lott moved to adopt the Network Rights as presented and Walter LaGrone seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously.

- B. Martha then presented a preliminary set of sheets for the 2008-2009 Budget, emphasizing that it was created as starting point for discussion and that the numbers shown were subject to change based on the Board's desires. She also pointed out that the long-term projects needed to be reprioritized by the Tech Committee and could be advanced or delayed on the schedule based on budgetary or network requirements.

Gray Salada asked for further explanation on the origin of the Hyper-ring Expansion projects. Martha explained those items were suggested several years ago by UT, but that GAATN had not, at least so far, encountered a trigger requiring these expensive upgrades. However, as individual participants' networks and technologies advance, the importance of having enhanced fiber in Layer 1 will increase.

A short discussion followed regarding the major teardown in November, at DPS Headquarters, and how it happened.

**Agenda Item No.9:**

**Confirm date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting as January 14, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Hancock Building at LCRA on Lake Austin Blvd.**

The meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 3:08 pm.