

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

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HELD January 7, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.
AT Lower Colorado River Authority
LCRA Service Center, Room A502/503
3505 Montopolis Blvd.
Austin, Texas

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

GAATN Board Chairman Dain Herbat called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The following announced as present at roll call:

Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County
Bruce Hermes, on behalf of City of Austin
Sarah Eichelberger, on behalf of GAATN
Syd Falk, GAATN attorney
Frank Ammons, on behalf of GAATN
Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN
Harold Nall, on behalf of UT-Austin
Steve Pyle, on behalf of State of Texas DIR
John Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin ISD
Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College
Jaime Guerra, on behalf of UT-Austin
A quorum was established at roll call.
Members of the public:
Chris Gonzales, on behalf of BryComm
Wayne Wedemeyer, on behalf of UT-Austin
Doug Wilson, on behalf of JC Communications

2. Citizen Communications: There was no citizen communications.

3. Review and Approve the minutes for the regular Board Meeting of December 3, 2019

Dain Herbat moved to approve the draft minutes from the regular Board Meeting of December 3, 2019 as presented; Jaime Guerra seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Consent Agenda Items recommended by Technical Subcommittee at December 17, 2019 Meeting
Jaime Guerra moved to approve Agenda Item 4A from the Consent Agenda; Dain Herbat seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A. Seeking approval for 192-count cable standard on GAATN Technical Guidelines for seven subrings

APPROVED ON CONSENT

5. Board Chairperson Update – Discussion and possible action regarding:

A. GAATN Backup NOCC construction procurement

Frank reported that there hasn't been any progress made on the contract between IMEG and COA for finalizing the revised design. Frank said the timeline discussed at the previous Technical Meeting is still in effect at this time. He reminded the Board that GAATN will not be

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involved in the evaluation of bids once they are solicited, and that COA will go with the lowest bidder. Bruce said he has a meeting regarding this process next Thursday with the department heads for CTM, Capital Contracting Office, and Public Works. Jaime asked Bruce to find out if the award will go to the lowest qualified bidder and not just the lowest bidder. Bruce asked members to send him any questions they would like answered before his meeting on Thursday.

B. Seeking approval for Proposed FY2021 GAATN Site List and Network Rights Percentages

Sarah reported that, since the previous meeting, she received a response from LCRA, but not from DIR. Steve Pyle with DIR said he was good with the list as presented. Sarah said that GAATN removed 11 total sites, which was due to the Treaty Oak decommissioning, and entities acquired 42 strands since the previous year’s site list. She noted the proposed FY21 network rights percentages on the handout, which are calculated based on entity sites, presence, and number of strands. Jaime Guerra moved to approve the FY2021 GAATN Site List and Network Rights Percentages as presented and illustrated below Agenda Item 5C; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

C. Seeking approval for GAATN FY2021 Proposed Budget

Sarah said the only change to the proposed budget and entity contributions since December is a minor change in the network rights percentages from the additional site for LCRA. Jaime Guerra moved to approve the \$1.7 million FY2021 Proposed Budget and Entity Contributions dated January 7, 2020; Bruce Hermes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Entity	FY21 Network Rights	FY21 Contribution
Austin ISD	27.36%	\$465,120
City of Austin	20.38%	\$346,460
Austin Community College	13.00%	\$221,000
Travis County	13.34%	\$226,780
State of Texas DIR	12.00%	\$204,000
University of Texas at Austin	8.91%	\$151,470
Lower Colorado River Authority	5.01%	\$85,170
TOTAL	100.00%	\$1,700,000

D. Property damage claim against Asplundh Tree Expert Co. at C1N Willamette Drive

This item was moved to executive session for attorney consultation. Upon reconvening in open session, no further discussion was had or action taken.

6. Network Manager’s Update – Discussion and possible action regarding:

A. Project Status Report

Frank reviewed the following upcoming/completed projects:

- GAATN SRN/A2N Reroutes for Capitol Complex – management will notify members as soon as this is scheduled; this is still pending developer scheduling.
- GAATN C1N Permanent repair at Willamette – completed 12/17.
- DIR C1N TxDOT new node at IH35 and US183 – scheduled to complete 1/9.
- UT A2N node cable replacement – scheduled to complete 1/12.
- AISD D1N Govalle ES renovations – completed 12/30.

B. Job Budget Tracking Report

Sarah reported that GAATN has received the final invoice for the US183 Direct Connect project. Currently, she is tracking 12 budget-affecting jobs totaling \$526k, leaving \$191k for

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additional jobs. She noted that GAATN is expected to recover \$195k of the \$526k for TxDOT reimbursements and damage settlements.

- 7. Executive Session:** GAATN Chairman Dain Herbat announced that the GAATN Board was adjourning for closed session at 1:49 p.m., under Texas Government Code sections 551.071, to seek legal advice or to preserve confidentiality as permitted by law (including but not limited to pending, anticipated or contemplated litigation concerning) regarding Agenda Item 5D.

At 2:09 p.m., Dain Herbat reconvened the meeting in open session for discussion and actions, if any, on matters considered in closed session. The only agenda item discussed in closed session was Agenda Item 5D. Upon reconvening in open session, no further discussion was had or action taken on Agenda Item 5D.

- 8. Discussion and possible action regarding the financial report and current fiscal year budget issues.**

A. Financial Report

John reviewed the report ending November 30, 2019. He said if members have any questions to please email him or Sarah.

- 9. Meeting & Action Items Summary:**

Frank said there are no action items to report for this meeting.

- 10. Confirm date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting on February 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the LCRA Service Center, 3505 Montopolis Blvd., Room A502/503, Austin, Texas.**

The date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting are confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.