

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

**SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MEETING HELD September 15, 2020 1:30 p.m.

Via Teleconference at (512) 831-7858, Conference ID 555 308 160#

**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 the start of the meeting:

Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County

Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College

Steve Pyle, on behalf of State of Texas DIR

Jaime Guerra, on behalf of UT-Austin

Bruce Hermes, on behalf of City of Austin

John Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin ISD

Bobby Saddler, on behalf of LCRA

Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County

Brian Rose, on behalf of Austin Community College

Sarah Eichelberger, on behalf of GAATN

Frank Ammons, on behalf of GAATN

Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN

Syd Falk, GAATN attorney

A quorum was established at roll call.

Members from the public:

Doug Wilson, on behalf of JC Communications

Wayne Wedemeyer, on behalf of UT-Austin

**2. Citizen Communications:** There were no citizen communications.

**3. Review and Approve the minutes for the regular Board Meeting of September 1, 2020**

Dain Herbat moved to approve the draft minutes from the regular Board meeting of September 1, 2020; Jaime Guerra seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**4. Board Chairperson Update – Discussion and possible action regarding:**

**A. Review of proposal, and possible approval of funding, for construction of GAATN Backup Network Operations Control Center project at Austin Convention Center, under agreement with the City of Austin.**

Frank reviewed the project package, including costs proposals, estimated annual maintenance and utility costs, list of proposed equipment and the project schedule. He said that the proposed cost of \$1,913,400 payable to the City of Austin includes approximately \$342k in estimated contingencies that will be refundable to GAATN if not expended. Frank explained that the \$1.9 million would be due up front to COA as soon as possible and the contract between COA and Spawglass will be on the October 1 City Council agenda for approval. Once Spawglass gets the notice to proceed, the

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project is estimated to take six months to complete. Frank reviewed the financial forecast showing the impact to the fund balance if the project is approved. Frank stated that Syd Falk is drafting a construction plan attachment to the ILA between GAATN and the City that will define COA as the construction manager and will include language that all equipment will be owned by GAATN and any leftover funds at project completion will be refunded to GAATN. Bruce Hermes moved to approve \$1,913,400 funding for the GAATN Backup NOCC project via the GAATN fund balance payable to the City of Austin; Jaime Guerra seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous approval by all seven entities. Gary Weseman asked management to bring proposals for getting A1N into the Convention Center and the terminations to the next Technical meeting for recommendation.

5. **Executive Session:** There was no executive session.
  
6. **Review of action items for network management from this meeting:**
  - Work with Syd on Construction Plan
  - Bring A1N and terminations for Convention Center to October Technical meeting.
  
7. **Confirm date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting on October 6, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. via Teleconference.**

The date, time, and location for the next regular Board meeting were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.