

GREATER AUSTIN AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (GAATN) INTERLOCAL AGENCY

GAATN TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

February 22, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

LCRA Service Center at 3505 Montopolis, Austin, Texas 78744

Building A, Room A502/503

Teams Videoconference link provided 72 hours prior to meeting on homepage of www.gaatn.org

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order (Including a roll call)

GAATN Technical Subcommittee Chairman Jaime Guerra called the meeting to order.

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

Steve Pyle, on behalf of State of Texas DIR (remote)

Dain Herbat, on behalf of Travis County (remote)

Jaime Guerra, on behalf of UT-Austin (on site)

John Kohlmorgan, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)

Ruben Reyes, on behalf of City of Austin (remote)

Mace Royston, on behalf of LCRA (remote)

Harold Nall, on behalf of UT-Austin (remote)

Bo Kinsey, on behalf of Travis County (remote)

Justin Slocum, on behalf of Austin ISD (remote)

Frank Ammons, on behalf of GAATN (remote)

Carlos DeMatos, on behalf of GAATN (remote)

Sarah Eichelberger, on behalf of GAATN (remote)

A quorum was established at roll call.

Gary Weseman, on behalf of Austin Community College (remote) – joined at 1:36 p.m.

Chris Phillips, on behalf of LCRA (on site) – arrived at 1:40 p.m.

GAATN Contractors:

Chris Gonzales, on behalf of BryComm (remote)

Doug Wilson, on behalf of JC Communications (remote)

2. Citizen Communications: There were no citizen communications.

3. Review and approve minutes from the regular Technical Subcommittee meeting of January 25, 2022

Dain Herbat moved to approve the draft minutes as presented; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Maintenance Contractor's Report

A. Maintenance report

Chris Gonzales reported that, since the previous meeting, the maintenance contractor completed inspections on C2S and D1N with 19 deficiencies corrected between the two rings. There was nothing out of the ordinary to report.

B. Inventory report

Chris said the only change was to Austin ISD inventory; he noted that AISD requested that stock reels 2 and 3 be removed because they were too short to be used.

5. Network Manager's Report

A. GAATN Backup NOCC status update

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Frank reported that the NOCC has been fully operational as of February 3, 2022 and the Convention Center is aware of the fully operational date for the NOCC ILA. Frank said that the City of Austin Data Center Operations (DCO) team is working on a request by the GAATN NOCC Maintenance Agreement Subcommittee and he is expecting to receive that requested information from DCO by the end of the week for the subcommittee's review. The subcommittee's recommendation for the level of preventative maintenance will be brought to the Board for consideration. He noted that as a reminder, the maintenance agreement needs to be in place by July 1. Dain asked if the badge reader works; Frank said it is and he has sent an email to members asking their respective applicable personnel to go by and test their badge to make sure it works and report back to management by Friday, February 25. He noted there was one incident so far where an entity's employee's badge didn't work when he showed up to perform work at the backup NOCC.

B. Project status report

Frank noted that management met with one of the vendors working on the A1N upgrade projects to review the status of each of their assigned segments with respect to Austin Energy (AE) approval. He said management has a meeting with the other vendor scheduled for later this week to review the status of their A1N segments. Frank reviewed the current status of A1N segments assigned to the vendor that management met with the week prior.

- A1N Segment 1 – electrical make ready (EMR) paid to AE March 2021, still not approved by AE.
- A1N Segment 2 – EMR paid to AE May 2021, still not approved by AE.
- A1N Segment 4 – EMR paid to AE November 2020, still not approved by AE.
- A1N Segment 11a – EMR paid May 2021, then application was cancelled by AE due to a pole line moving due to another project taking place in the City of Austin. Management will request pole line design from AE and determine whether GAATN needs to submit another application for this segment and whether project will be placed on hold until the new pole line is constructed. Frank said this segment looks like it may take longer than the other pending A1N segments.
- A1N Segment 11b – EMR paid April 2021, still not approved by AE.

John asked if Frank expects any of these segments will be completed by the end of FY22; Frank said no, he doesn't think they will be complete by June 30.

Frank then reported on the following upcoming and recently completed projects:

C. Network status report

Frank said there were no additional incidents to report on since the previous meeting. He noted that this new report will become a cumulative report for each fiscal year and that this same information is also available to members on GAATN's sharepoint site.

D. Job budget report

Sarah reported that management is tracking 38 jobs totaling \$1.6 million. So far for FY22, \$492k has been invoiced and \$1.1 million is encumbered. She noted that GAATN has recovered \$208k for damage claims, insurance claims and project reimbursements.

6. Committee Chairperson's Update – discussion and possible action on:

A. Seeking recommendation for C1N permanent repair at 1202 East St. Johns Avenue not to exceed \$57k to be funded from the FY23 MAC budget

Jaime Guerra moved to recommend for Board approval the C1N permanent repair at 1202 East St. Johns Avenue not to exceed \$57k to be funded from the FY23 MAC budget; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Seeking recommendation for reconnectorization of Reagan High School supernode site project not to exceed \$43k to be funded from the FY22 MAC budget

Frank noted that after the last Tech meeting, it was recommended by a couple of members that GAATN go ahead and reterminate this supernode site, which has C1N and SRN. He said it makes

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sense to do this project now since GAATN has to do the permanent repair at C1N St. Johns. Frank said he anticipates this project will be completed by June 30. Jaime Guerra moved to recommend for Board approval the reconnectorization of Reagan High School supernode site project not to exceed \$43k to funded from the FY22 MAC budget; Steve Pyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. **Executive Session:** There was no executive session.
8. **Updated roll call upon reconvening in open session (only if Executive Session taken)** There was no updated roll call.
9. **Confirm date, time, and location for the next Technical Subcommittee meeting as March 22, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at LCRA Service Center 3505 Montopolis, Bldg A, Room A502/503 Austin, Texas and via Microsoft Teams Videoconference.**

The date, time and location for the next meeting were confirmed; the meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.