



## April 6, 2021

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

### Opening

The regular meeting of the Groundwater Conservation Districts Association was called to order at 3:00 PM CDT on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 in a virtual setting by President Aron Balok.

### Present

Aron Balok	Tylr Naprstek	CE Williams
Steve Walthour	Jim Cioffi	Ben Griffith
Dick Ehrman	Tim Boese	Orin Feril
AJ Olsen	Billie Mihelich	(Note if any omissions)
Lyndon Vogt	Tony Duplechin	
Randy Ray	Mark Rude	
Don Christy	Linda Luebbe	

### Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

### Open Issues

Secretary/ Treasurer – Dick Ehrman provided the following report:



## Finances

As of February 28, 2021, GMDA's bank balance in First State Bank of Stratford, Texas is \$99,567.45 which reflects a \$111,662.54 for January 1, 2021 beginning balance, \$2,225.00 of income and \$14,320.09 in expenses for the period from January 1, 2021 to February 28, 2021. Since January 1, 2021, GMDA has received \$1575.00 from membership dues and \$650 in donations. Expenses include \$14,205.00 for 2021 dues to NWRA, \$12.25 for shipping expenses and \$102.84 in awards. There is approximately \$275.00 in open invoices for 2 members for 2021 membership.

## Membership

As of February 28, 2021, there are 49 paid members and nine honorary lifetime members.

The board accepted the Secretary/Treasurer report by consensus

The main item of discussion was Committee Membership Appointments and Reports.

NWRA Committee (AJ Olsen, Lyndon Vogt, Randy Ray, Mark Rude). Balok indicated continuance of those members; they agreed. Don Christy volunteered and was appointed to the committee.

Membership Committee (Steve Walthour, Tylr Naprstek, Jim Cioffi, Tim Boese). Balok wants to emphasize this committee going forward and empower them to identify areas where new entities/individuals can join GMDA. Mark Rude asked about possible members from California; Jim Cioffi indicated that John Woodling had provided a list of entities in California that might be interested. Palm Springs CA is a possible site for a future conference and might provide an



opportunity to reach out to California. Steve W mentioned that the committee has met 3 times via Zoom w/ a membership list and brochure. Steve requested at least one news article from every member entity. Orin requested those articles also be forwarded to the website committee.

Water Quality Committee (Aron Balok, Dick Ehrman, Billie Mihelich); all are okay to continue. Tony Duplechin volunteered to participate as well. Ehrman mentioned that PFAS is driving but other contaminants can be considered

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Website Committee (Kristen Blackwell, Orin Feril); Mainly need help for Kristen to make sure that current info is put on website.

Awards Committee (Steve Walthour, Tony Duplechin, Linda Luebbe); all are willing to remain.

Program Committee (Linda Luebbe, Jim Cioffi, CE Williams, Tony Duplechin); this will mainly be to provide advice and support for members as they organize meetings and speakers.

Action to consider splitting Secretary/Treasurer into two positions. Dick overviewed the possibilities. CE moved, Linda second that office be split but bookkeeping stay w/ Steve's outfit. Discussion indicated some possibilities, but Steve indicated it might be best to keep bookkeeping with Texas and then bring back a better proposal to the Board. CE & Linda retracted their motion.

New Business

2021 Fall/Summer Board Meeting: Balok indicated he is of the opinion that it will be difficult to hold the summer meeting in person. Steve gave the opinion that a summer Zoom Board meeting



might be an option and going forward so we have more time for networking at personal meetings. General consensus was a one-hour virtual meeting in October.

2022 Annual Conference Location: Steve says it will be somewhere in Texas but they're still working on it. It will be in January 2022.

2022 Summer Conference Location: Colorado; Randy Ray & staff will organize

Other Business: Mark Rude noted upcoming issues w/ NWRA & encouraged membership to communicate concerns and ideas. Balok noted that the NWRA committee has done a good job of keeping GMDA's interests front & center.

AJ Olsen noted the recent Florida decision as well as several others.

Ben Griffith noted MS v. TN is still waiting on special master's decision. AJ noted the possibility of the court apportioning groundwater between states.

#### Agenda for Next Meeting

- 1) Consideration & Approval of April Board Minutes
  
- 2) Treasurer's Report
  
- 3) NWRA Report



4) Committee Reports

- National Water Resources Association Caucus
- Groundwater and Federal Issues
- Membership Committee
- Website
- Awards

5) Consider Policy Priority Recommendations for the NWRA Leadership Forum

6) 2021 GMDA Meetings and Summer Conference

7) 2022 Annual Conference Location – Sana Antonio

8) 2022 Summer Conference

9) Other Business as Needed

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM by President Aron Balok. The next general meeting will be at 3:00 PM CDT, on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, by virtual meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Dick Ehrman, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved by: Name