

TACA NEW BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2019

7:30 a.m. – Ivy Room

Moody Gardens

7 Hope Boulevard

Galveston, TX 77554

- I. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by President Cathy Talcott at 7:32 a.m.
- II. Prayer & Pledge- The prayer was given by Cathy Talcott and Shay Luedeke led the pledges to the US and Texas Flags
- III. Introductions & Guests - Board members in attendance were Cathy Talcott, Tammy McRae, Randy Riggs, Bruce Stidham, Larry Gaddes, Kevin Kieschnick, Donna Willis, Shay Luedeke, Albert Uresti and Michelle French. Guests in attendance were John R. Ames, Sarah Lazarowitz, Amy Lawson, Katy Reagan and Michele Mund.
- IV. Secretary/Treasurer Report-
 - a. Internal Audit – Cathy Talcott announced that the audit meeting will be held Tuesday, September 3, 2019 from 3 until 6 pm at the Texas Association of Counties North Room. Members of the committee are Bruce Stidham, Kevin Kieschnick and Wendy Burgess.
 - b. Leadership Class Selection/Appointment – Larry Gaddes announced that our association no longer selects a member for the program. All participants are selected through an application process with the Texas Association of Counties.
 - c. Ratify President’s Chair Appointments & Extensions - Kim Sweet, Historical Chair, and Justin Carothers, Technology Chair, have both served more than four years. Michelle French moved to extend their service and ratify the appointment for the ensuing year. Bruce Stidham seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion passed.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Update of Previous Year – Michelle French announced that this past year has been busy and fantastic. She also stressed how well the board worked together this past year.
 - b. VG Young Update – Tammy McRae announced that there will be an upcoming planning meeting and that Sherry Mueck will be chairing the planning for TACA.
- VI. New Business
 - a. TAC/County Progress Wrap Up – Amy Lawson reminded the board that the advanced class was held at the beginning of the conference and that there will be a wrap up meeting later this summer. Sarah Lazarowitz

mentioned that the funding records had been broken.

- b. Set Date for next Board Meeting – The next board meeting will be on Friday, September 6, 2019 from 11 – 2 following the Texas Association of Counties Legislative Conference.

VII. Other Business – Cathy Talcott reported on her meeting regarding the Comptroller Advisory Group. The board is recommending Larry Gaddes and Ro’Vin Garrett as our representatives.

Cathy Talcott would like to create a committee to perform the service that Sherry Mueck provided at this conference.

Larry Gaddes informed the board of the transition occurring in the Secretary/Treasurer office and asked for patience from the board.

Albert Uresti addressed forming a Special Investigation Unit as a resource for the members of our association.

Cathy Talcott recognized John R. Ames to address the Education Director position. John R. Ames recommended that the board hire an Education Director. He mentioned that he would be willing to continue as the Education Director during a transition period until the next board meeting in September if the board agreed to hire an Education Director. Otherwise, he would continue until the end of June 2019 and turn everything over on July 1st. The board agreed to put this on the agenda for the next board meeting and John R. Ames stated that June 30, 2019 will be his last day as the Education Director. Cathy Talcott formed a committee to immediately address the issue consisting of Tammy McRae, Randy Riggs, Bruce Stidham and Larry Gaddes.

VIII. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by Cathy Talcott at 8:49 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Riggs
Secretary/Treasurer