

GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority met in a regular monthly meeting on June 19, 2013, at the GBRA River Annex Board Room, 905 Nolan, Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas. Directors present were Oscar H. Fogle, Grace G. Kunde, Robert “Rusty” Brockman, Kenneth Motl, William R. Carbonara, Darrell McLain, and Don B. Meador. Directors Tommy Mathews and Dennis L. Patillo were absent. Also present were James Murphy, Executive Manager of Water Resources and Utility Operations; Alvin Schuerg, Executive Manager of Finance and Administration; Todd Votteler, Executive Manager of Science, Intergovernmental Relations and Policy; David Welsch, Executive Manager of Business Development and Resource Management; Gary Asbury, Manager of Project Engineering; Barbara Gunn, Human Resources Manager; Tommy Hill, Chief Engineer; Debbie Magin, Director of Water Quality Services; Bryan Serold, Operations Manager-Lower Basin; John Smith, Operations Manager-Upper Basin; LaMarriol Smith, Chief Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Officer; Teresa Van Booven, Project and Community Representative; Cricket Dietert, Executive Assistant to the General Manager; Connie Rothe, Board Relations and Publication Specialist; Leigh Crettenden, IT Manager; Amanda Johnson, Web Master; Tommy Schulte, Regional Representative; Jaynellen Ladd, Natural Resource Specialist; Charlie Hickman, Engineer; Abigail Nebb and Travis Tindell, GBRA Interns; Roger Nevola, legal counsel; Steve Holzheuser, consultant; Craig Holzheuser; the Honorable Jan Patterson, Retired 3rd Court of Appeals Justice; Adam Connor and

Katherine Tillison representing San Antonio Water System; Rick Galloway representing Atkins; Humberto Ramos representing Canyon Regional Water Authority; H. Rene Moulenet representing HRM Land Acquisition Solutions, LLC; Steven Rennekee representing KBR; and Greg Bowen represent the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung.

Chair Fogle turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Kunde. Vice Chair Kunde assumed the Chairship of the meeting.

Chair Kunde called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and took note of the certifications presented that notice of the meeting had been properly posted in the office of the Secretary of State, in the Guadalupe County Courthouse, and at the GBRA main office and river annex in Seguin, Texas, pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. A quorum being present, the following proceedings were had:

In the absence of Secretary-Treasurer Mathews, Chair Kunde appointed Director Brockman to serve as Secretary Pro-Tem.

Director Motl led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and Texas flag.

The Chair called for comments from the public. There were no public comments at this time.

Chair Kunde called for a moment of silence in memory of GBRA's employee from the Lockhart Wastewater Treatment Plant, Angel Castillo.

Chair Kunde called for **Chair Item 1 - Welcome newly appointed Director(s) and administer the *Oath of Office* to William R. Carbonara, Don B. Meador, and Darrell McLain.** Chair Kunde welcomed William R. Carbonara, Don B. Meador, and

Darrell McLain to the Board. The Honorable Jan Patterson, Retired 3rd Court of Appeals Justice, administered the *Oath of Office* to William R. Carbonara, Don B. Meador, and Darrell McLain.

Next, the Chair called for **Chair Item 2 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the expenditure of funds for Directors and staff to attend the National Water Resources Association 2013 Western Water Seminar July 29 - 31, 2013, in Stevenson, Washington.** Upon motion by Director Motl, seconded by Director Brockman, the Board unanimously approved expenditure of funds for Directors and staff to attend the National Water Resources Association 2013 Western Water Seminar in Stevenson, Washington.

The Chair then called for **Consent Item 3 - Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the May 15, 2013, Board meeting; Consent Item 4 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly financial report for May 2013; Consent Item 5 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for May 2013; and Consent Item 6 - Consideration of and possible action approving Directors' expense vouchers.** Upon motion by Director Carbonara, seconded by Director Meador, the Board unanimously approved Consent Items 3, 4, 5, and 6.

The Chair called for **General Manager Item 7 - Discussion of the Executive Report addressing various matters, including matters relating to: safety, utility operations, water resource operations, engineering, coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding Canyon Reservoir operations, Nueces**

Recharge Study, the seasonal deviation study for Canyon Reservoir and Cibolo Watershed Study, Region L Water Planning, Construction Management including River Bend pump station replacement matters with construction ninety percent complete, Mid-Basin Water Supply Project, Feasibility Study for the Integrated Water Power Project, Regional Laboratory activities, Clean Rivers Program activities, Plum Creek Projects, Texas Water Utilities Association Laboratory Analyst Section, Operations, Geronimo Creek Watershed Protection Plan, Environmental Flows Project including Memorandum of Understanding with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Water Quality (general), TDA/TWRI Real Hog Farm VTA project, San Antonio Bay Foundation and Partnership, Economic and Community Development activities, events and projects, development including water and wastewater services activities, Bulverde area wastewater including Singing Hills, Berry Oaks, Berryman Investments and Johnson Ranch, Rural Utilities - Dunlap wastewater service area activities, Mid-Basin Water Supply Project activities, Other Project Development activities including Guidance Document for Interim Wastewater Plants and Lift Stations and Wastewater Master Plan for Canyon Lake area, Resource Protection activities including lake management and water safety, implementation of water conservation measures, water strategies, Gonzales area flood warning plan, Canyon Lake/Sattler Office, Gorge Preservation Society, information technology, human resources, accounting and finance. James Murphy briefed the Board on GBRA operation and engineering activities. David Welsch briefed the Board on water

quality, regional laboratory, economic and community development, and business development activities. Debbie Magin briefed the Board on the Clean Rivers Program and distributed the *2013 Clean Rivers Program Basin Summary Report – Guadalupe River and Lavaca-Guadalupe Coastal Basins*. Alvin Schuerg briefed the Board on finance, human resource, and information technology activities. Mr. Schuerg also briefed the Board on the financial statements executive summary for the period ending May 31, 2013.

Director Fogle excused himself from the meeting at this time.

Next, the Chair called for **Discussion Item 8 - Discussion related to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Defined Benefit Pension Plan actuarial valuation report and recommended supplemental contribution to the Plan**. Alvin Schuerg briefed the Board on GBRA's three Retirement Plans, the Defined Benefit Pension Plan actuarial valuation report and a recommended supplemental contribution to the Plan.

The Chair then called for **Discussion Item 9 - Discussion regarding Cuero Industrial Foundation contribution to the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum in the name of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority**. Alvin Schuerg briefed the Board on the Cuero Industrial Foundation's contribution to the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum in the name of GBRA. This contribution relates to an economic development program loan/grant established in 2001 between GBRA and the Cuero Industrial Foundation.

The Chair called for **Discussion Item 10 - Discussion regarding the 51st Annual Texas Water Safari race**. Teresa Van Booven and Tommy Schulte gave a

presentation on the 51st Annual Texas Water Safari race held June 8, 2013. GBRA is a corporate sponsor for the event.

Next, the Chair called for **Discussion 11 - Discussion regarding the activities and transactions of the Edwards Aquifer Authority, South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee, and the Guadalupe Basin Coalition.** Todd Votteler briefed the Board on activities of the Edwards Aquifer Authority, the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program Habitat Conservation Plan, and the Guadalupe Basin Coalition.

The Chair then called for **Discussion Item 12 - Discussion regarding the activities and transactions of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust, the San Antonio Bay Foundation, the Gorge Preservation Society, and the Guadalupe River Foundation.** Todd Votteler briefed the Board on activities of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust and the San Antonio Bay Foundation. Dr. Votteler introduced Abigail Nebb and Travis Tindell, Interns from the University of Sewanee and sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. Jaynellen Ladd briefed the Board on the history and activities of the Gorge Preservation Society.

The Chair called for **Discussion Item 13 - Discussion regarding Base Flow Report, Water Quality Index, and condition of the Guadalupe Basin.** The reports were discussed with the Board. Tommy Hill gave an overview on the operation of river flows and water rights on the Guadalupe and San Antonio Rivers. The Board was also briefed on the historical surface water use, Canyon Reservoir firm yield, flooding on the Guadalupe River, and the Flood Protection Planning Study. Mr. Hill also briefed the

Board on the Comal Springs level, elevation of Canyon Reservoir, rainfall events, and the U. S. Drought Monitor Seasonal Outlook.

Next, the Chair called for **Discussion Item 14 - Discussion regarding local and State water planning and water resource issues.** Todd Votteler briefed the Board on State water issues and legislative items including the proposed language to be on the ballot in the fall for possible funding for water projects. The Board was also briefed on the special session of the Legislature.

The Chair then called for **Discussion Item 15 - Discussion regarding national water planning and water resource issues.** Todd Votteler briefed the Board on national/federal water resource issues.

The Chair recessed the open meeting at 12:22 p.m. The Chair then closed the open meeting and convened the meeting in executive session at 12:38 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The Chair reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m. subject to call by the Chair.

Chair

Secretary Pro Tem