

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 February 19, 2014, at the GBRA River Annex Board Room, 905 Nolan, Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas. Directors present were Oscar H. Fogle, Tommy Mathews, Robert “Rusty” Brockman, Grace G. Kunde, Kenneth Motl, Dennis L. Patillo, and Don B. Meador. Directors William R. Carbonara and Darrell McLain were absent. Also present were W. E. West, Jr., General Manager; Tom Bohl, General Counsel; 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; Tommy Schulte, Regional Representative; Jaynellen Ladd, Natural Resource Specialist; Charlie Hickman, Engineer; Susan Hubbert, Accounting Manager; Darel Ball, Division Manager, Hays-Caldwell; Yolanda Pierce, Operations Assistant; Jeff McKee, Assistant Division

Manager, Hydroelectric-Rural Utilities; Jim Lucas, Operator-Luling Water Treatment Plant; Russell Hester, Electrical Instrumentation Technician-Guadalupe Valley Hydroelectric Division; Happy Henry, Heavy Equipment Operator-Guadalupe Valley Hydroelectric Division; Joel Heideke, Chief Operator-Rural Utilities Division; Lee Gudgell, Water Quality Technician-Water Supply Division; Josie Longoria, Regional Laboratory Director; Michael Urrutia, Division Manager-Comal/Kendall; Elizabeth Aguilar; Administrative Technical Specialist; Jeff Crosby, Executive Director of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust; Dan Alonso, Executive Director of the San Antonio Bay Foundation; Roger Nevola, legal counsel; Steve Holzheuser, consultant; Jim Dublin with Dublin and Associates; David Engel with Engel and Associates; Greg Bowen with the New Braunfels Herald Zeitung; Stefan Schuster with MWH Global; Robert Croll with CULP; H. Rene Moulinet with HRM; Alan Thompson with LNV Engineering; Ramon Salazar with Worley Parsons; Humberto Ramos with Canyon Regional Water Authority; Rosie Ybarra, DeWitt County Emergency Management Coordinator and Flood Plain Administrator; Peggy Fonseca Goliad County Flood Plain Administrator; and Adam Connor with San Antonio Water System.

Chair Fogle called the meeting to order at 10:01 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:

Director Brockman 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.

The Chair called for recognition of GBRA employee(s). Chair Fogle welcomed and recognized GBRA employees Jim Lucas, Russell Hester, Happy Henry, Joel Heideke, Jeff McKee, Lee Gudgell, Josie Longoria, Michael Urrutia, and Elizabeth Aguilar.

Next, the Chair called for **Consent Item 1 - Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the January 15, 2014, Board meeting; Consent Item 2 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly financial report for January 2014; Consent Item 3 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for January 2014; and Consent Item 4 - Consideration of and possible action approving Directors' expense vouchers.**

Upon motion by Director Mathews, seconded by Director Brockman, the Board unanimously approved Consent Items 1, 2, 3, and 4.

The Chair then called for **General Manager Item 5 - Discussion of the Executive Report addressing various matters, including matters relating to: safety, utility operations, water resource operations, engineering, including 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, water diversions within GBRA's hydroelectric lakes, possible additional river gages below Canyon Lake, ways to**

improve river forecasting, construction management, the Mid-Basin Water Supply Project, the Integrated Water Power Project, Regional Laboratory activities, Clean Rivers Program activities, Plum Creek Projects, Texas Water Utilities Association Laboratory Analyst Section activities, Geronimo Creek Watershed Protection Plan activities, Environmental Flows Project including continued background data collections, Water Quality (general), TDA/TWRI Real Hog Farm VTA project, Economic and Community Development activities, events and projects, development including water and wastewater infrastructure for Johnson Ranch, Rural Utilities - Dunlap wastewater service area activities, Canyon Lake Wastewater Master Plan, Property Management, Water Supply Project activities including evaluation and development of GBRA/Customer facility plan for the Mid-Basin Water Supply Project, water and wastewater infrastructure needs for the Cherryville Development in Caldwell County, other potential interests including General Land Office, Walton Development, and New Braunfels Utilities, Maxwell Water Supply Corporation water supply projects, other water activities including Western Canyon Treated Water Supply System activities, Kendall West, Lerin Hills, Esperanza and Bremer-Couser service agreements, right-of-way review regarding San Marcos Water Supply pipeline, review GBRA easement near old power plant with City of Seguin, review New Braunfels Utilities easement at Dunlap, Resource Protection activities, ongoing discussions and proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regarding the Zebra Mussels campaign, continued work on lake restrictions

regarding water usage on the hydro lakes, reviewing and updating flood preparedness procedures, presentations regarding drought conditions and water supply matters, 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. Mr. Murphy also briefed the Board on the planning process for seeking funds for water projects in the State of Texas and activities of the South Central Texas Regional Water Planning Group Region L. David Welsch briefed the Board on water quality, regional laboratory, economic and community development, and business development activities. Alvin Schuerg briefed the Board on the financial statements executive summary for the period ending January 31, 2014. Mr. Schuerg also briefed the Board on finance, human resource, and information technology activities.

The Chair called for Action Items. There were no action items at this meeting.

Next, the Chair called for **Discussion Item 7 - Discussion regarding revision(s) to GBRA's Water Conservation Plans and Drought Contingency Plans.**

John Smith briefed the Board on GBRA's Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans. Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans are required as a condition of receiving financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board. The Plans must be re-approved by May 1, 2014. Mr. Smith discussed GBRA's Divisions with established Plans and proposed changes to the Plans. Discussion was had on Drought Contingency Plan triggers for Canyon Reservoir, GBRA's hydroelectric lakes, and Luling Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Smith briefed the Board on the Cordillera Ranch and

Comal Trace Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan including public notification relating to the various stages of conservation.

The Chair then called for **Discussion Item 8 - Briefing on the status of the proposed Post Oak Landfill in Guadalupe County, Texas.** Debbie Magin briefed the Board on the status of the proposed Post Oak Landfill in Guadalupe County, Texas. The application was submitted in December of 2011. All four parts have been submitted and are administratively complete. A public meeting will be held March 6, 2014 in Seguin. Discussion was also had on the proposed Green Group Holdings landfill in Caldwell County. Their Application has been submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The Chair called for **Discussion Item 9 - Briefing on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood insurance program.** Charlie Hickman introduced Rosie Ybarra and Peggy Fonseca. Mr. Hickman briefed the Board on the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program changes. GBRA does not provide any administrative assistance to the program. The first National Flood Insurance Act was passed in 1968 to assist with damages following flood events. The National Flood Insurance Reform Act was passed in 1973. Discussion was has regarding community responsibilities, mapping effort in Texas, and the Biggert-Waters 2012 reform relating to rates for structures/homes in various flood zones.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 11:12 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Next, the Chair called for **Discussion Item 10 - Presentation on the United States Department of the Interior 2013 “Partners in Conservation” award.** Todd Votteler briefed the Board on an outstanding conservation achievement “Partners in Conservation” award from the U. S. Department of Interior that was presented to the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program.

The Chair then called for **Discussion Item 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, the Guadalupe Basin Coalition, and the South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee.

The Chair 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.** Jeff Crosby briefed the Board on the activities of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust. Dan Alonso briefed the Board on the activities of the San Antonio Bay Foundation.

Next, 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 briefed the Board on the Comal Springs level, San Marcos Springs level, Guadalupe River stream flows, elevation of

Canyon Reservoir and other reservoirs, rainfall events, and the U. S. Drought Monitor Seasonal Outlook.

The Chair then called for **Discussion Item 14 - Discussion regarding local and State water planning and water resource issues.** General Manager West briefed the Board on House and Senate Interim Charges.

The Chair called for **Discussion Item 15 - Discussion regarding national water planning and water resource issues.** Todd Votteler and General Manager West briefed the Board on the Texas Water Conservation Association 2014 Texas Water Day in Washington, D.C. The Board was also briefed on a meeting of the National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition (NESARC) Policy Committee.

The Chair recessed the open meeting at 12:11 p.m. The Chair then closed the open meeting and convened the meeting in executive session at 12:42 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The Chair reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:49 p.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. subject to call by the Chair.

Chair

Secretary