

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 May 21, 2014, at the GBRA River Annex Board Room, 905 Nolan, Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas. Directors present were Oscar H. Fogle, Robert “Rusty” Brockman, Kenneth Motl, Dennis L. Patillo, Don B. Meador, William R. Carbonara, and Darrell McLain. Directors Tommy Mathews and Grace G. Kunde 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; 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; Cricket Dietert, Executive Assistant to the General Manager; Connie Rothe, Board Relations and Publication Specialist; Leigh Crettenden, IT Manager; Carl Westergard, Web Master; Jaynellen Ladd, Natural Resource Specialist; Patti Coggins, Grant Writer/Administrator; Yolanda Pierce, Operations Assistant; Susan Cochran, Operations Assistant; Paulette Cowey, Operations Secretary; Kimberley Helmke, Administrative Assistant-Water Supply

Division; David Kenda, Maintenance Crew-Guadalupe Valley Hydroelectric Division; James King, Control Room Operator-Guadalupe Valley Hydroelectric Division; Scott Kolbe, Electrical Instrumentation Technician-Canyon Hydroelectric Division; Jeff McKee, Assistant Division Manager-Hydroelectric-Rural Utilities; Jason Eeds, Operator-Lockhart Wastewater Treatment Plant; Jeff Crosby, Executive Director of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust; Roger Nevola, legal counsel; Jim Dublin with Dublin and Associates; David Engel with Engel and Associates; Shari Gary, Matthew Gary, Troy Farr, Andrea Farr, Grace Farr, and Faith Farr family of the late Bruce E. Wasinger; Doug Caroom, Patricia Caroom, Emily Rogers, Paul Seals, and Bob Wischnia friends of the late Bruce E. Wasinger; Nick Dornak with Plum Creek Watershed Protection; Karli Jo Downey graduate from Gonzales High School; Joe Downey, Chief Operator-Luling Water Treatment Plant; Brookelynn Michelle Helmke graduate from Canyon Lake High School; Michael Helmke, Maintenance Crew-Guadalupe Valley Hydroelectric Division; Shelly Helmke; Matthew LeeRoy Jandt graduate from Gonzales High School; Darryl Jandt, Maintenance Crew-Guadalupe Valley Hydroelectric Division; Sandra Jandt; Shelby Jandt; Jaden Kyle Lewis graduate from Victoria West High School; Jason Lewis, Reservoir Ranger-Coleto Creek Recreation; Janice Lewis; Michael Justin Montana graduate from Jack C. Hays High School; Edwardo Montana, Operations Manager-Lockhart Wastewater Treatment Plant; Lisa Montana; Jake Schneider, graduate from Goliad High School; Alan Schneider, Chief Operator-Coleto Creek Reservoir; Kim Schneider; Lane Schneider; Shaelynn N. Scott, graduate from Seguin High School; Robbie Scott, Control Room Operator-Guadalupe Valley Hydroelectric Division; Tricia

Scott; Brooke Ellen Terry, graduate from Seguin High School; Sandra Terry, Investment Manager; Andrea Urrutia graduate from Incarnate Word High School was unable to attend; Michael Urrutia, Division Manager-Comal/Kendall Counties; Logan Stuart Hanzel, graduate from San Marcos High School; David and Jennifer Hanzel; Stacey JoAnn Havel graduate from Gonzales High School; David and Patricia Havel; Karen Taylor, graduate from Comfort High School; Karen Taylor; Teresa Wilde; Greg Bowen with the New Braunfels Herald Zeitung; Humberto Ramos with Canyon Regional Water Authority; Adam Connor with San Antonio Water System; Bill Swanson and Stefan Schuster with MWH Global; and Jeanne Schnwiger with Springs Hill Water Supply Corporation.

Chair Fogle 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:

Director McLain 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. Chair Fogle also welcomed and recognized GBRA employees Kimberley Helmke, David Kenda, James King, Scott Kolbe, Jason Lewis, Alan Schneider, and Jason Eeds.

The Chair recessed the open meeting at 10:03 a.m. The Chair then closed the open meeting and convened the meeting in executive session at 10:04 a.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The Chair reconvened the meeting in open session at 11:16 a.m.

The Chair called for **Chair Item 1 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the expenditure of funds for Directors and staff to attend the Texas Water Conservation Association 2014 Mid-Year Conference June 11-13, 2014, at Horseshoe Bay Resort in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.** Upon motion by Director Patillo, seconded by Director Motl, the Board unanimously authorized the expenditure of funds for Directors and staff to attend the Texas Water Conservation Association 2014 Mid-Year Conference.

Next, the Chair called for **Consent Item 2 - Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the April 16, 2014, Board workshop and Board meeting; Consent Item 3 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly financial report for April 2014; Consent Item 4 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for April 2014; and Consent Item 5 - Consideration of and possible action approving Directors' expense vouchers.** Upon motion by Director Brockman, seconded by Director Meador, the Board unanimously approved Consent Items 2, 3, 4, and 5.

The Chair then called for **General Manager Item 6 - Discussion of the Executive Report addressing various matters, including matters relating to: safety, utility operations including matters relating to Northcliffe Wastewater**

Treatment Plant, regional wastewater service for the Sunfield area, and providing wastewater treatment for the City of Point Comfort, 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, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Canyon Lake Dam safety workshop, Region L prioritization and subcommittee meetings, Kerr-Kendall ASR Study, the Mid-Basin Water Supply Project, the Integrated Water Power Project, services provided by GBRA to the Johnson Ranch Subdivision, Regional Laboratory activities, Clean Rivers Program activities, Plum Creek Projects, meeting with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Cities of Luling and Lockhart, and Polonia Water Supply Corporation regarding a regional source water assessment project in Caldwell County, City of Lockhart's Unregulated Contaminants Rule 2, Geronimo Creek Watershed Protection Plan, Senate Bill 2 Environmental Flows Project background data, Vegetation and Invasive species and GBRA expenditure estimates, Water Quality matters (general), USDA/TWRI Real Hog Farm VTA project, Economic and Community Development activities and events, project 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, Region L planning activities, Texas Water Conservation Association meeting activities, information technology, human resources, accounting and finance. No discussion was had on General Manager Item 6.

The Chair called for **Action Item7 - Consideration of and possible action approving a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority authorizing the General Manager or his designee to be the**

representative(s) of GBRA for the purpose of furnishing information and executing documents as may be required in connection with the preparation and submission of an application to the United States Bureau of Reclamation in regards to the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program Funding Opportunity Announcement Number R14AS00030. Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority staff proposed to file an application with the United States Bureau of Reclamation to secure financial assistance for regional planning efforts to evaluate the potential for desalination along the Gulf coast. The GBRA 10-county district is experiencing rapid business and population growth with accompanying demands for municipal and industrial water supplies. GBRA recognized that meeting the demands for water supply services while conserving and protecting the Region's surface and groundwater resources depends on cooperative planning and development. GBRA has prepared an application for the United States Bureau of Reclamation for Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Funding Opportunity Announcement Number R14AS00030. Upon motion by Director Motl, seconded by Director Carbonara, the Board unanimously approved a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority authorizing the General Manager or his designee to be the representative(s) of GBRA for the purpose of furnishing information and executing documents as may be required in connection with the preparation and submission of an application to the United States Bureau of Reclamation in regards to the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program Funding Opportunity Announcement Number R14AS00030. A copy of the Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Chair called for the **Presentation of 2014 annual GBRA Scholarships.** Connie Rothe introduced the 2014 GBRA Scholarship recipients Logan Stuart Hanzel graduate from San Marcos High School, Stacey JoAnn Havel graduate from Gonzales High School, and Karen Taylor graduate from Comfort High School. Students of GBRA employees receiving scholarships were Karli Jo Downey graduate from Gonzales High School, Brookelynn Michelle Helmke graduate from Canyon Lake High School, Matthew LeeRoy Jandt graduate from Gonzales High School, Jaden Kyle Lewis graduate from Victoria High School, Michael Justin Montana graduate from Jack C. Hays High School, Jake Schneider graduate from Goliad High School, Shaelynn N. Scott graduate from Seguin High School, Brooke Ellen Terry graduate from Seguin High School, and Andrea Urrutia graduate from Incarnate Word High School (unable to attend).

Next, the Chair called for **Discussion Item 8 - Status report on the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan and Partnership.** Debbie Magin briefed the Board on the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan and the establishment of the Partnership. Mrs. Magin introduced the Plum Creek Watershed Coordinator Nick Dornak. Mr. Dornak gave a status report highlighting the activities of the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan and Partnership.

The Chair called for **Discussion Item 10 - 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 then called for **Discussion Item 9 - Quarterly status report on grant activities**. There was no discussion on Discussion Item 9.

Next, the Chair called for **Discussion Item 11 - 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**. There was no discussion on Discussion Item 11.

The Chair then called for **Discussion Item 12 - Discussion regarding Base Flow Report, Water Quality Index, and condition of the Guadalupe Basin**. There was no discussion on Discussion Item 12.

The Chair called for **Discussion Item 13 - Discussion regarding local and State water planning and water resource issues**. There was no discussion on Discussion Item 13.

Next, the Chair called for **Discussion Item 14 - Discussion regarding national water planning and water resource issues**. There was no discussion on Discussion Item 14.

The Chair called for **Dedication of the Grand Ole Oak Tree in Memory of Bruce E. Wasinger**. Chair Fogle asked everyone to gather outside by the Grand Ole Oak Tree for the dedication. Chair Fogle welcomed family, friends and co-workers to the dedication. A copy of the plaque is attached and made a part of these minutes.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m. subject to call by the Chair.

Chair

Secretary