

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 18, 2015, at the GBRA River Annex Board Room, 905 Nolan, Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas. Directors present were Tommy Mathews, Robert “Rusty” Brockman, Dennis L. Patillo, Oscar H. Fogle, Grace G. Kunde, Kenneth Motl, Don B. Meador, Darrel McLain, and William R. Carbonara. 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; LaMarriol Smith, Executive Manager for Strategic Communications and Public Affairs; Todd Votteler, Executive Manager of Science, Intergovernmental Relations and Policy; David Welsch, Executive Manager of Business Development and Resource Management; Barbara Gunn, Human Resources Manager; Tommy Hill, Chief Engineer; Bryan Serold, Operations Manager-Lower Basin; John Smith, Operations Manager-Upper Basin; Michael Urrutia, Director of Water Quality Services; Teresa Van Booven, Project and Community Representative; Tommy Schulte, Regional Representative; Cricket Dietert, Executive Assistant to the General Manager; Leigh Crettenden, IT Manager; Carl Westergard, Web Master; Connie Rothe, Board Relations and Publication Specialist; Jaynellen Ladd, Natural Resource Specialist; Cinde Thomas-Jimenez, Environmental Education Administrator; Mark Henneke, Assistant Chief Ranger-Lakewood; Daphne Harder, Administrative Services Assistant; Cheryl Gorden, Accounting Assistant; Susan Cochran, Operations Assistant;

Jim Wyatt, SCADA Administrator; Susan Hubbert, Accounting Manager; Sandra Terry, Investment Manager; Jeff Crosby with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust; Roger Nevola, legal counsel; Jim Dublin with Dublin and Associates; David Engel with Engel and Associates; Greg Bowen with the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung; Alan Thompson with LVN; Bill Swanson Schuster with MWH Global; and Lisa Guardola with San Antonio Water System.

Chair Mathews 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:

General Manager West 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 Mathews welcomed and recognized GBRA employees Mark Henneke, Daphne Harder, Cheryl Gorden, Susan Cochran, and Jim Wyatt.

The Chair called for **Chair Item 1 - Consideration of and possible action changing the location of the March 18, 2015, Board of Directors meeting to be held in Victoria, Texas.** Upon motion by Director Meador, seconded by Director Kunde, the Board unanimously approved changing the location of the March 18, 2015,

Board of Directors meeting to be held in Victoria, Texas, with the meeting to begin at 9:00 a.m.

Next, the Chair called for **Consent Item 2 - Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the January 21, 2015, Board meeting; Consent Item 3 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly financial report for January 2015; Consent Item 4 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for January 2015; and Consent Item 5 - Consideration of and possible action approving Directors' expense vouchers.** Upon motion by Director Patillo, seconded by Director Motl, 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 relating to water resources planning including reports on Regional L Water Planning group activities, water reuse issues, GBRA's Mid-Basin Project (Groundwater and Surface Water components), Integrated Water Power Project, Lower Basin Project, Hydropower Regulatory Act issues, water resources operation including engineering issues and engineering related meetings, construction management reports relating to GBRA projects and to the FM 110 Bypass in San Marcos, safety issues, utility operations, Water Quality Division and Regional Laboratory reports, reports on the activities of GBRA's Regional Laboratory, sampling and other water quality-related activities, economic and community development reports including the River Heritage Tour Project, reports on various community meetings, community**

outreach activities in the Guadalupe Basin, project development reports, water and wastewater services provided in various communities throughout the Guadalupe Basin, property management, water supply studies in the Basin, Western Canyon reports, reports on meeting with the City of Boerne regarding Lerin Hills water supply matters, resource protection issues, lake management, Zebra Mussels, flood management, reports from the Canyon Lake/Sattler office and the Gorge Preservation Society, public affairs reports including media reports and public outreach, education reports, reports on the activities of the Environmental Learning Center, publications, Geographic Information Systems projects, special projects, reports on marketing efforts, grants, Board relations and public events, administrative reports, information technology reports, Human Resource reports, accounting, and finance reports. James Murphy briefed the Board on GBRA water resources planning, operation and engineering activities. David Welsch briefed the Board on water quality, regional laboratory, economic and community development, and business development activities. LaMarriol Smith briefed the Board on media, education, publications, marketing, and grant activities. Cinde Thomas-Jimenez made a presentation on GBRA's Comprehensive Water Education and Information Program including program goals, education programs provided to various school, outreach programs, community and school partnerships, GBRA's proposed Environmental Learning Center, water quality kiosk program, social media, and publications. Alvin Schuerg briefed the Board on finance, human resource, and

information technology activities. Mr. Schuerg also briefed the Board on the executive financial summary for the period ending January 31, 2015.

The Chair called for **Action Item 7**. There were no action items.

Next, the Chair called for **Discussion Item 8 - 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 Guadalupe Basin Coalition, and the South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee. Dr. Votteler also briefed the Board on an event being sponsored by the Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce and its Natural Resources Committee along with other participants and sponsors entitled "Going With the Flow-The Importance of Our Springs" on February 20, 2015.

The Chair then called for **Discussion Item 9 - 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 the activities of the San Antonio Bay Foundation. Jaynellen Ladd briefed the Board on the activities of the Gorge Preservation Society. Jeff Crosby briefed the Board on the activities of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust.

The Chair called for **Discussion Item 10 - 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.

Next, the Chair called for **Discussion Item 11 - - Discussion regarding local and State water planning and water resource issues.** Todd Votteler briefed the Board on special election runoff results. Dr. Votteler also briefed the Board on Committee members for the Texas Legislature Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development; the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water and Rural Affairs; the House Committee on Natural Resources; and the House Committee on Special Purpose Districts. The Board was also briefed on various proposed water related bills. General Manager West briefed the Board on groundwater activities in Hays County. Discussion was also had relating to water supply activities of the Port O'Connor Municipal Utility District.

The Chair then called for **Discussion Item 12 - Discussion regarding national water planning and water resource issues.** General Manager West briefed the Board on the Texas Water Conservation Association Texas Water Day held in Washington, D.C. The Board was also briefed on a news article relating to a “mega drought”.

The Chair recessed the open meeting at 12:03 p.m. The Chair then closed the open meeting and convened the meeting in executive session at 12:45 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The Chair reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:11 p.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m. subject to call by the Chair.

Chair

Secretary