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Port Lavaca WTP employees Parenica and Price receive GBRA service awards

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SEGUIN- GBRA Port Lavaca Water Treatment Plant employees Ronnie Parenica and Tom Price recently received awards for their years of service to the organization. The awards were presented at the annual GBRA company picnic by board chairman T. L. Walker and general manager Bill West. Parenica and Price were among 23 GBRA employees who earned service awards ranging from five to 30 years.

“We are fortunate to have so many dedicated and highly-qualified men and women willing to devote their careers to providing high-quality water-related services to people and communities in the Guadalupe River Basin,” said West in presenting the awards.

Parenica, who received a five year service award, currently holds a “B” Surface Water certificate from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), which is achieved following a minimum of 100 hours of classroom training and five years of water production-related work experience.

Price received a ten-year service award that included five years of service with the Calhoun Canal System. He holds a “C” Surface Water certificate which requires a minimum of 60 classroom hours and five years of related work experience.

Other employees who work in the three GBRA divisions located in Calhoun County hold certifications ranging from D through A. TNRCC requires all public water systems to have at least one certified operator to ensure that the water supplied to the public meets all federal and state requirements for human consumption. Surface water treatment plants must have at least one Grade C level operator on duty at all times when the plant is in operation.

The GBRA Calhoun County operations include irrigation and industrial water supply, drinking water treatment, municipal supply and rural water distribution.