

GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority met in a called Strategic Plan work session meeting on August 10, 2016, 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, Kenneth Motl, Grace G. Kunde, Don B. Meador, and William R. Carbonara. Director Darrell McLain was absent. Also present were Kevin Patteson, General Manager/Chief Executive Officer; W. E. West, Jr., General Manager (retiring); Darrell Nichols, Senior Deputy General Manager; Jonathan Stinson, Deputy General Manager; Tom Bohl, General Counsel; 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; Charlie Hickman, Manager of Project Engineering; Tommy Hill, Chief Engineer; Cricket Dietert, Executive Assistant to the General Manager; Leigh Crettenden, IT Manager; and Carl Westergard, Web Master.

Chair Mathews called the work session meeting to order at 10:02 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:

Chair Mathews gave a brief overview on the history of the strategic planning efforts of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority over the past twenty-two (22) years and the need to review the Plan in order to prepare for the future.

The Chair recessed the open meeting at 10:10 a.m. The Chair then closed the open meeting and convened the meeting in executive session at 10:10 a.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The Chair reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:46 a.m.

The Chair called for **Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority and New Braunfels Utilities.** Staff informed the Board this item was not ready for action. No action was taken on Agenda Item 2.

Next, the Chair called for **Agenda Item 3 - Discussion regarding a Strategic Plan for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.** Discussion was had regarding a Strategic Plan for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority. Tommy Hill discussed the Mid-Basin Water Supply Project which was initiated in 2012. Mr. Hill briefed the Board on the study outline of the projected water supply needs, surface and groundwater permits, water supply option evaluation, and phased project implementation. Discussion continued on projected needs for additional water supply and phased project implementation including integrated groundwater and ASR, groundwater with

remote ASR, and groundwater only. Tommy Hill continued discussion on conjunctive use, unit cost of water, and efforts to reduce unit cost. Mr. Hill briefed the Board on Carrizo groundwater cost estimates and project cost components. Discussion was had on the Hays Caldwell Public Utility Agency project and the San Antonio Water System Vista Ridge project.

Todd Votteler joined the work session meeting at this time.

Charlie Hickman briefed the Board on the Lower Basin Project including existing and potential customers, Lower Basin water rights, firm supply from Lower Basin rights, firm supply from Lower Basin rights with off-channel reservoir, proposed project location, potential reservoir site, Region L Planning cost estimate summary for the Lower Basin Storage Project, and preliminary reservoir cost estimates. Mr. Hickman continued discussion on charges for storage, canal use, transmission, and water rights.

The Chair recessed the open meeting at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened the open meeting at 11:59 a.m.

The Chair then called for **Agenda Item 4 - Consideration of and possible action pertaining to the draft Fiscal Year 2017 Work Plan and Budget**. The Board discussed the draft Fiscal Year 2017 Work Plan and Budget relating to the purchase of water rights, building needs, contingency fund, and maintenance needs for the Guadalupe Valley Hydroelectric Division dams. No action was taken on Agenda Item 4.

The Chair recessed the open meeting at 12:25 p.m. The Chair then closed the open meeting and convened the meeting in executive session at 12:25 p.m. pursuant to

Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The Chair reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:18 p.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m. subject to call by the Chair.

Chair

Secretary