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GBRA Directors Receive Senate Confirmation

SEGUIN, Texas—The Texas Senate confirmed four directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) on Wednesday, April 10.

Immediate Past Chair Robert (Rusty) E. Brockman, Jr. of Comal County, Secretary/Treasurer Kenneth A. Motl of Calhoun County, Stephen (Steve) B. Ehrig of Gonzales County, and Director Oscar H. Fogle of Caldwell County were appointed by Governor Greg Abbott in 2018 to serve six-year terms. The Constitution of the State of Texas requires the nominations by the Governor be confirmed by the Texas Senate during a legislative session.

“For over 85 years, GBRA has grown from a rural utility to a regional leader providing water, wastewater, and environmental stewardship services within its 10-county district,” said GBRA Chairman Dennis L. Patillo. “I am looking forward to working with these dedicated individuals in furthering GBRA’s mission of watershed protection, high-quality operations, and commitment to promoting conservation and education.”

The directors’ terms will expire in 2023 except for the Gonzales County position. Mr. Ehrig was appointed to fill an unexpired term. That term expires in 2019.

Brockman, Motl, Fogle and Ehrig join Chairman Dennis Patillo of Victoria County, Vice Chair Don Meador of Hays County, Director William Carbonara of DeWitt County, Director Ronald (Ron) J. Hermes of Guadalupe County, and Director Tommy Matthews II of Kendall County.

The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority was established by the Texas Legislature in 1933 as a water conservation and reclamation district. GBRA provides stewardship for the water resources in its 10-county statutory district which begins near the headwaters of the Guadalupe and Blanco rivers, ends at San Antonio Bay, and includes Kendall, Comal, Hays, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Gonzales, DeWitt, Victoria, Calhoun and Refugio counties. Today, GBRA’s combined facilities provide over 300,000 people with drinking water and over 50,000 people with wastewater services.

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