

**GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors – Workshop**  
**October 16, 2024**

The Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority met at 12:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at the GBRA Annex Building Board Room, 905 Nolan St., Seguin, Texas, Guadalupe County, Texas. Directors present Dennis Patillo, Sheila Old, Stephen B. Ehrig, Don Meador, William Carbonara, Emanuel Valdez, John Cyrier, Patrick Cohoon, and Robert Blaschke. Also present were Darrell Nichols, General Manager/CEO; Jonathan Stinson, Deputy General Manager; Vanessa Guerrero, Executive Manager of Administration; Randy Staats, Executive Manager of Finance/CFO; Charles Hickman, Executive Manager of Engineering; Nathan Pence, Executive Manager of Environmental Science; David Harris, Executive Manager of Operations; Adeline Fox, Executive Manager of Communications and Outreach; and Joseph Cole, General Counsel.

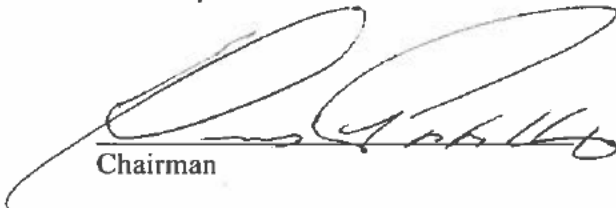
Chairman Patillo called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and took note of the certifications presented that notice of the workshop had been properly posted in the office of the Secretary of State and at the GBRA office in New Braunfels, Texas, pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. A quorum being present, the following proceedings were had:

The Chairman called for **Public Comments**. There were none.

The Chairman then called for the **Discussion Item - Update on development of GBRA's Habitat Conservation Plan**. Darrell Nichols, General Manager/CEO, addressed the attendees and provided an introduction on the topic and scope of the workshop, which was meant to act as an update on the progress of GBRA's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Nathan Pence, Executive

Manager of Environmental Science provided background on the covered endangered species and GBRA's decision to pursue the HCP as a means to provide operational certainty for GBRA that positions GBRA as a regional leader of stewardship in the Guadalupe River basin. Mr. Pence presented additional information on incidental take permits, the HCP plan area, and potential second-party participants in the HCP. Also outlined were the status of GBRA's research on potential impacts to covered species, and possible conservation strategies. Finally, Mr. Pence discussed implementation costs, and budget and resource issues.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.



Chairman

