

GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY
Minutes of the Board of Directors
January 15, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority met in a regular meeting on January 15, 2025, at the GBRA Annex Building Board Room, 905 Nolan St., Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas. Directors present were Dennis Patillo, Sheila Old, Stephen B. Ehrig, Don B. Meador, William Carbonara, John Cyrier, Patrick Cohoon, and Robert Blaschke. Director Valdez was not present. Present in the Annex Building in Seguin, Texas 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; and Joseph Cole, General Counsel.

Chairman Patillo 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 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:

Director Cohoon led the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag.

The Chairman called for **Chairman Item 1 - Consideration of and possible action approving selection of Officers of the Board of Directors for calendar year 2025**. Chairman Patillo nominated Director Cohoon to serve as Vice-Chairman and Director Blaschke to serve as Secretary/Treasurer, effective as of January 15, 2025. Upon Motion by Director Old, seconded by

Director Ehrig, the Board unanimously approved the nominations of Director Cohoon to serve as Vice-Chairman and Director Blaschke to serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

The Chairman then called for **Public Comments**. The Chairman called Joe Pease, corporate liaison on behalf of Tyson Foods in Seguin, Texas, who commented on the Alliance Water Stewardship certification, water supply concerns, information gathering on the Texas water plan, and an upcoming water reuse project with Texas Lutheran University and the City of Seguin.

The Chairman called for **Consent Item 3 - Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the December 18, 2024 Board Meeting; Consent Item 4 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly financial report for December 2024; Consent Item 5 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for December 2024; Consent Item 6 - Consideration of and possible action approving Directors' expense vouchers for December 2024;** Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Old, the Board unanimously approved Consent Items 3, 4, 5, and 6.

The Chairman then called for **General Manager/CEO Item 7 - The General Manager/CEO and staff may report on, and the Board may discuss, executive reports and/or issues relating to GBRA activities including without limitation, the following: Safety Update, GBRA water and sewer utility operations, hydroelectric operations, GBRA facilities management including plants and dams, water resources planning and operation, construction management, economic and community development, project development, accounting and finance, records management, grants and financial assistance, human resources, information technology, communications, social media, education programs, resource protection, weather and climate, river flows and other scientific issues, public and private entities partnering with GBRA, water quality services, community affairs,**

environmental programs, and stewardship. James Semler, Safety and Risk Manager stated there were no lost time incidents during this period. During December, the monthly safety topic was on cold stress and winter safety. Safety items completed this past month were the visitor safety checklist and the New Braunfels and Seguin campus Emergency Action Plan. Upcoming items and topics consist of STEER Tier II reporting; hands-on training for first aid/CPR; and policies relating to inclement weather, heat prevention, and lone work creation and implementation plan. Next, Nathan Pence, Executive Manager of Environmental Science briefed the Board on Environmental Science programs. Nathan updated the Board on the Habitat Conservation Plan (“HCP”) to include a discussion of the National HCP Coalition Annual meeting, the status of the draft HCP first , funding, meetings and workshops, species impact, and second-party participants. Information was provided on the aquatic relocation program being monitored by outside consultants at Lake McQueeney and Lake Placid during the current dam construction. A TCEQ audit was conducted on the Clean Rivers Program, with positive feedback received. The Environmental department participated in a Comal County Conservation Alliance panel event entitled “The Nature of Our Economy.” Lab staff visited the Gulf Coast Authority and participated in the Seguin Youth Career Expo.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 8 - Consideration of and possible action adopting a resolution expressing official intent to use proceeds of tax-exempt obligations to reimburse GBRA for costs incurred to acquire and install equipment for GBRA’s Regional Raw Water Delivery System.** Randy Staats, Executive Manager of Finance/CFO, is seeking approval for the adoption of a resolution for the financing of costs incurred for the replacement of variable frequency drives in the Regional Raw Water Delivery System. The issuance of debt will be necessary for the replacement of ten variable frequency drives, switchgear, and related components

at two pump stations that have reached the end of their useful lives. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Meador, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 8 adopting a resolution expressing official intent to use proceeds of tax-exempt obligations to reimburse GBRA for costs incurred to acquire and install equipment for GBRA's Regional Raw Water Delivery System. A copy of the Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Chairman then called for **Action Item 9 - Consideration of and possible action approving a Resolution authorizing GBRA to file an application for financial assistance from the State Infrastructure Bank, authorizing the execution of a State Infrastructure Bank Loan Agreement with the Texas Transportation Commission, acting through the Texas Department of Transportation, and authorizing the General Manager/CEO to approve and execute all documents and agreements relating to such application and loan.** Randy Staats, Executive Manager of Finance/CFO, is seeking approval of a resolution providing authorizations related to the Texas Department of Transportation's State Infrastructure Bank for the State Highway 46 pipeline relocation project. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Cyrier, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 9 adopting a Resolution authorizing GBRA to file an application for financial assistance from the State Infrastructure Bank, authorizing the execution of a State Infrastructure Bank Loan Agreement with the Texas Transportation Commission, acting through the Texas Department of Transportation, and authorizing the General Manager/CEO to approve and execute all documents and agreements relating to such application and loan. A copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 10 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Wastewater Service Agreement between GBRA and Jabez Development, L.P. in Guadalupe County.** Justin

Adkins, Assistant General Counsel, is seeking authorization to negotiate and execute a wastewater service agreement with Jabez Development, L.P. in Guadalupe County for 378 Living Unit Equivalents of retail wastewater service to the Liberty Trails development from GBRA's Stein Falls Water Reclamation System. Upon Motion by Director Blaschke, seconded by Director Meador, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 10, authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Wastewater Service Agreement between GBRA and Jabez Development, L.P. in Guadalupe County.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 11 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Wastewater Service Agreement between GBRA and Satcharan Holdings in Guadalupe County.** Justin Adkins, Assistant General Counsel, is seeking authorization to negotiate and execute a wastewater service agreement with Satcharan Holdings in Guadalupe County for 46 Living Unit Equivalents of retail wastewater service for the Sahota development from GBRA's Stein Falls Water Reclamation System. Upon Motion by Director Ehrig, seconded by Director Cohoon, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 11, authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Wastewater Service Agreement between GBRA and Satcharan Holdings in Guadalupe County.

Next, the Chairman called for **Action Item 12 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a contract to purchase a modular office building at Sunfield Wastewater Treatment Plant.** David Harris, Executive Manager of Operations, is seeking authorization to execute a contract to purchase a modular office building for the Sunfield Wastewater Treatment Plant. The estimated cost is just above \$200,000.00. Upon Motion by Director Old, seconded by Director Meador, the Board

unanimously approved Action Item 12, authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a contract to purchase a modular office building at Sunfield Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Chairman called for **Discussion Item 13 - Discussion and update on the 89th Texas Legislative Session.** Jonathan Stinson, Deputy General Manager, briefed the Board on the current 89th Texas Legislature Regular Session, which convened on January 14, 2025 and will continue through June 2025, and identified the delegation that represents the GBRA district for the Texas House and Senate. The sixty-day deadline to file bills is March 14th and currently, 2,406 bills have been filed. Session priorities include school vouchers, border security, property tax relief, electricity generation, and grid resiliency. Water-specific priorities are extended financing for regional water supply projects, and investment in Texas water infrastructure. GBRA is working with legislative leadership for draft legislation to provide extended financing options for regional water supply projects to allow for long-term financing to enable affordability for large water supply projects. GBRA will be working with other stakeholders, the Texas Water Association, and peer utilities to support investment in water infrastructure.

The Chairman called for **Discussion Item 14 - Discussion regarding Base Flow Report, Water Quality Index, long-term weather pattern, and condition of the Guadalupe Basin.** Charles Hickman, Executive Manager of Engineering, briefed the Board on the Guadalupe River basin hydrologic conditions, including rainfall percentages, events, and totals; the Base Flow Report; the U.S. Drought Monitor Seasonal Outlook; Edwards Aquifer level; Comal Springs level; Guadalupe River stream flows; neutral conditional modeled forecast; and elevation of Canyon Reservoir. Canyon Reservoir elevation was nearly 880.3 ft as of January 13, 2025. The J-17 well level was at 629.7 as of January 13, 2025. Comal Springs was flowing around 74 cfs as of January 13, 2025.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the open meeting was recessed at 11:00 a.m. subject to call by the Chairman and convened the meeting in executive session at 11:15 a.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

The open meeting reconvened at 12:06 p.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m. subject to a call by the Chairman.



Chairman


Secretary/Treasurer