

GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority met in a regular monthly meeting on June 17, 2015, at the GBRA River Annex Board Room, 905 Nolan, Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas. Directors present were Tommy Mathews, Dennis L. Patillo, Oscar H. Fogle, Don B. Meador, Darrell McLain, and William R. Carbonara. Directors Robert “Rusty” Brockman, Kenneth Motl, and Grace G. Kunde were absent. Also present were W. E. West, Jr., General Manager; Tom Bohl, General Counsel; James Murphy, Executive Manager of Water Resources and Utility Operations; 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; Gary Asbury, Manager of Project Engineering; Barbara Gunn, Human Resources Manager; Tommy Hill, Chief Engineer; Bryan Serold, Operations Manager-Lower Basin; John Smith, Operations Manager-Upper Basin; Michael Urrutia, Director of Water Quality Services; Teresa Van Booven, Project and Community Representative; Tommy Schulte, Regional Representative; Cricket Dietert, Executive Assistant to the General Manager; Leigh Crettenden, IT Manager; Carl Westergard, Web Master; Charlie Hickman, Engineer; Darel Ball, Division Manager-Hays/Caldwell; Tammy Beutnagel, Public Communications Assistant; Heather Crosby and Christopher Riddleberger, GBRA Interns; Roger Nevola, legal counsel; Jim Dublin with Dublin and Associates; Steve

Holzheuser, consultant; Leroy Goodson with Texas Water Conservation Association; Stefan Schuster with MWH; Adam Connor and Felix Arambula with San Antonio Water System; and Jeanne Schnuriger with Springs Hill Water Supply Corporation.

Chair Mathews 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, 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 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and Texas flag.

The Chair called for comments from the public. There were no public comments. Todd Votteler recognized and introduced GBRA Interns Heather Crosby and Christopher Riddleberger from Sewanee, The University of South. Chair Mathews and General Manager West welcomed and recognized Leroy Goodson, General Manager of the Texas Water Conservation Association and former GBRA employee. A video was viewed from the 83rd Texas Legislative Session honoring Mr. Goodson with Resolution H.R. Number 2799 on his exemplary career as a water leader in Texas. Leroy Goodson addressed the Board and thanked GBRA for giving him the opportunity for a wonderful career in Texas water.

The Chair called for **Chair Item 1 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the expenditure of funds for Directors and staff to attend the National**

Water Resources Association 2015 Western Water Seminar August 4-6, 2015 in Monterey, California. Upon motion by Director Fogle, seconded by Director Carbonara, the Board unanimously authorized the expenditure of funds for Directors and staff to attend the National Water Resources Association 2015 Western Water Seminar in Monterey, California.

Next, the Chair called for **Consent Item 2 - Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the May 20, 2015, Board meeting; Consent Item 3 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly financial report for May 2015; Consent Item 4 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for May 2015; and Consent Item 5 - Consideration of and possible action approving Directors' expense vouchers.** Upon motion by Director Meador, seconded by Director Patillo, the Board unanimously approved Consent Items 2, 3, 4, and 5.

The Chair then called for **General Manager Item 6 - Discussion of the executive report addressing various matters relating to water resources planning including reports on Regional L Water Planning group activities, State funding issues, water reuse policies, GBRA's Mid-Basin Project (Groundwater and Surface Water components), Integrated Water Power Project, Lower Basin Storage Project and related regional planning issues, Lower Basin Appropriation (new) Project, Hydropower Regulatory Act issues, water resources operation including engineering issues and related meetings, regional planning, consultations with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, construction management**

reports relating to GBRA projects and to the FM 110 Bypass in San Marcos, FM 150 near Kyle, U.S. 183 near Lockhart, CR-266 in Caldwell County, safety issues, utility operations; Water Quality Division and Regional Laboratory reports, reports on the activities of GBRA's Regional Laboratory, sampling and other water quality-related activities, economic and community development reports including the River Heritage Tour Project, reports on various community meetings, community outreach activities in the Guadalupe Basin, public meetings and issues related to log jams and meetings scheduled in Victoria and Calhoun County to inform the public about GBRA projects, Texas Water Safari planning, project development reports relating to Johnson Ranch, Bulverde, Park Village and 4-S Ranch, Dunlap Area Utilities, Point Comfort, Port Lavaca, Canyon Lake wastewater master plan development, water and wastewater agreements and services provided in various communities throughout the Guadalupe Basin, property management reports, water supply studies in the Basin, Western Canyon reports, water supply studies in the middle Guadalupe Basin, resource protection issues, lake management, Zebra Mussels, flood management, island lots on H-5 Lake, reports from the Canyon Lake/Sattler office and the Gorge Preservation Society, public affairs reports including media reports, public outreach and social media, education reports, reports on the activities of the Environmental Learning Center, publications, Geographic Information Systems projects, special projects including support for Earth Day events, outreach to

various schools and presentation to students, planning for newly acquired property at Coletto Creek, reports on marketing efforts, GBRA publications, grants, Board relations and public events, administrative reports, information technology reports, Human Resource reports, accounting, and finance reports, water supply and wastewater treatment contract activities. No discussion was had on General Manager Item 6.

The Chair called for **Action Item 7 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing General Manager to negotiate and execute a Grant Agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the 2016-2017 Guadalupe River and Lavaca-Guadalupe Coastal Basin Clean Rivers Program.** GBRA has been a partner in the Clean Rivers Program since the early 1990's. The Texas Clean Rivers Program is managed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and is funded entirely by fees assessed to wastewater discharge and water rights permit holders. GBRA carries out the water quality management efforts in these basins under a Grant Agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Aside from administrative requirements, there are four major elements to the Clean Rivers Program: water quality data collection, special studies, basin data analysis, and public participation. The Grant Agreement is between GBRA and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the 2016-2017 Guadalupe River and Lavaca-Guadalupe Coastal Basin Clean Rivers Program. The Grant Agreement obligates the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to reimburse up to \$270,756 to GBRA for costs of performing the tasks prescribed in the Scope of Work. Upon motion by Director

Carbonara, seconded by Director Fogle, the Board unanimously authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute a Grant Agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the 2016-2017 Guadalupe River and Lavaca-Guadalupe Coastal Basin Clean Rivers Program. A copy of the Grant Agreement is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Next, the Chair called for **Action Item 8 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manger to accept or reject the lowest qualified bidder for the installation of a new automatic power transfer switch for the San Marcos Water Treatment Plant.** The scope of work included in this project consists of the furnishing of all labor, equipment, supplies and materials necessary for the installation of an automatic transfer switch (ATS) at the San Marcos Water Treatment Plant. Pursuant to agreement between GBRA and the City of San Marcos, GBRA is pursuing the purchase and installation of an automatic transfer switch at the San Marcos Water Treatment Plant. Bid documents/specifications were developed and properly advertised. The bids were publicly opened on June 4, 2015. Two bids were received: T. Morales Company of Austin, Texas - \$223,000.00; and Alterman, Inc. of San Antonio, Texas - \$234,177.00. GBRA Staff and the City of San Marcos concur that the bid of the lowest qualified bidder, T. Morales Company, should be accepted. The contract will include a construction contingency allowance. Upon motion by Director Patillo, seconded by Director McLain, the Board unanimously authorized the General Manger to negotiate and enter into a contract with T. Morales

Company of Austin, Texas, the lowest qualified bidder, for the installation of a new automatic transfer switch for the San Marcos Water Treatment Plant.

The Chair then called for **Action Item 9 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager to negotiate and execute a billing agreement with Canyon Lake Water Service Company.** GBRA has an agreement with the City of Bulverde for operation of the wastewater plant, collection system, and water reuse service in the City of Bulverde. Canyon Lake Water Service Company is the retail water provider in the City of Bulverde service area. Canyon Lake Water Service Company's and GBRA's service areas overlap in many instances, and the two parties propose to enter into a contract pursuant to which Canyon Lake Water Service Company would provide wastewater service billing and reuse water meter reading and billing along with its water service billing. Upon motion by Director Meador, seconded by Director McLain, the Board unanimously authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute a billing services agreement with Canyon Lake Water Service Company. A copy of the Billing Services Agreement is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Chair called for **Discussion Item 13 - Discussion regarding the 2015 Memorial weekend flood event.** Charlie Hickman briefed the Board on the Memorial weekend flood event including the Blanco River watershed, upper Guadalupe watershed, rainfall totals for the month of May, GBRA rainfall telemetry system, stream bed and watershed slopes, damage to USGS gauges, Guadalupe River Basin peak

flows and historical crests, high water mark survey, and Canyon Reservoir flood pool releases.

Next, the Chair called for **Action Item 10 - Consideration of and possible action confirming and verifying the General Manager's authority to take appropriate actions regarding disaster relief and recovery due to the 2015 Memorial weekend flood event including the filing of applications for funding assistance from the Emergency Watershed Protection program (EWP) through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for Hays, Caldwell, and Blanco Counties.** GBRA is assisting Hays, Caldwell, and Blanco Counties with disaster relief efforts in the rural areas of these three counties, and is seeking funding assistance from the Emergency Watershed Protection program through the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Upon motion by Director Meador, seconded by Director Carbonara, the Board unanimously confirmed and verified the General Manager's authority to take appropriate actions regarding disaster relief and recovery due to the 2015 Memorial weekend flood event including the filing of applications for funding assistance from the Emergency Watershed Protection program through the Natural Resources Conservation Service for Hays, Caldwell, and Blanco Counties. A copy of a document entitled "ACTION BY THE GENERAL MANAGER of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority In Establishing Assistance to Hays, Caldwell and Blanco Counties," which reflects the Board's support and ratification of all actions taken by the General Manager and staff of GBRA with regard to the 2015 flood assistance in Hays, Caldwell and Blanco Counties, is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Chair then called for **Action Item 11 - Consideration of and possible action confirming and verifying the General Manager's authority to take appropriate actions regarding disaster relief and recovery due to the 2015 Memorial weekend flood event including the filing of applications for funding assistance from the Emergency Watershed Protection program (EWP) through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for Calhoun, Refugio, and Victoria Counties.** GBRA is assisting Calhoun, Refugio and Victoria Counties with disaster relief efforts in the rural areas of these three counties, and is seeking funding assistance from the Emergency Watershed Protection program through the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Upon motion by Director Patillo, seconded by Director Carbonara, the Board unanimously confirmed and verified the General Manager's authority to take appropriate actions regarding disaster relief and recovery due to the 2015 Memorial weekend flood event including the filing of applications for funding assistance from the Emergency Watershed Protection program (EWP) through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for Calhoun, Refugio, and Victoria Counties. A copy of a document entitled "ACTION BY THE GENERAL MANAGER of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority In Establishing Assistance to Calhoun, Refugio, and Victoria Counties," which reflects the Board's support and ratification of all actions taken by the General Manager and staff of GBRA with regard to the 2015 flood assistance in Calhoun, Refugio, and Victoria Counties, is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Chair called for **Action Item 12 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager to file an application for the Texas Water Development Board's State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) financial assistance, not to exceed \$8,000,000.00.** Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority staff recommended filing an application with the Texas Water Development Board to secure State Water Implementation Fund for Texas funding assistance for the regional facilities for GBRA sponsored regional projects. Drought and anticipated growth in and around the region is depleting the available water resources. New water resources need to be developed. These new water supply projects will include several components such as seawater desalinization, surface water diversions, groundwater well fields, aquifer storage and recovery areas, and the associated infrastructure to treat and transmit the water. Upon motion by Director Patillo, seconded by Director Carbonara, the Board unanimously authorized the General Manager to be the designated representative of GBRA for the purpose of furnishing information and executing documents as may be require in connection with the preparation and filing of an application for the Texas Water Development Board's State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) for financial assistance not to exceed \$8,000,000. A copy of the Texas Water Development Board required Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Next, the Chair called for **Discussion Item 18 - Discussion regarding Base Flow Report, Water Quality Index, and condition of the Guadalupe Basin.** Tommy Hill briefed the Board on the Base Flow Report, Water Quality Index, and condition of

the Guadalupe Basin, including Comal Springs level, San Marcos Springs level, Guadalupe River stream flows, elevation of Canyon Reservoir and other reservoirs, rainfall events, and the U. S. Drought Monitor Seasonal Outlook.

The Chair then called for **Discussion Item 19 - Discussion regarding local and State water planning and water resource issues.** Todd Votteler briefed the Board on the 83rd Legislative Session including bills of interest to GBRA and notable retirements of Senators and Representatives. Discussion was had regarding HB 2031 relating to marine seawater and a photo of Governor Abbott signing the bill.

Next, the Chair called for **Discussion Item 17 - Discussion regarding the activities and transactions of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust, the San Antonio Bay Foundation, the Gorge Preservation Society, and the Guadalupe River Foundation.** Todd Votteler briefed the Board on activities of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust and the San Antonio Bay Foundation.

The Chair then called for **Discussion Item 16 - Discussion regarding the activities and transactions of the Edwards Aquifer Authority, South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee, and the Guadalupe Basin Coalition.** Todd Votteler briefed the Board on activities of the Edwards Aquifer Authority, the Guadalupe Basin Coalition, and the South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee.

The Chair called for **Discussion Item 20 - Discussion regarding national water planning and water resource issues.** General Manager West briefed the Board on the rules for “The Waters of the U.S.”, various environmental news articles, the Endangered Species Act, and legislative issues.

Next, the Chair called for **Discussion Item 14 - Discussion regarding “no wake” on a portion of Lake Placid in Guadalupe County, Texas.** No discussion was had on Discussion Item 14.

The Chair then called for **Discussion Item 15 - Discussion regarding disposing of surplus real property.** No discussion was had on Discussion Item 15.

The Chair recessed the open meeting at 11:37 a.m. The Chair then closed the open meeting and convened the meeting in executive session at 11:44 a.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The Chair reconvened the meeting in open session at 12:50 p.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m. subject to call by the Chair.

Chair

Secretary