# NOTICE OF MEETING GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA), whose principal office is in the City of Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas, hereby gives notice of a meeting of its BOARD OF DIRECTORS to be held at the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority William E. West, Jr., Annex Building, 905 Nolan, Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

Subjects to be considered for discussion at such meeting include:

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair's consideration of posted notices. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcome guests.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Comments from the public. **NOTE**: This portion of the meeting is intended for comments from the public on non-agenda item related topics. Please limit comments to <u>3 MINUTES</u>. To address the Board please <u>sign and completely fill out the Attendance Sheet</u> maintained at the entrance to the building where meeting is being held. NO RESPONSES OR ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS. To address the Board related to an item posted on the agenda for action or discussion, please indicate the Item number you wish to comment on using the Attendance Sheet. The Board will call individuals to make comments at the appropriate time.

### **CHAIRMAN ITEMS**

2. Consideration of and possible action appointing Trustees Seats 1 and 2 to serve on the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust for the term of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019 in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and Article 9.10.B of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act.

#### CONSENT ITEMS

- 3. Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the August 15, 2018, Board meeting.
- 4. Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for August 2018.
- 5. Consideration of and possible action approving Directors' expense vouchers.

### **GENERAL MANAGER/CEO ITEMS**

6. 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: GBRA water and sewer utility operations, hydroelectric operations, GBRA facilities management including plants and dams, safety, 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, non-profits entities partnering with GBRA, water quality services, community affairs, environmental programs, and stewardship.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- 7. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Joint Funding Agreement between the United States Geological Survey and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority for the period October 2018 through September 2019 for stream gauge monitoring.
- 8. Consideration of and possible action approving a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his designee to be the GBRA representative(s) to furnish information and execute documents as needed in connection with applications to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for funds under the Local Park Grant Program.
- 9. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute the Grant Contract: Clean Water Act Section 319(h) Grant: Coordinating Implementation of the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan with the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.
- 10. Consideration of and possible action approving and adopting the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan that addresses GBRA needs.
- 11. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Directors and/or the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute Continuing Disclosure Agreements with New Braunfels Utilities, Goforth Special Utility District, and the City of Lockhart relating to the Carrizo Groundwater Supply Project financing.
- 12. Consideration of and possible action ratifying a Construction Agreement with Lester Contracting, Inc. and a Rental Agreement with Gulf Coast Aqua Dams for emergency repairs to the Lower Guadalupe Diversion System in Calhoun County.
- 13. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute an Engineering Services Agreement to develop an Asset Management Program.
- 14. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute an Engineering Services Agreement for planning and design of the Carrizo Groundwater Supply Project well field and raw water pipelines.
- 15. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Wastewater Service Agreement between Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority and Milestone Crest Investments, LTD for the Silos, Phase III.
- 16. Consideration of and possible action approving a Resolution by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority declaring a public necessity for the acquisition of certain wastewater pipeline easements and temporary construction easements engaging the use of eminent domain related to the construction, operation, and maintenance of a wastewater system and pipeline for the public use of providing waste water services to customers of Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority. The pipeline shall be located in portions of Guadalupe County, over, across, and upon private property and public property and beginning at a point near the New Braunfels Utilities facilities located at the intersection of State Highway 46 and Avery Park/Elley Lane and extending to multiple tie-in points near the intersections of Ewald Road and State Highway 46, Krause Lane and State Highway 46, and Pieper Road and State Highway 46. Such easements are to be located over, across, upon and under certain parcels of real property located in parts of the Antonio M. Esnaurizar 11 League Grant Survey, Abstract No. 20. The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority shall designate the General Manager/CEO as the chief administrative official with authorization to initiate condemnation proceedings. This resolution shall authorize any and all lawful, necessary, incidental and appropriate action by the General Manager/CEO, staff, agents, attorneys(retained and in-house), and engineering and technical consultants, in the institution, prosecution and conclusion of condemnation proceedings to acquire any such needed easements, temporary construction easements and related rights of ingress and egress that cannot be acquired through negotiation with the landowner which shall include surveying for archaeological, environmental and linear purposes to define, specify and secure such property interests and ratifying and

affirming all acts and proceedings heretofore done or initiated by the chief administrative official, employees, agents and attorneys of GBRA to acquire such property interests.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 17. Discussion on federal issues and update on the Guadalupe Valley Hydroelectric System by Farragut Partners.
- 18. Discussion regarding Base Flow Report, Water Quality Index, long term weather pattern, and condition of the Guadalupe Basin.

## ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 19. The Board may meet in Executive Session as authorized by the listed sections of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, to discuss the following matters:
- a. advice from legal counsel about pending or contemplated litigation, proposed settlements, and the impact of pending or contemplated litigation on GBRA projects and proposed projects. This includes without limitation, the following matters: *LULAC v. Edwards Aquifer Authority* (United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division); *NBL-300 Group v GBRA* on remand to District Court from the 4<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeal, San Antonio; Application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality by GBRA for GBRA's Mid-Basin surface water permit (State Office of Administrative Hearings); Applications to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a bed and banks permit filed by San Antonio Water Systems; GBRA application to amend Certificate of Adjudication No. 18-3863 (a.k.a., the "Womack" Water Right); Applications by Riverdale Land and Cattle Company to amend Certificates of Adjudication in the San Antonio River Basin; Other contested applications to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality by GBRA for water rights or amendments to water rights; Section 551.071, Texas Government Code;
- b. briefing and advice from legal counsel relating to ongoing negotiations, potential liabilities and other matters covered by legal counsel's duty of confidentiality, including without limitation, legal and regulatory issues relating to GBRA's Carrizo Groundwater Supply Project, Caldwell and Gonzales Counties, including groundwater leases, permits, water treatment, water pipelines and other issues related to the Project; briefing and advice regarding taxes assessed by Gonzales County taxing authorities for property on certain Lake Wood lots prior to the termination of the GBRA Lake Wood lease program on December 31, 2017; briefing and advice from legal counsel relating to GBRA surface and groundwater rights and permits throughout the Guadalupe River Basin; Section 551.071, Texas Government Code;
- c. deliberation on matters relating to the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property interests and advice from legal counsel on those matters, including without limitation issues relating to the lease or ownership of groundwater and surface water rights in the Guadalupe River Basin and/or within the boundaries of GBRA and right-of-way acquisitions for GBRA-related projects within the boundaries of GBRA; Sections 551.071 and 551.072, Texas Government Code:
- d. commercial or financial information, relating to various matters, including without limitation GBRA's Lower Basin Project, GBRA's Carrizo Groundwater Supply Project; Section 551.087, Texas Government Code;
- e. appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee; Section 551.074, Texas Government Code.

The Board may take final action on any of the above mentioned matters while convened in open session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

### **ADJOURN**