

## **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 October 15, 2014, at the GBRA River Annex Board Room, 905 Nolan, Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas. Directors present were Oscar H. Fogle, Tommy Mathews, Robert “Rusty” Brockman, Grace G. Kunde, Dennis L. Patillo, Don B. Meador, Darrel McLain, and William R. Carbonara. Director Kenneth Motl was absent. Also present were W. E. West, Jr., General Manager; Tom Bohl, General Counsel; James Murphy, Executive Manager of Water Resources and Utility Operations; 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; Debbie Magin and Michael Urrutia, Director(s) of Water Quality Services; Bryan Serold, Operations Manager-Lower Basin; John Smith, Operations Manager-Upper Basin; Teresa Van Booven, Project and Community Representative; Denise Lyssy, Customer Service Assistant; Leigh Crettenden, IT Manager; Carl Westergard, Web Master; Connie Rothe, Board Relations and Publication Specialist; Tommy Schulte, Regional Representative; Michael Schultze, Maintenance Supervisor-Guadalupe Valley Hydroelectric Division; Michael Gerdes, Operator-Rural Utilities Division; Justin Cortez, Lab Technician-Seguin Regional Laboratory; Sheryll Kisiah, Assistant Secretary-Calhoun County Rural Water Supply

System; Joshua Dennis, Operator-Luling Water Treatment Plant; Billy Penney, Maintenance Operator-Calhoun Canal Division; Richard Gaona, Chief Water Tender-Calhoun Canal Division; Tricia Ramirez, Accounting Clerk, Allen Ognoskie, Division Manager-Hydro/Rural Utilities; Josie Longoria, Regional Lab Director; Sandra Terry, Investment Manager; Susan Hubbert, Accounting Manager; Charlie Hickman, Engineer; Jeff Crosby, Executive Director of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust; Dan Alonso, Executive Director of the San Antonio Bay Foundation; Roger Nevola, legal counsel; Jim Dublin with Dublin and Associates; David Engel with Engel and Associates; Steve Holzheuser, legislative consultant; Alan Thompson with LNV Engineering; Humberto Ramos with Canyon Regional Water Authority; Greg Eckhardt with San Antonio Water System; Cory McDonald with MWSC; Kathy Fretwell with Kennedy/Jenks; and Sean Nangkins with Allalink.

Chair Fogle called the meeting to order at 10:06 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:

Director Kunde 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. Chair Fogle welcomed and recognized GBRA employees Michael Schultze, Michael Gerdes, Billy Penny, Richard Gaona, Sheryll Kisiah, Joshua Dennis, and Justin Cortez.

The Chair called for **Chair Item 1 - Consideration of and possible action approving a Resolution honoring Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority 2014 retiree Debbie Magin.** Bill West introduced and recognized Debbie Magin for her 38 years of dedicated and meritorious service to the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority. Chair Fogle read a Resolution honoring Debbie Magin. Upon motion by Director Mathews, seconded by Director Patillo, the Board unanimously approved a Resolution honoring GBRA 2014 retiree Debbie Magin. A copy of the Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Next, Chair Fogle called for **Chair Item 2 - Recognition of Cinde Thomas-Jimenez for receipt of the 2014 Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce Education Service Award.** Oscar Fogle recognized and commended Cinde Thomas-Jimenez on receipt of the 2014 Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce Education Service Award.

The Chair then called for **Chair Item 3 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the expenditure of funds for Directors and staff to attend the National Water Resources Association Annual Conference, November 12-14, 2014 at Hotel Del Coronada in California.** Upon motion by Director Mathews, seconded by Director Carbonara, the Board unanimously approved expenditure of funds for Directors and staff to attend the National Water Resources Association Annual Conference in California.

The Chair called for **Consent Item 4 - Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the September 17, 2014, Board meeting; Consent Item 5 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for September 2014; and Consent Item 6 - Consideration of and possible action approving Directors' expense vouchers.** Upon motion by Director Brockman, seconded by Director Meador, the Board unanimously approved Consent Items 4, 5, and 6.

Next, the Chair called for **General Manager Item 7 - Discussion of the Executive Report addressing various matters relating to safety, utility operations, San Marcos investigation of lead levels, City of Point Comfort water system operators, City of Port Lavaca Water Supply Contract, water resources operations, engineering meetings and studies, construction management, meetings with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Canyon Reservoir operations and related matters, meetings with Texas Water Alliance and Hays County Public Utility Authority on a possible joint project in the 2016 Regional Water Plan and meetings on Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan project, Mid-Basin Water Supply Project, Integrated Water Power Project, Johnson Ranch Subdivision, FM 110 Bypass in San Marcos, Water Quality Division and Regional Laboratory activities, reports on sampling and laboratory procedures, Clean River Program, Plum Creek Projects, Texas Water Utilities Association activities, operations, renewal applications relating to FM 20, task forces in the region, stress test on**

**Buda Wastewater Treatment Plant, Geronimo Creek Watershed Protection Plan, Environmental Flows Project, reports on vegetation and invasive species, water quality, TDA/TWIA Real Hog Farm VTA Project report, San Antonio Bay Foundation, economic and community development matters including work on the Heritage Trail Project, meetings with State and local officials and staff on safety issues related to the San Marcos River, meetings with local governments, development foundations and Chambers of Commerce meetings, Gorge Preservation Society, lower basin water users and TCEQ Watermaster meetings on drought issues, meeting with various local governments, developers, and neighborhood representatives regarding water and wastewater services in the upper Guadalupe Basin, property management issues, develop project design guidelines, water supply studies, resource protection issues, lake management, Gonzales area flood warning, Canyon Lake/Sattler Office activities, Gorge Preservation Society activities, administrative issues including information technology reports, human resource reports, accounting and finance reports.**

James Murphy briefed the Board on GBRA operation and engineering activities. David Welsch briefed the Board on water quality, regional laboratory, economic and community development, and business development activities. Sandra Terry briefed the Board on finance, human resource, and information technology activities.

The Chair then called for **Action Item 8 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager to negotiate and execute a Letter of Intent for Development of Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Regarding Water Supply**

**with Maxwell Water Supply Corporation.** The Letter of Intent will provide a framework for GBRA and the Maxwell Water Supply Corporation to engage in planning and developing an interim and long term water supply infrastructure to supply local and regional water supply needs and resources. Upon motion by Director Kunde, seconded by Director Carbonara, the Board unanimously authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute a Letter of Intent for Development of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Regarding Water Supply with Maxwell Water Supply Corporation. A copy of the Letter of Intent is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Chair called for **Action Item 9 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager to negotiate and execute a Grant Agreement with the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board for the completion of the scope of work for the project entitled “Surface Water Quality Monitoring to Support the Implementation of the Geronimo Creek and Alligator Creek Watershed Protection Plan.”** The Grant Agreement is for October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2016. Upon motion by Director Brockman, seconded by Director Kunde, the Board unanimously authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute a Grant Agreement with Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board for the completion of the scope of work for the project entitled “Surface Water Quality Monitoring to Support the Implementation of the Geronimo Creek and Alligator Creek Watershed Protection Plan.” A copy of the Grant Agreement is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Next, the Chair called for **Action Item 10 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager to negotiate and execute a Grant Agreement with the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board for the completion of the scope of work for the project entitled “Surface Water Quality Monitoring to Support the Implementation of the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan.”** The Grant Agreement is for October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2016. Upon motion by Director Patillo, seconded by Director Mathews, the Board unanimously authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute a Grant agreement with Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board for the completion of the scope of work for the project entitled “Surface Water Quality Monitoring to Support the Implementation of the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan.” A copy of the Grant Agreement is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Chair then called for **Action Item 11 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager to negotiate and execute a Grant Agreement with Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board for the completion of the scope of work for the project entitled “Coordinating Implementation of the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan.”** The Grant Agreement is between GBRA and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board for October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2016. Upon motion by Director Meador, seconded by Director Kunde, the Board unanimously authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute a Grant Agreement with Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board for the completion of the scope of work for the project entitled

“Coordinating Implementation of the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan.” A copy of the Grant Agreement 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 negotiate and execute an Interlocal Agreement with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the control of invasive vegetation in the Guadalupe River, including the hydroelectric lakes, Lakes Gonzales and Wood.** The Interlocal Agreement between GBRA and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department provides up to \$55,000 for the control of invasive aquatic vegetation in the portion of the Guadalupe River below the City of Seguin, including the lower two hydroelectric lakes. Upon motion by Director Mathews, seconded by Director McLain, the Board unanimously authorized the General Manager to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Agreement with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the control of invasive vegetation in the Guadalupe River, including Lakes Gonzales and Wood. A copy of the Interlocal Agreement is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Next, the Chair called for **Discussion Item 13 - Briefing on the development of a Laboratory Information Management System for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.** Michael Urrutia introduced Josie Longoria. Ms. Longoria briefed the Board on the development of a Laboratory Information Management System for GBRA’s Regional Laboratory in Seguin.

The Chair then called for **Discussion Item 14 - Briefing on management alternatives for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority’s Lake H-5 (Lake Wood) in**



**Gonzales County.** Tommy Schulte briefed the Board on the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's H-5 Vegetation Control Pilot Project in Gonzales County.

The Chair called for **Discussion Item 15 - 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 Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program Habitat Conservation Plan, the Guadalupe Basin Coalition, and the South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee. Dr. Votteler also briefed the Board on the current status/decline of Comal Springs as a result of the current drought conditions.

Next, the Chair called for **Discussion Item 16 - 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.** Jeff Crosby briefed the Board on the activities of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust. Dan Alonso briefed the Board on the activities of the San Antonio Bay Foundation.

The Chair then called for **Discussion Item 17 - Discussion regarding Base Flow Report, Water Quality Index, and condition of the Guadalupe Basin.** The reports were discussed with the Board. Tommy Hill briefed the Board on the 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 called for **Discussion Item 18 - Discussion regarding local and State water planning and water resource issues.** General Manager West briefed the Board on various State water planning activities.

Next, the Chair called for **Discussion Item 19 - Discussion regarding national water planning and water resource issues.** General Manager West briefed the Board on various national water issues.

The Chair recessed the open meeting at 12:16 p.m. The Chair then closed the open meeting and convened the meeting in executive session at 12:48 p.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The Chair reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:33 p.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. subject to call by the Chair.

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