# 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 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, August 19, 2020.** 

Due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 coronavirus, and in keeping with the Governor's March 13, 2020 disaster declaration and extensions, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference in accordance with provisions in Sections 551.125 of the Texas Government Code that have not been suspended by order of the Governor under Chapter 418 of the Government Code.

The Public will have access to the proceedings through the following means:

- 1. By webinar link on computer or smart phone
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Persons wishing to make public comment generally or to comment on a specific item on the agenda are asked to join the webinar **between 9:15 and 10:00 am on the day of the meeting** and register to speak by typing and sending an instant message at the bottom of the "Questions" section on the web page when opened. Please identify yourself in the message and if you are speaking on a specific agenda item, please identify the specific item on which you wish to speak. General comments will be called for under Agenda Item No. 3 under Public Comments below. Comments on a specific agenda item will be called for when that item comes up.

Please limit comments to **3 MINUTES** unless an interpreter is required.

3. By telephone (for listening purposes only)

Call In Number: 415-655-0060 Audio Access Code: 751-682-411

4. By appearing at GBRA Seguin Offices to make comments

Persons may come to William E. West, Jr. Annex Building at 905 Nolan, Seguin, Texas at 10:00 am on August 19, 2020 to make comments. Board members will be participating remotely from other locations. Comments will be taken at the point designated in the agenda.

Subjects to be considered for discussion at such meeting include:

## **CALL TO ORDER**

• Chair's consideration of posted notices.

## **CHAIRMAN ITEMS**

1. Consideration of and possible action on: (a) the procedures and conduct of the August 19, 2020 Board of Directors meeting; and (b) the procedures, conduct, and date of the September 2020 Board of Directors meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

2. Comments from the public. **NOTE**: This portion of the meeting is intended for comments from the public on NON-AGENDA ITEM RELATED TOPICS. Please note that THE BOARD MAY NOT DELIBERATE ON THE SUBSTANCE OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

**NOTE:** Persons wishing to make comment on SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS BELOW will be recognized to speak at the time the item is called.

If you wish to make comments, please register with the GoToWebinar app as explained above.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

- 3. Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the July 15, 2020 Board meeting.
- 4. Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly financial report for June and July 2020.
- 5. Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for July 2020.
- 6. Consideration of and possible action approving Directors' expense vouchers.

## **GENERAL MANAGER/CEO ITEMS**

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: 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, public and private entities partnering with GBRA, water quality services, community affairs, environmental programs, stewardship, and update on GBRA Safety Work Plan.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 8. Consideration of and possible action approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Work Plan and Budget including rates and compensation tables for the following divisions and giving authority to the General Manager/CEO to expend funds pursuant to the budget as well as execute contracts consistent with those expenditures within limitations allowed under policy:
  - a. Guadalupe Valley Hydroelectric Division
  - b. Shadow Creek Wastewater Reclamation System
  - c. Canyon Park Estates Wastewater Reclamation System
  - d. Stein Falls Wastewater Reclamation System
  - e. Sunfield Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - f. Water Sales System
  - g. Calhoun Canal System
  - h. San Marcos Water Treatment Plant System
  - i. Buda Wastewater Treatment Plant System

- j. Carrizo Groundwater System
- k. Western Canyon Treated Water System
- I. 4S Ranch Wastewater Reclamation System
- m. Cordillera Water Distribution System
- n. Cordillera Wastewater Treatment Plant
- o. Comal Trace Water Delivery System
- p. Johnson Ranch Water Distribution System
- q. Johnson Ranch Wastewater Treatment System
- r. Bulverde Singing Hills Wastewater Treatment System
- s. Park Village Wastewater Reclamation System
- t. Boerne Independent School District Wastewater System
- u. Port Lavaca Water Treatment Plant Division
- v. Calhoun County Rural Water Supply Division
- w. Coleto Creek Reservoir System
- x. Coleto Creek Recreation System
- y. Luling Water Treatment Plant Division
- z. Canyon Hydroelectric Division
- aa. Lockhart Wastewater Reclamation System
- bb. Lockhart Water Treatment Plant System
- cc. Dietz Wastewater System
- dd. General Division
- 9. Consideration of and possible action approving a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority adopting Board Policy 403 Investment Policy and the investment strategy contained therein.
- 10. Consideration of and possible action approving a Resolution to execute financing agreements with the Texas Water Development Board to close on a portion of the \$212,955,000 commitment for the Carrizo Groundwater Supply Project.
- 11. Consideration of and possible action adopting three Resolutions requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board for the Lake Dunlap, Lake McQueeney, and Lake Placid dam facilities; authorizing the filing of an application for financial assistance, and making certain findings in connection therewith.
- 12. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a contract for purchase and delivery of gas Chlorine and Sulphur Dioxide for all water and wastewater operations.
- 13. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute Wastewater Service Agreement with Lennar Homes of Texas Land and Construction for the Parkside Development in the GBRA Dietz Wastewater Collection System.
- 14. Consideration of and possible action adopting a Resolution to include the Port Lavaca Water Plant Improvements Project and the Port Lavaca Water Treatment Plant Storage and Berm Improvements Project in the existing GBRA Hazard Mitigation Plan and recognizing these projects are necessary capital improvements to mitigate the harmful effects of loss of water service in Calhoun County, Texas.
- 15. Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute one or more agreements with Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative (GVEC) for sale of electricity generated in GBRA's Guadalupe Valley Hydroelectric System.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

16. Discussion regarding Base Flow Report, Water Quality Index, long term weather pattern, and condition of the Guadalupe Basin.

## ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 17. 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 litigation, representation, settlements, settlement-related agreements and memoranda of understanding and, if applicable, the impact of pending or contemplated litigation on GBRA projects and proposed projects. This includes without limitation, the following matters: *NBL-300 Group v GBRA* (25<sup>th</sup> District Court of Guadalupe County); *Skonnord v. GBRA* (25<sup>th</sup> District Court of Guadalupe County); *Williams v. GBRA* (25<sup>th</sup> District Court of Guadalupe County); application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) by GBRA for GBRA's Mid-Basin surface water permit (pending before TCEQ Commissioners); applications to the TCEQ for a bed and banks permit filed by San Antonio Water Systems; other contested applications to the TCEQ by GBRA for water rights or amendments to water rights; other applications filed by or protested by GBRA pending before the Public Utility of Texas; pending litigation and/or threatened litigation relating to right of way acquisition and any other litigation; Section 551.071, Texas Government Code;
- b. briefing and advice from legal counsel relating to ongoing negotiations, legal rights, potential liabilities and other matters covered by legal counsel's duty of confidentiality, including without limitation, (i) legal issues relating to agreements under negotiation, issues relating to or arising out of pending or threatened litigation, (ii) legal and regulatory issues relating to GBRA's groundwater and/or surface water rights and permits throughout the Guadalupe River Basin, (iii) actions taken by the General Manager/CEO relating to the management and operation of the GBRA Hydroelectric Lakes, including actions taken to mitigate risks posed by hydro spillgates, and, (iv) issues relating to agreements to repair and/or maintain Hydroelectric Lake Dams; 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 (i) right-of-way acquisitions for GBRA-related projects within the boundaries of GBRA; and (ii) exchange, sale, or transfer of real property interests within the boundaries of GBRA; Sections 551.071 and 551.072, Texas Government Code;
- d. appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer (including a senior executive manager) 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**