

GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY
Minutes of the Board of Directors – Workshop
February 21, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority met in a special meeting on February 21, 2024, at the GBRA Annex Building Board Room, 905 Nolan, Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas. Directors present were Dennis Patillo, Sheila Old, Stephen B. Ehrig, Don B. Meador, Emanuel Valdez, William Carbonara, Patrick Cohoon, John Cyrier, and Robert Blaschke. 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; Nathan Pence, Executive Manager of Environmental Science; Charlie Hickman, Executive Manager of Engineering; Brian Perkins, Deputy Executive Manager of Engineering; David Harris, Executive Manager of Operations; and Joe Cole, General Counsel.

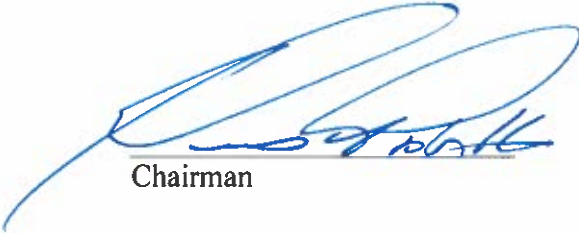
Chairman Patillo called the meeting to order at 12:29 p.m., and took note of the certifications presented that notice of the meeting had been properly posted in the office of the Secretary of State and at the GBRA office in New Braunfels, Texas, pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. A quorum being present, the following proceedings were had:

The Chairman called for **Discussion Item 1 – Overview of GBRA Water Rights**. Joe Cole, General Counsel, introduced the discussion with an overview of GBRA water rights by providing introduction and refresher on Texas water law and the statutory and regulatory regimes that govern the permitting and regulation of surface water and groundwater in the state of Texas. Brian Perkins, Deputy Executive Manager of Engineering, then addressed Board members and presented information on GBRA's existing water rights and how GBRA determines water needs

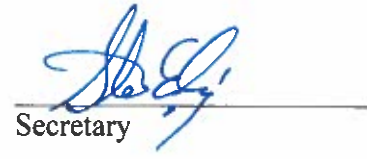
and then manages those needs by making declarations of use to the TCEQ Watermaster, providing water to customers, and then accounting for surface water used under GBRA permits by reporting actual usage to TCEQ.

The Chairman called for **Discussion Item 2 – Update on WaterSECURE Initiative.** Charlie Hickman, Executive Manager of Engineering introduced discussion to provide an update to the Board members on the Water SECURE Initiative. He addressed the Board and provided updates on activities since the previous discussion with the Board at a Workshop in July 2023. He presented information updating changes increasing the population projections of Caldwell, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, and Kendall counties and the additional demand for water in the region. He also provided an update on GBRA activities since July 2023, which included: GBRA having early discussions with municipal utilities to determine potential needs for raw water and treated water throughout the basin, and especially in the I-35 and TX-130 corridors and in the lower basin; contracting with Black & Veatch to conduct a feasibility study for the WaterSECURE Initiative looking at demand centers, existing water supply, water storage and storage options, proposed pipelines and alternatives, existing water treatment plants; and contracting with HDR to study Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) well field siting and sizing. He also addressed a timeline and the challenges of the WaterSECURE Initiative. There was discussion among Directors and staff regarding the need to consider the timing of negotiations with potential customers to develop water supply agreements, any potential new methods for financing large regional projects, and future staffing needs as the WaterSECURE Initiative moves forward.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m. subject to call by the Chairman.



Chairman



Secretary

