

GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY
Minutes of the Board of Directors
April 16, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority met in a regular meeting on April 16, 2025, at the GBRA Annex Building Board Room, 905 Nolan St., Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas. Directors present were Dennis Patillo, Patrick Cohoon, Sheila Old, Stephen B. Ehrig, William Carbonara, Emanuel Valdez, and John Cyrier. Director Meador and Director Blaschke were not present. 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; Charles Hickman, Executive Manager of Engineering; Nathan Pence, Executive Manager of Environmental Science; David Harris, Executive Manager of Operations; and Joseph Cole, General Counsel.

Chairman Patillo 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 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:

Director Old led the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag.

The Chairman then called for **Public Comments**. There were no comments from the public.

The Chairman called for **Consent Item 2 - Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the March 19, 2025 Board Meeting; Consent Item 3 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly financial report for March 2025; Consent Item 4 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for March 2025; Consent Item 5 - Consideration of and possible action approving Directors' expense vouchers for March 2025.** Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Old, the Board unanimously approved Consent Items 2, 3, 4, and 5.

The Chairman then called for **General Manager/CEO Item 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: Safety Update, GBRA water and sewer utility operations, hydroelectric operations, GBRA facilities management including plants and dams, 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, legislative updates, and stewardship.** James Semler, Safety and Risk Manager, stated there were no lost time incidents during this period. During March, staff training focused on Caught In/Between and Struck-By Hazards, HAZCOM Awareness, Watching Out for

One Another, and hard hat safety. Safety items completed this past month were eight site safety visits, a Utility Terrain Vehicle Safety Policy, attendance at monthly safety meetings, fire alarm inspections, a weekly safety toolbox, widening of Gorge trails, and assistance of Operations in closing out open safety items.

Next, Vanessa Guerrero, Executive Manager of Administration, briefed the Board on the Administration department's activities and provided updates on Safety, Information Technology, GIS, Human Resources, Facilities, and Education projects. Next, Jonathan Stinson, Deputy General Manager, updated the Board on the GBRA five-year Strategic Plan for 2023-2028. He discussed the promises, commitments, and strategic commitments of the plan. The Board was also briefed on the 89th Texas Regular Legislative Session bills of interest and deadlines. Darrell Nichols, General Manager/CEO, informed the Board of the upcoming Comal County Commissioner's Court presentation by GBRA.

The Chairman then called for **Action Item 7 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement for the performance of the financial audit for fiscal year 2025.** Oscar Ramirez, Controller, is seeking authorization to negotiate and execute an agreement for the FY 2025 financial audit. In March 2025, the GBRA Audit Committee, pursuant to GBRA Board Policy 410.202, approved the selection of ABIP for auditing services for FY 2025. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Carbonara, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 7 authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement for the performance of the financial audit for fiscal year 2025.

The Chairman then called for **Action Item 8 - Consideration of and possible action adopting a Resolution requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board for the Carrizo Groundwater Supply Expansion Project; authorizing the filing of an application for financial assistance; and making certain findings in connection therewith.** Randy Staats, Executive Manager of Finance/CFO, is seeking the adoption of a resolution requesting additional financial assistance from the Texas Water Board for construction and other costs associated with additional treatment equipment for the Carrizo Groundwater Supply Project, which originally involved up to 15,000 acre-feet of water for customers but has since been upgraded to involve an additional 9,000 acre-feet of water for additional customers. Upon Motion by Director Cyrier, seconded by Director Cohoon, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 8 approving the adoption of a Resolution requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board for the Carrizo Groundwater Supply Expansion Project; authorizing the filing of an application for financial assistance, and making certain findings in connection therewith.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 9 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Wastewater Service Agreement between GBRA, TAG Devco, Inc., and West Comal County Municipal Utility District No. 1 related to a residential development project to be located in Comal County, Texas.** Justin Adkins, Assistant General Counsel, is seeking authorization to negotiate and execute a wastewater service agreement with TAG Devco, Inc. and West Comal County Municipal Utility District No. 1 for up to 392 residential and commercial units to be located in the Ventana II Development located in Comal County, Texas. Upon Motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Cohoon, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 9 authorizing the General

Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a Wastewater Service Agreement between GBRA, TAG Devco, Inc., and West Comal County Municipal Utility District No. 1 related to a residential development project to be located in Comal County, Texas.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 10 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute one or more agreements with Synergen Green Energy, Inc. to provide firm water from GBRA's WaterSECURE project and interim water during the development of GBRA's WaterSECURE project.** Joe Cole, General Counsel, is seeking authorization to negotiate and execute one or more agreements with Synergen Green Energy, Inc. to provide firm water from GBRA's developing WaterSECURE project, and an interim water supply. This will include provisions for Synergen to participate in GBRA's WaterSECURE and future separate agreements relating to a new industrial facility located in Calhoun County, Texas. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Carbonara, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 10 authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute one or more agreements with Synergen Green Energy, Inc. to provide firm water from GBRA's WaterSECURE project and interim water during the development of GBRA's WaterSECURE project.

Next, the Chairman called for **Action Item 11 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute Memorandums of Understanding with customers for participation in GBRA's WaterSECURE project.** Darrell Nichols, General Manager/CEO, is seeking authorization to negotiate and execute memorandums of understanding with customers of GBRA's WaterSECURE project. These will allow GBRA to better understand the nature and location of customer demands. Upon Motion by Director Valdez,

seconded by Director Cohoon, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 11 authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute Memorandums of Understanding with customers for participation in GBRA's WaterSECURE project.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 12 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with a qualified engineering firm, or firms, to conduct engineering related to Hog Bayou control structures.** Ryan Stangel, Project Engineer, is seeking authorization to negotiate and execute a contract relating to the current construction at Hog Bayou to improve access, enhance safety for gate operations during flood events, and improve the long-term reliability of water deliveries. A new control structure is being proposed approximately 0.5 miles downstream of TX-35 to allow for easier access for GBRA operations staff and to reduce the length of levees to be maintained. Upon Motion by Director Ehrig, seconded by Director Cohoon, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 12 authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with a qualified engineering firm, or firms, to conduct engineering related to Hog Bayou control structures.

The Chairman called for **Discussion Item 13 - Mid-Year presentation and update on GBRA's Fiscal Year 2025 Work Plan and Budget.** Randy Staats, Executive Manager of Finance/CFO, briefed the Board on the FY 2025 Work Plan and Budget status from September 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025, including the following: summary comparisons of revenues and expenses to include water sales, wastewater services, hydroelectric sales, interest income, personnel costs and new positions, operating supplies, economic environment, interest expenses, debt service, and financial reserves. The preparation of the FY 26 Budget has begun, and an

initial presentation to the Board is scheduled for June, followed by workshops in July and August, and final budget adoption in August.

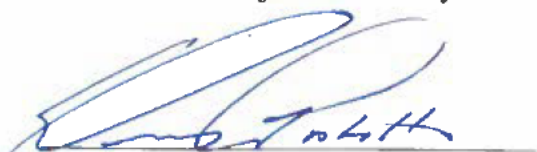
The Chairman called for **Discussion Item 14 - Discussion regarding Base Flow Report, Water Quality Index, long-term weather pattern, and condition of the Guadalupe Basin.**

Charles Hickman, Executive Manager of Engineering, briefed the Board on the Guadalupe River basin hydrologic conditions, including rainfall percentages, events, and totals; the Base Flow Report; the U.S. Drought Monitor Seasonal Outlook; Edwards Aquifer level; Comal Springs level; Guadalupe River stream flows; neutral conditional modeled forecast; and elevation of Canyon Reservoir. Canyon Reservoir's elevation was at 878.27 as of April 14, 2025. The J-17 well level was 626.5 as of April 14, 2025. Comal Springs was flowing approximately 68 cfs as of April 12, 2025.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the open meeting was recessed at 11:00 a.m. subject to call by the Chairman and convened the meeting in executive session at 11:15 a.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

The open meeting reconvened at 11:31 a.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m. subject to a call by the Chairman.


Chairman


Secretary/Treasurer