

GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER AUTHORITY
Minutes of the Board of Directors
May 21, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority met in a regular meeting on May 21, 2025, at the GBRA Annex Building Board Room, 905 Nolan St., Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas. Directors present were Dennis Patillo, Patrick Cohoon, Robert Blaschke, Sheila Old, Stephen B. Ehrig, William Carbonara, Emanuel Valdez, John Cyrier, and Jennifer Storm. 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 Storm led the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag.

The Chairman called for **Chairman Item 1 - Welcome new and re-appointed Directors and administer the Oath of Office to Stephen B. Ehrig and Jennifer L. Storm.** Chairman Patillo administered the Oath of Office to GBRA Directors Stephen B. Ehrig and Jennifer L. Storm.

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

The Chairman called for **Consent Item 3 - Consideration of and possible action approving the minutes of the April 16, 2025 Board Meeting; Consent Item 4 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly financial report for April 2025; Consent Item 5 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for April 2025; and Consent Item 6 - Consideration of and possible action approving Directors' expense vouchers for April 2025.** Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Blaschke, the Board unanimously approved Consent Items 3, 4, 5, and 6.

The Chairman then called for **General Manager/CEO Item 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: 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 or the last 365 days. During April, staff training focused on personal protective equipment, fire prevention, noise and hearing protection, confined space, first aid, CPR, and AED training. Safety items completed this past month were the GIS/Safety Confined Space Project at FM 20 and Western Canyon locations, as well as the placement of anti-slip stickers at all indoor eye wash stations. Next, David Harris,

Executive Manager of Operations, briefed the Board on new licenses, compliance, training, and ongoing projects. Operator training for April consisted of basic water and wastewater, resiliency, identification of microorganisms, water utility safety, and water laboratory training. The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (“NACWA”) Peak Performance Awards for 2025 were presented to GBRA for the Singing Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant (“WWTP”) (Platinum 7) and Lockhart Larremore Street WWTP (Platinum 5). Projects completed this past month included GPP pipeline repair, additional road pavement at Coletto Creek Park, and quarterly regional raw water pigging. Twelve of the fifteen temporary clarification system units have arrived at the Carrizo project and are being installed to assist with the removal of iron. Next, Jonathan Stinson, Deputy General Manager, briefed the Board on the current 89th Texas Regular Legislative Session, which convened on January 14, 2025, and will continue through June 2025. Mr. Stinson estimates about 8,717 bills have been introduced, 292 have passed, and 108 bills have been signed. GBRA legislative priorities this session include SB 1261, which would enable extended financing for water infrastructure; HB 1615, which would codify GBRA authority within state statutes; and HJR 7, which would dedicate funding for water supply projects.

The Chairman then called for **Action Item 8 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a multi-year contract with AT&T for internet services at certain sites throughout the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (“GBRA”)**. Jordan Mills, Network Administrator, is seeking authorization to negotiate a five-year agreement with AT&T for dedicated internet services at certain GBRA facilities. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Valdez, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 8 authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a multi-year

contract with AT&T for internet services at certain sites throughout the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority ("GBRA").

The Chairman then called for **Action Item 9 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute Contract No. 582-26-00047 with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the Texas Clean Rivers Program within the Guadalupe River Basin.** Elizabeth Edgerton, Water Quality Program Supervisor, is seeking authorization to execute a contract with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") for the Texas Clean Rivers Program ("CRP"). GBRA has partnered with the TCEQ for the CRP since 1996 to conduct water quality monitoring, assessment, and stakeholder participation to improve the quality of surface water within the Guadalupe River Basin. The performance period is from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2027, with a total reimbursable amount of \$322,390.00, and the CRP provides a no-match grant. Upon Motion by Director Blaschke, seconded by Director Cohoon, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 9 authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute Contract No. 582-26-00047 with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the Texas Clean Rivers Program within the Guadalupe River Basin.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 10 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the purchase and installation of a primary power high-voltage transformer for the Western Canyon Raw Water Pump Station.** David Harris, Executive Manager of Operations, is seeking approval to purchase and install a high-voltage transformer for the Western Canyon Raw Water Pump Station. The existing transformer will be refurbished and maintained as a spare. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Old, the Board unanimously

approved Action Item 10 authorizing the purchase and installation of a primary power high-voltage transformer for the Western Canyon Raw Water Pump Station.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 11 - Consideration of and possible action to approve a change order with Sundt Construction for the Lake McQueeney and Placid Spillgate Replacement and Dam Armoring Project not to exceed the amount of \$153,669 to replace three vertical break switches at Lake Placid substation.** Peter Newell, Senior Engineering Director, is seeking approval of a change order for the Lake Placid Spillage Replacement and Dam Armoring Project to replace three existing primary vertical break switches. These replaced switches will improve the safety of personnel working on the substation, and this change order causes no change in contract time. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Old, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 11 approving a change order with Sundt Construction for the Lake McQueeney and Placid Spillgate Replacement and Dam Armoring Project with a not to exceed the amount of \$153,669 to replace three vertical break switches at Lake Placid substation.

Next, the Chairman called for **Action Item 12 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with the qualified low bidder, for selection of a metal and steel fabricator for the Coleta Creek Stoplogs and Lifting Beam Fabrication project.** Charles Hickman, Executive Manager of Engineering, is seeking authorization to negotiate a contract with the lowest bidding metal fabricator for two stoplogs and associated lifting beams that were damaged at Coleta Creek Reservoir during maintenance activities. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Valdez, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 12 authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate

and execute a contract with the qualified low bidder, for the selection of a metal and steel fabricator for the Coleta Creek Stoplogs and Lifting Beam Fabrication project.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 13 - Consideration of and possible action approving the salary, compensation, and benefits for the General Manager/CEO of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.** Discussion and action on Action Item 14 was reserved pending discussion during Executive Session.

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 elevation was at 877.22 as of May 19, 2025. The J-17 well level was 625.1 as of May 19, 2025. Comal Springs was flowing around 68 cfs as of May 10, 2025. Mr. Hickman also briefed the Board on the Canyon Lake Minimum Release guidelines, including requirements for the following: (1) water supply contract releases; (2) Federal Energy Regulatory Commission requirements; (3) TCEQ requirements; and (4) the Guadalupe River Trout Unlimited Agreement. He also discussed the non-drought release requirements and the drought requirements.

The open meeting was recessed at 10:55 a.m. subject to call by the Chairman and convened the meeting in executive session at 11:10 a.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

The open meeting reconvened at 11:59 a.m.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 13 - Consideration of and possible action approving the salary, compensation, and benefits for the General Manager/CEO of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.** Director Blaschke, after review by the committee on the evaluation of the General Manager/CEO, is recommending a 7.52% merit increase in salary for the General Manager/CEO, effective February 4, 2025. Upon Motion by Director Blaschke, seconded by Director Cohoon, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 13 approving the salary, compensation, and benefits for the General Manager/CEO of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m. subject to a call by the Chairman.



Chairman



Secretary/Treasurer