

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

The Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority met in a regular meeting on July 16, 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, Emanuel Valdez, and John Cyrier. Director Carbonara and Director Storm 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; Adeline Fox, Executive Manager of Communications and Outreach; 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 Ehrig 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 June 18, 2025 Board Meeting; Consent Item 3 - Consideration**

**of and possible action approving the monthly financial report for June 2025; Consent Item 4 - Consideration of and possible action approving the monthly operations report for June 2025; and Consent Item 5 - Consideration of and possible action approving Directors' expense vouchers for June 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.** Darrell Nichols, General Manager/CEO, introduced Javier Zuniga of Combat Marine Outdoors. Mr. Zuniga briefed the Board on the recent veterans' fishing event held at Coletto Creek Park in April 2025. Mr. Zuniga expressed his appreciation to GBRA for sponsoring the event. Next, James Semler, Safety and Risk Manager, stated there were no lost time incidents during this period or the last 431 days. During June, staff training focused on aerial lift and confined spaces. Safety tasks completed this past month were the GBRA Safety Day, monthly Teams meetings at a Hays wastewater division plant and the Stein Falls Wastewater plant, and nine safety inspections. Next, Nathan Pence,

Executive Manager of Environmental Science, briefed the Board on environmental science programs and the Habitat Conservation Plan (“HCP”). The HCP update included a briefing on the plan’s 2026 submission date, finalized modeling, regular United States Fish and Wildlife monthly meetings, whooping crane population statistics, total phosphorus research, freshwater mussel continuing education, and the impact of drought at Canyon Lake. Mr. Pence also discussed the Texas River Authorities annual science meeting and recent results of a TCEQ Laboratory audit. Next, Darrell Nichols, General Manager/CEO, updated the Board on the Texas Special Legislative Session called by Governor Abbott to begin on July 21, 2025, including discussions of the recent flooding events in Kerr County, Texas. GBRA staff will be working with the emergency management coordinators for counties in GBRA’s area to discuss improvements for data collection and early warning system enhancements.

The Chairman then called for **Action Item 7 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing GBRA Finance staff to open bank and investment accounts for management of loan proceeds and debt service requirements for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) highway 46 pipeline relocation project.** Sandra Terry, Deputy Executive Manager of Finance, is seeking authorization to set up multiple bank accounts for the receipt of loan proceeds and debt service requirements for the Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”) Highway 46 pipeline relocation construction project. The segregation of funds from other GBRA accounts is necessary to properly account for the tracking of receipt and disbursement of funds and is required by TxDOT’s loan agreement and promissory note for the project. Upon Motion by Director Ehrig, seconded by Director Cohoon, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 7 authorizing GBRA Finance staff to open bank and investment accounts for management of loan

proceeds and debt service requirements for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) highway 46 pipeline relocation project.

The Chairman then called for **Action Item 8 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a services agreement with a qualified roofing company, using a request for proposal process, for roof replacement for the office building at the GBRA Seguin Campus.** Kenneth Clinton, Facilities Manager, is seeking authorization to execute a service contract for the GBRA Seguin Campus roof which has undergone significant deterioration. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Blaschke, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 8 authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a services agreement with a qualified roofing company, using a request for proposal process, for roof replacement for the office building at the GBRA Seguin Campus.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 9 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with the highest ranked bidder based on a competitive sealed proposal process, which provides the best value for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, for selection of a general contractor for the Seguin Office Slope Stabilization Project.** Daniel Worley, Senior Project Engineer, is seeking authorization to negotiate and execute a contract for the Seguin Office Slope Stabilization Project for 250 linear feet of a permanent cantilever soldier pile retention system for the earthen embankment between the GBRA Annex building and the GBRA Office building along the back of the lower parking lot. This project will include excavation, grading, deck, stair replacement, and other associated site improvements. 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 a contract with the highest ranked bidder based on a competitive sealed

proposal process, which provides the best value for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, for selection of a general contractor for the Seguin Office Slope Stabilization Project.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 10 - Consideration of and possible action to approve a change order with Wharton Smith, Inc. for the North Lockhart Booster Pump Station Project in the amount of \$168,861.79 for the additional work requested of the contractor through Field Orders #01, 05, and 06.** Daniel Worley, Senior Project Engineer, is seeking approval of a change order for additional work requested of the contractor to include a change in access route per the land owners request, the addition of two mechanical couplings at the ground storage tank, and a more rigid pipeline at the North Lockhart Booster Pump Station. Upon Motion by Director Cyrier, seconded by Director Cohoon, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 10 approving a change order with Wharton Smith, Inc. for the North Lockhart Booster Pump Station Project in the amount of \$168,861.79 for the additional work requested of the contractor through Field Orders #01, 05, and 06.

Next, the Chairman called for **Action Item 11 - Consideration of and possible action authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with a qualified engineering firm to perform Program Management Services related to WaterSECURE.** Charles Hickman, Executive Manager of Engineering, is seeking authorization to execute a contract with a qualified engineering firm to perform services related to WaterSECURE. These services will include the development of detailed implementation plans, real estate services, environmental investigations, project control, risk identification, preliminary design, and construction administration. Upon Motion by Director Cohoon, seconded by Director Cyrier, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 11 authorizing the General Manager/CEO to negotiate

and execute a contract with a qualified engineering firm to perform Program Management Services related to WaterSECURE.

The Chairman called for **Action Item 12 - Consideration of and possible action adopting an Order setting forth regulations relating to the creation of a “no wake” zone for a designated portion of Lake Dunlap, a Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Hydroelectric Lake in Guadalupe County, Texas.** Jonathan Stinson, Deputy General Manager, is seeking adoption of an order for water safety on Lake Dunlap. The Preserve Lake Dunlap Association, with the concurrence of the Lake Dunlap Water Control and Improvement District, has adopted a resolution requesting that the channel around the “Chinaberry Island” portion of Lake Dunlap be designated as a no-wake zone. The proposed order approves the placement of buoys along the channel created between Chinaberry Island and the southern side of the river on Lake Dunlap in Guadalupe County, Texas. Upon Motion by Director Cyrier, seconded by Director Blaschke, the Board unanimously approved Action Item 12, adopting an Order setting forth regulations relating to the creation of a “no wake” zone for a designated portion of Lake Dunlap, a Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Hydroelectric Lake in Guadalupe County, Texas. A copy of the Order is attached and made a part of these minutes.


The Chairman called for **Discussion Item 13 - 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 890.24 as of July 14, 2025. The J-17 well

level was 636.48 as of July 14, 2025. Comal Springs was flowing around 163 cfs as of July 13, 2025.

The open meeting was recessed at 10:46 a.m. subject to call by the Chairman and convened the meeting in executive session at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

The open meeting reconvened at 11:19 a.m.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m. subject to a call by the Chairman.

  
Chairman  
Secretary/Treasurer