

Minutes
May 22, 2024
UGRA Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Notice having been duly given, a Regular Meeting of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority Board of Directors was held at the Guadalupe Basin Natural Resources Center, 125 Lehmann Drive, Kerrville, Texas, at 3:03 pm on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Bill Rector, President; Maggie Snow, Vice-President; Austin Dickson, Secretary (arrived at 3:18 pm); Aaron Bulkley; Dick Eastland; Frances Lovett; and Diane McMahon were present and constituted a quorum. Also present were: Tara Bushnoe, General Manager; Tammy Thompson, Business Manager/Assistant General Manager; Nicole Shepherd, Environmental Laboratory Manager; Shelby Taber, Natural Resources Manager; and Ron Duke of Hunt.

Director Snow led Item II. Pledge of Allegiance.

President Rector announced Item III. A public copy of the Board Book is available at the receptionist's desk and copies of any items in the Board Book will be provided upon request.

President Rector introduced Item IV. Visitors/Citizens forum. There were no comments from the audience.

President Rector announced Item V. Public Participation. To facilitate the recording of the meeting, a visitor that has a question or wants to make a statement regarding an item under discussion must first be recognized by the Presiding Officer, then proceed to the lectern and address the question or statement to the Board.

President Rector introduced Item VI. A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2024. Director McMahon moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2024, as amended to correct the summary of the New Initiatives Committee report. Director Eastland seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, President Rector called for a vote. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2024, were approved as amended by a unanimous vote. President Rector introduced Item VI. B. Financial Report for the Month ended April 30, 2024. Ms. Bushnoe distributed a revised financial report to the Board which included minor corrections to the revenue budget, expense budget, and current month expenses. Ms. Bushnoe presented a summary of the financial report and highlighted various revenue and expense accounts. Director Bulkley moved that Item VI. B. Financial Report for the Month ended April 30, 2024, be approved as amended. Director Snow seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Rector called for a vote. The Financial Report for the Month ended April 30, 2024, was approved as amended by a unanimous vote. President Rector introduced Item VI. C. Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2024. Ms. Bushnoe presented a summary of the Quarterly Investment Report to the Board. General discussion followed. Director McMahon moved that Item VI. C. Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2024, be approved as presented. Director Snow seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, President Rector called for a vote. The Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2024, was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Rector introduced Item VII. Presentation and Discussion of Committee Reports.

The following is a summary of the committee reports:

A. Executive Committee:

- President Rector provided the following committee updates:
 - Met on May 14, 2024.
 - Reviewed items for the Board Agenda.

B. Outreach and Education Committee:

- Director Snow provided the following committee updates:
 - Met on April 17, 2024.
 - Reviewed scholarship program application, rainwater incentive programs, upcoming seminar on September 20th to be held in conjunction with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, and UGRA will host 4H water ambassadors on July 29th.
 - Presentation of River Clean Up T-shirt contest winning design.
- Ms. Bushnoe reported that the Rainwater Catchment Rebate Program funded fourteen applications for reimbursement since the last board meeting. Since the beginning of the program in March 2011, a total of 663 applications have been funded for \$64,021. To date in FY24 there have been 49 applications funded for \$15,086.

C. Watershed Stewardship Committee:

- Director Bulkley provided the following committee updates:
 - Met on April 12, 2024.
 - Discussed Feral Hog Management Program, Water Enhancement through Brush Management Cost Share Program, Water Sediment Control Basin update, changes to Litter Patrol Program and the Water Resources Preservation Grant Program.
 - Reviewed items for the FY24 budget.
 - Presentation of the Feral Hog Management Program quarterly update.
- Ms. Bushnoe reported that the Water Enhancement through Brush Management Cost Share program has funded one application for reimbursement since the last board meeting. Since the beginning of the program in January 2010, a total of 198 applications have been funded for \$637,046 and treated approximately 15,640 acres. To date in FY24 there have been 4 applications funded for a total of \$16,749 across 285 acres.

D. Guadalupe – Blanco River Trust:

- Director McMahon provided the following GBRT updates:
 - The trustees have not met since the last board meeting.
 - Updated the Board on GBRT's new Executive Director Doug Dillow.

President Rector introduced Item VIII. Discussion and Appropriate Action – Review and Approve FY24 Budget Amendments. Ms. Bushnoe presented a summary of the FY24

Budget Amendments to the Board. Director Eastland moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-10 approving the FY24 annual budget amendments as presented in Attachment A. Director Bulkley seconded the motion. General discussion followed. There being no further discussion, President Rector called for a vote. Resolution No. 2024-10 was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Rector introduced Item IX. Discussion and Appropriate Action – Review and Approve Interlocal Agreement with Kerr County Regarding Guadalupe River Crossing Patrols. Ms. Bushnoe presented a summary of the Interlocal Agreement with Kerr County for Guadalupe River Crossing Patrols. Director Bulkley moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-11 Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Kerr County for Guadalupe River Crossing Patrols in FY24. Director Dickson seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Rector called for a vote. Resolution No. 2024-11 was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Rector introduced Item X. Discussion and Appropriate Action – Review and Approve Revisions to UGRA Water Resources Preservation Grant Program. Ms. Bushnoe presented a summary of the revisions to the Water Resources Preservation Grant Program. Director McMahon moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-12 Authorizing revisions to the Water Resources Preservation Grant Program guidelines and application as depicted in Attachment A. Director Snow seconded the motion. General discussion followed. There being no further discussion, President Rector called for a vote. Resolution No. 2024-12 was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Rector introduced Item XI. Presentation – Real Estate Transaction Update. Ms. Bushnoe presented the Real Estate Transaction Update to the Board. General discussion followed. As this was a presentation only, no action was taken.

President Rector introduced Item XII. Presentation – Strategic Plan Status Update. Ms. Bushnoe presented the Strategic Plan Status Update to the Board. General discussion followed. As this was a presentation only, no action was taken.

President Rector introduced Item XIII. Discussion and Appropriate Action – Appointment of Officer Nominating Committee for FY25 Officers. President Rector appointed Director Eastland and Director McMahon to serve on the Nominating Committee to recommend FY25 Officers.

President Rector introduced Item XIV. A. General Manager’s Report. Ms. Bushnoe updated the Board on presentations and activities in which UGRA initiated or participated, investigations, staff training, meetings, Plateau Water Planning Group, Flood Infrastructure Fund application update and Sunset uniformity request. President Rector introduced Item XIV. B. Business Manager’s Report. Ms. Thompson updated the Board on Business operations, facility maintenance, and the EduScape. President Rector introduced Item XIV. C. Laboratory Manager’s Report. Ms. Shepherd updated the board on current laboratory operations and presented lab testing metrics. President Rector introduced Item XIV. D. Natural Resources Manager’s Report. Ms. Taber presented the rainfall and streamflow reports to the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

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ATTEST:

William R. Rector, President
Board of Directors

Austin Dickson, Secretary
Board of Directors