

Minutes
May 22, 2019
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 3:01 pm on Wednesday, May 22, 2019. Ms. Thompson called roll. Bob Waller, President; Blake Smith, Vice-President; Diane McMahon, Secretary; Wayne Musgrove, Treasurer; Aaron Bulkley; Mike Hughes; Bill Rector; and Maggie Snow were present and constituted a quorum. Also present were: Raymond Buck, Jr., General Manager; Tammy Thompson, Assistant General Manager; Tara Bushnoe, Natural Resources Coordinator; Nicole Shepherd, Environmental Lab Manager; Travis Linscomb, Natural Resources Specialist; Reagan Givens, Kerr County; Charlie McIlvain, Kerrville Convention & Visitors Bureau; and Don Harris, Kerr County Commissioner Precinct 4.

President Waller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Waller announced that a public copy of the Board Book is available at the receptionist's desk and that copies of any items in the Board Book will be provided upon request.

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

President Waller announced 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 Waller introduced Item VI. A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2019. Director Smith moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2019. Director McMahon seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Waller called for a vote. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2019 were approved by an 8-0 vote. President Waller introduced Item VI. B. Financial Report for the Months Ended April 30, 2019. Mr. Buck, Jr. highlighted various revenue and expense accounts. Director Rector moved to approve the Financial Report for the Months Ended April 30, 2019. Director Smith seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Waller called for a vote. The Financial Report for the Months Ended April 30, 2019 was approved by an 8-0 vote. President Waller introduced Item VI. C. Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter Ended March 31, 2019. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the investment report to the Board. Director Smith moved to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2019. Director Snow seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Waller called for a vote. The Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2019 was approved by an 8-0 vote.

President Waller introduced Item VII. Presentation and Discussion of Committee Reports. The following is a summary of the committee reports:

A. Executive Committee:

- President Waller provided the following committee updates:
 - Met on May 14th to discuss items on the Board Meeting Agenda
 - Discussed storm water runoff impacting UGRA
 - Mr. Buck gave an update on addressing the damage from the increased runoff
 - Discussed River Boat Education Tour Project

B. Outreach and Education Committee:

- Director McMahon provided updates on the following Outreach and Education programs:
 - T-shirt Contest Update
 - Rain Garden Project Discussion with Dr. Jaber

- 1st Place Friend of Conservation in the Texas Conservation “Area II” Awards Program
- Arundo donax workshop on 05/13/19
- EduScape tour with Kathleen Jackson
- UGRA 2nd grade Science Day field trips conducted for Hunt, Ingram, Center Point, Foundations Academy, and local homeschool students
- HCMG EduScape presentation
- Mr. Buck, Jr. reported that the Rainwater Catchment System Rebate Program received 11 additional applications since the last Board meeting and in FY19, a total of 21 applications have been funded for \$1,197.

C. Water Enhancement Program Committee:

- Director Rector provided the following committee updates:
 - K-8 Update
 - Water Enhancement Cost Share Program Modification in Item IX.
 - K-8 Design Approval Process in Item X.
- Mr. Buck, Jr. reported that the Water Enhancement Cost Share Program received 5 additional applications since the last Board meeting and in FY19 a total of 13 applications have been funded for \$33,212 and treated approximately 724 acres. Five applications for an additional \$10,034 are currently on hold due to insufficient funding for this program.

D. Water Source Development Committee:

- Director Musgrove provided the following committee updates:
 - Quarry Conversion Project Update
 - Director Snow commented that she will have a report to assess the value of land with mined out gravel pits
 - River Boat Education Tour Project Update
 - Test Tour and Interpretative Talk on 04/08/19
 - Pro Forma Financial Statements being developed
 - Boat Fabrication Discussions
 - Mr. McIlvain updated the Board that he had discussed the project with the City of Kerrville to determine if a dock would be possible in Louise Hays Park. He also thanked the UGRA Board and staff for working with E.A. Hoppe on the project and discussed further steps. General discussion followed.

President Waller introduced Item VIII. Presentation and Discussion of Activity Reports. Director McMahon reported that the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust met on 05/08/19 and discussed that they are in a state of flux due to separating from the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, getting their recertification, and hiring a new executive director. Mr. Buck, Jr. reported the Plateau Water

Planning Group (PWPG) met on 05/15/19 and updated the Board on the ecologically unique river and stream segment designation and the policy adopted by PWPG regarding recommending a unique stream segment. Mr. Buck, Jr. also shared the list of potentially feasible water management strategies for the draft 2020 PWPG regional plan.

President Waller introduced Item IX. Water Enhancement Cost Share Program Modification. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the proposed modifications to the program guidelines and distributed the most recent revision to the guidelines that was prepared after the Board materials were distributed. The most recent version was considered for approval by the Board. General discussion followed. Director Smith moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-09 modifying the Water Enhancement Cost Share Program with cedar disposal stipulations as amended. Director Hughes seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, President Waller called for a vote. Resolution No. 2019-09 as amended was approved by an 8-0 vote.

President Waller introduced Item X. K-8 Design Approval Process. Mr. Buck, Jr. gave an overview of the K-8 design approval process to the Board. Director Rector moved to authorize the Water Enhancement Program Committee to approve the K-8 design. Director Musgrove seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Waller called for a vote. The motion was approved by an 8-0 vote.

President Waller introduced Item XI. 10-Year Employee Recognition: Jay Savary & Travis Linscomb. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented Mr. Savary and Mr. Linscomb with awards for ten years of service with UGRA. As this was a presentation only, no action was taken by the Board.

President Waller introduced Item XII. Feral Hog Abatement Program Update and Possible FY19 Feral Hog Abatement Program ILA Amendment Request. Commissioner Harris presented an

update on the hog bounty program and possible steps forward to the Board. He also noted that Kerr County Commissioners approved adding \$5,000 to the bounty program to be used prior to any additional contribution by UGRA. General discussion followed. Director Hughes moved to amend the ILA to add an additional \$10,000 and raise the maximum contribution by UGRA to \$30,000 for FY19. Director Rector seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, President Waller called for a vote. The motion was approved by an 8-0 vote.

President Waller introduced Item XIII. Interlocal Agreement with Kerr County Regarding Guadalupe River Crossing Patrols. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented details about the litter patrol. Mr. Givens commented that during the preceding two summers, the officers made positive contacts with citizens, people were happy to see them, they handed out trash bags, and the deputies informed the recreators to take their trash with them when they left. General discussion followed. Director McMahon moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-10 authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Kerr County Commissioners' Court for Guadalupe River Crossing Patrols in an amount not to exceed \$4,400. Director Snow seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, President Waller called for a vote. Resolution No. 2019-10 was approved by an 8-0 vote.

President Waller introduced Item XIV. Strategic Plan Status Update. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the status of the strategic plan to the Board. General discussion followed. As this was a presentation only, no action was taken by the Board.

President Waller introduced Item XV. FY19 Budget Revisions. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the budget revisions to the Board. Director Hughes moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-11 accepting the budget amendments as presented in Attachment A with the amendment of an additional \$5,000 to

feral hog payments. Director Smith seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Waller called for a vote. Resolution No. 2019-11 as amended was approved by an 8-0 vote.

President Waller introduced Item XVI. General Manager's Report. Mr. Buck, Jr. updated the Board on outreach and education activities in which UGRA initiated or participated, the Healthy Creeks Initiative, the river corridor video, and riparian restoration.

President Waller introduced Item XVII. Written Reports.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.

UPPER GUADALUPE RIVER AUTHORITY

ATTEST:

Bob Waller, President
Board of Directors

Diane McMahon, Secretary
Board of Directors