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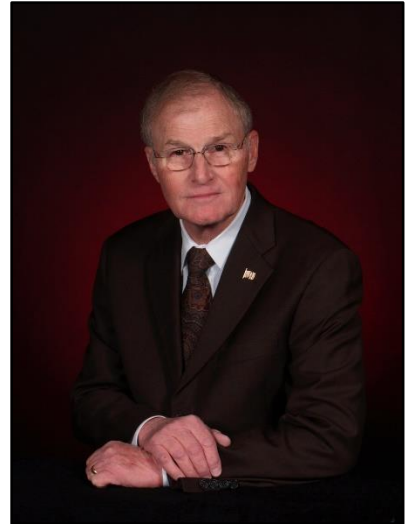
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Rector Designated as UGRA Board President

Governor Greg Abbott has named Dr. William Rector as President of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) board for a term set to expire at the pleasure of the Governor. Dr. Rector has served on the UGRA board since 2016 and has previously held the board officer positions of Treasurer and Secretary.

Dr. Rector graduated from Tivy High School in 1960 and from Texas A&M in 1964. He received his MD from University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Dr. Rector did his internship in the Air Force followed by a three-year tour of duty in the Far East during the Vietnam War. Following his years as a flight surgeon, he left the Air Force for a residency in radiology at the University of Colorado where he developed a special interest in ultrasound working with his mentor and friend, Dr. Joseph Holmes, regarded as the “Father of American Ultrasound.”



Dr. William Rector was appointed by Governor Abbott on November 28, 2023, to serve as president of UGRA.

Dr. Rector joined the medical staff of Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital in 1980 and later, Peterson Regional Medical Center, where he practiced radiology for 31 years retiring in 2011 but continuing to remain active in the medical and business community.

Dr. Rector has served on the board of the Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce, two terms as a KISD trustee and one term on the Kerrville City Council. He has served on the Kerrville Main Street Advisory Board. He currently serves on the Symphony of the Hills Board. He is the longest serving member of the Kerr County Historical Commission. He is Chair of the board organizing the Heart of the Hills Heritage Center to be located soon on the Campus of the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial library in the historic A. C. and Myrta Schreiner Home. He is past-president of the Historic Downtown Business Alliance and serves on the board of the Kerrville Christmas Lighting Corporation.

“It is an honor to have received this appointment by our Governor. UGRA has an incredibly dedicated and talented Board and Staff that works diligently towards the stewardship of one of our most precious resources, our river,” said Rector.

Although Governor Abbott designates the position of President of the UGRA Board, the remaining officers are elected by the Board. On September 20, 2023, the UGRA Board of Directors

unanimously elected officers to serve the positions of Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer for terms to expire September 30, 2024. Maggie Snow was elected Vice-President, Austin Dickson was elected Secretary, and Blake Smith was elected Treasurer. Snow and Smith have previously served as officers.

Vice-President Snow of Kerrville is the co-owner and appraiser of TexAppraise, Inc. She is a member of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers and the Appraisal Institute. She was the first woman in Texas to receive the Accredited Rural Appraiser designation. In addition, she is an adult leader of Kerr County 4-H Shooting Sports and a member of the Executive Women's Club. Snow received her Bachelor of Science in agricultural economics from Texas A&M University. Ms. Snow was appointed to the UGRA Board in 2018 and reappointed in 2023.

Secretary Dickson of Kerrville is CEO of the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country. The Foundation makes grants to nonprofits and awards scholarships to students throughout a 10-county area. A Waco native and TCU graduate, Mr. Dickson is a board member of the Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce and the KLRN Endowment Fund, which supports the region's PBS station. Mr. Dickson was appointed to the UGRA Board in 2019 and reappointed in 2021.

Treasurer Smith of Hunt is an owner of Camp La Junta, Incorporated. He is a member of the American Camping Association, former board member of Our Lady of the Hills High School, and past president and member of the Camping Association for Mutual Progress. Mr. Smith was formerly president and member of both Hunt ISD Board of Trustees and Kerrville Public Utility Board. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Trinity University. Mr. Smith was appointed to the UGRA Board in 2015 and reappointed in 2021.

Learn more about the UGRA Board of Directors at www.ugra.org/public-information/board-of-directors

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