

Minutes
March 24, 2021
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 3:00 pm on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, Blake Smith, President; Diane McMahon, Vice-President; Aaron Bulkley, Secretary; Bill Rector, Treasurer; Lynda Ables; Gene Allen; Austin Dickson; Mike Hughes; and Maggie Snow were present and constituted a quorum. Also present were: Raymond Buck, Jr., General Manager; Tammy Thompson, Assistant General Manager; and Tara Bushnoe, Natural Resources Coordinator.

President Smith led Item II. Pledge of Allegiance.

President Smith introduced Item III. Oath of Office for Reappointed Directors. Ms. Thompson administered the oath of office for Directors Blake Smith; Diane McMahon; and Austin Dickson.

President Smith 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 Smith introduced Item V. Visitors/Citizens forum. There were no comments from the audience.

President Smith introduced Item VII. A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2021. Director Ables moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2021 with an amendment to replace the date of November 23, 2020 on page 2 with the correct date of January 27, 2021. Director Bulkley seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, President Smith called for a vote. The amended Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2021 were

approved by a unanimous vote. President Smith introduced Item VII. B. The Minutes of the Board Workshop of March 9, 2021. Director McMahon moved to approve the Minutes of the Board Workshop of March 9, 2021. Director Snow seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. The Minutes of the Board Workshop of March 9, 2021 were approved by a unanimous vote. President Smith introduced Item VII. C. Financial Report for the Months Ended February 28, 2021. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented a summary of the financial report and highlighted various revenue and expense accounts. General discussion followed. Director Rector moved to approve the Financial Report for the Months Ended February 28, 2021. Director Dickson seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, President Smith called for a vote. The Financial Report for the Months Ended February 28, 2021 was approved by a unanimous vote.

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

A. Executive Committee:

- President Smith provided the following committee updates:
 - Discussed items on the Agenda.

B. Outreach and Education Committee:

- Director McMahon reported that the Outreach and Education committee did not meet.
- Mr. Buck, Jr. reported that the rainwater catchment system rebate program funded 3 applications since the last Board Meeting. Since the beginning of the program in March 2011, a total of 518 applications have been funded for \$28,386. To date in FY21, a total of 15 applications have been funded for \$2,140.

C. Water Enhancement Program Committee:

- Director Rector provided the following committee updates:
 - K-9 completion update.
 - Directors Hughes, Ables, and Rector visited K-9 to view the completed project, resolve questions, and approve the payment.
 - Director Rector shared photos of the completed structure with the Board.
- Mr. Buck, Jr. reported that the water enhancement through brush management cost share program funded 4 applications for reimbursement since the last Board Meeting.

Since the beginning of the program in January 2010, a total of 163 applications have been funded for \$514,844 and treated approximately 13,562 acres. To date in FY21, 16 applications have been funded for \$51,823 and treated approximately 1,075 acres.

D. Watershed Stewardship Committee:

- Director Bulkley provided the following committee updates:
 - Met on February 22, 2021 with Dr. Teague of the San Antonio River Authority.
 - Developing details for new projects.

E. Guadalupe- Blanco River Trust:

- Director McMahon provided the following updates:
 - Stephen Risinger is the new Conservation and Stewardship Manager for the Trust.
 - Mentioned thank you letter to the Board for annual contribution to GBRT.

President Smith introduced Item IX. Future Program/Project Priority and Committee Assignments and presented the method for ranking new projects and the prioritized list produced as a result to the Board. General discussion followed. The proposal from the Executive Committee is to table the lowest priority projects and those that are not related to water quality, water quantity, or sustainability and to assign the highest ranking projects to committees. President Smith announced committee assignments for the following committees: Public Outreach, Education, Water Quality, and Watershed Stewardship.

President Smith introduced Item X. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 Interlocal Agreement for Water Quality Protection through Feral Hog Management Program and presented the background information to the Board. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the revision to the interlocal agreement to the Board. Director Rector moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-05 Authorizing the Fiscal Year 2021 Interlocal Agreement for Water Quality Protection through Feral Hog Management Program to allow \$600 for software and transmission costs. Director Allen seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. Resolution No. 2021-05 was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Smith introduced Item XI. UGRA Streamflow and Springflow Monitoring Programs. Ms. Bushnoe presented an overview of the streamflow and springflow programs and data collected to date. As this was a presentation only, no action was taken.

President Smith introduced Item XII. General Manager's Report. Mr. Buck, Jr. updated the Board on additional outreach and education activities in which UGRA initiated or participated, investigations, staff training, Healthy Creeks Initiative, Plateau Water Planning Group, and Region 11 Guadalupe Basin Regional Flood Planning Group.

President Smith introduced Item XV. Written Reports.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm.

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ATTEST:

Blake W. Smith, President
Board of Directors

Aaron Bulkley, Secretary
Board of Directors