

Minutes
May 26, 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, May 26, 2021, Blake Smith, President; Aaron Bulkley, Secretary; Bill Rector, Treasurer; Lynda Ables; Austin Dickson; 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; Diane McMahon (via phone – listen only); Justin Foster, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and Don Harris, Kerr County Commissioner, Precinct 4.

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 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 March 24, 2021. Director Ables moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2021. Director Dickson seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. The

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2021 were approved by a unanimous vote. President Smith introduced Item VII. B. Financial Report for the Months Ended April 30, 2021. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented a summary of the financial report and highlighted various revenue and expense accounts. Director Dickson moved to approve the Financial Report for the Months Ended April 30, 2021. Director Snow seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. The Financial Report for the Months Ended April 30, 2021 was approved by a unanimous vote. President Smith introduced Item VII. C. Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter Ended March 31, 2021. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the investment report to the Board. Director Bulkley moved to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2021. Director Ables seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. The Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 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:
 - Met on 5/18/21 and discussed items on the Agenda

B. Public Outreach Committee:

- President Smith provided the following committee updates:
 - Met on 04/27/21 to discuss potential new projects and refined details

C. Water Quality Committee:

- Director Rector provided the following committee updates:
 - Met on 05/20/21 and discussed the following potential new projects:
 - Town Creek impoundment
 - Stormwater filter pilot project
 - Lemos Street property
 - General discussion followed.

- Mr. Buck, Jr. reported that the water enhancement through brush management cost share program did not fund any 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 05/04/21 and discussed the following updates and potential new projects:
 - Update on hog traps
 - Comfort Ag Field Day
 - Water Resources Preservation Program
 - No Mow Zone
- Director Bulkley presented an update on the Feral Hog Management Program to the Board.

E. Education Committee:

- Director Snow provided the following committee updates:
 - Met on 04/19/21 and discussed the following existing and potential new projects:
 - River Clean Up
 - T-shirt design art contest
 - Student scholarships
 - Water Ambassador program
 - Film festival
- Mr. Buck, Jr. reported that the rainwater catchment system rebate program funded 6 applications since the last Board Meeting. Since the beginning of the program in March 2011, a total of 524 applications have been funded for \$29,268. To date in FY21, a total of 21 applications have been funded for \$3,023.

F. Guadalupe- Blanco River Trust:

- Director Snow provided the following updates:
 - Met on 05/12/21 and discussed the following:
 - Financials
 - Update on Trust properties
 - Texas MidCoast Initiative

President Smith introduced Item IX. Feral Hog Management. Mr. Foster presented the details of feral hog control research efforts at the TPWD Kerr Wildlife Management Area to the Board.

General discussion followed with Mr. Foster answering questions from the Board. As this was a presentation only, no action was taken.

President Smith introduced Item X. Interlocal Agreement with Kerr County Regarding Guadalupe River Crossing Patrols. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the interlocal agreement to the Board. Director Rector moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-11 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 discussion, President Smith called for a vote. Resolution No. 2021-11 was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Smith introduced Item XI. Strategic Plan Status Update. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the annual update to the Strategic Plan to the Board detailing activities performed by UGRA to accomplish the tasks in the Strategic Plan over the 12-month period spanning 04/01/20 – 03/31/21. As this was a presentation only, no action was taken.

President Smith introduced Item XII. FY21 Budget Revisions. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the budget revision amendments to the Board. Director Dickson moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-12 accepting the budget amendments as presented in Attachment A. Director Ables seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. Resolution No. 2021-12 was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Smith introduced Item XIII. General Manager's Report. Mr. Buck, Jr. updated the Board on additional presentations and activities in which UGRA initiated or participated, investigations, staff training, meetings, Plateau Water Planning Group, Region 11 Guadalupe Basin Regional Flood Planning Group, Sunset, and the Nimitz Lake Photo Donation.

President Smith introduced Item XIV. Written Reports.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 pm.

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ATTEST:

Blake W. Smith, President
Board of Directors

Aaron Bulkley, Secretary
Board of Directors